

Detroit Opera House Presents Grand Rapids Ballet – *The Nutcracker*

James Sofranko, Artistic Director

Nutcracker 2026 Children's Auditions

Open to boys & girls Ages 8-18 (age by audition date) with at least two years of ballet training, no pointe experience is required.

There will be a \$75 fee for participating children to cover shoes, tights, and costumes. **Scholarships are available.**

Audition Registration:

To register, [complete the form.](#)

Friday, September 18, 2026, Audition Schedule:

4:00-5:00pm Registration Ages 8-18 (please arrive no later than 4:45pm)

5:00-8:00pm Audition

Location:

Detroit Opera House

1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226

REQUIRED REHEARSALS

Saturday, September 19th 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 20th 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday, November 1st time TBD

****Weekly Saturday and/or Sunday rehearsals at the Detroit Opera House will be Scheduled and depend on roles casted. ****

This traditional holiday classic features:

- All rehearsals and performances are being held at the historic Detroit Opera House.
- Set and production design by Chris Van Allsburg and Eugene Lee and choreography by Val Caniparoli
- Company dancers of the Grand Rapids Ballet
- Tchaikovsky's timeless score performed by the Detroit Opera Orchestra.
- Snow-scene vocals will be performed by the Detroit Opera Children's Chorus

Tech/Dress rehearsals at Detroit Opera House:

November 23-27 times TBD

November 27- Dress rehearsal

Performances at Detroit Opera House:

Sat., November 28 – 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Sun., November 29 – 2:30pm

For more information contact Kim Smith, dance@detroitopera.org or Mindy Mosolygo, school@grballet.com.