

The Nutcracker: Audition Information for Adults

Five performances of The Nutcracker from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 December 2025

Brecon Festival Ballet is excited to be returning to Theatr Brycheiniog this December with five performances of Tchaikovsky's famous Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker. This ballet features professional ballet dancers and a live professional orchestra and has many roles for actors.

The party scene in Act 1 is set in a Victorian home, where guests attend a festive party in smart Victorian suits and dresses. They get involved in all the action, including a magic show and entertainment, watching life-size dolls perform and seeing the story of the Nutcracker unfold.

The actors perform some very basic dance steps, based on popular parlour dances of the day. (If you can walk in time to the music, you'll be fine!) You'll receive expert training from our Artistic Director throughout the rehearsal period to prepare you for your performances.

Every year Brecon Festival Ballet's Nutcracker features a local cast of actors from all walks of life, some of whom have never set foot on a stage before. After our rehearsal period, you'll find yourself onstage alongside professional dancers and performing to some of the most beautiful and famous music ever written. It's always an exciting and inspiring experience; every year many great new friendships are formed and a lot of fun is had in rehearsals!

If you would like to take part in 2025, BFB is holding auditions for the adult cast on **Sunday 14 September from 4.30-6.00pm**, in the Theatr Brycheiniog studio. Why not come along and have a go?

For your information, the basic schedule will be this:

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| Rehearsals | Every Sunday throughout autumn | 15:00-16:30 |
| Technical Rehearsals | Week commencing Monday 15 December | Evenings usually 17:00 – 21:00 |
| Dress Rehearsal | Friday 19 December | 14:30 |
| Five performances | Friday 19 December to Sunday 21 December | 19 Dec at 19:30 20 Dec at 14:30 and 19:30 21 Dec at 14:30 and 19:30 |

The five performances will be accompanied by Brecon Festival Ballet Orchestra. Performances often sell out, with a waiting list!

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AUDITION FORM (ADULT – 18 yrs+)

Auditions - Sunday 14 September, 4.30pm-6.00pm, at Theatr Brycheiniog

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| Full name | |
| Address and postcode | |
| Mobile number | |
| email | |
| Date of Birth | |
| Height | |
| Do you have any medical conditions or disabilities that we need to be aware of for the audition? If yes, please give details: | |
| Please give any other information you feel would be useful | |

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| Dance Training | Please give details (e.g. grade achieved) |
| Basic | |
| Some training | |
| None | |

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| Do you hold a current DBS check? | YES / NO |
| If not, we will require you to apply for one if you are successful in your audition. <i>There is no charge for this.</i> | |

I understand that this is a professional production and that, if accepted:

- I am expected to attend as many Sunday afternoon rehearsals as possible
- I will need to be available late afternoon/early evenings of the week commencing 15 December 2025, which will include all technical and dress rehearsals and the performances.
- A donation of £50.00 will be due for every participant, made payable to Brecon Festival Ballet, a Registered Charity that relies heavily on grants and fundraising in addition to its ticket sales to meet its annual production costs, such as theatre hire, set design, costumes and our biggest cost: paying our professional dancers and musicians. We can claim Gift Aid on these donations, making your contribution go even further.

Please return the completed form to Brecon Festival Ballet c/o 74 Beacons Park, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9BQ or email to Lesley@breconfestivalballet.com

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