

# LES GRANDS

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## CASSE-NOISETTE THE NUTCRACKER

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LES 15, 16 ET 17 SEPTEMBRE 2011 À MONTRÉAL  
ET LE 18 SEPTEMBRE 2011 À QUÉBEC

## AUDITIONS

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 AND 17, 2011 IN MONTRÉAL  
AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 IN QUÉBEC CITY



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**SEEKING: ANGELS, SHEEP, RATS, REINDEER, MICE, MATRIOCHKAS AND ORIENTALS ...**

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BY LES GRANDS BALLETS CANADIENS DE MONTRÉAL  
WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 16 AND 17, 2011 IN MONTRÉAL  
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**Montréal, June 13, 2011** — Since 1964, thousands of children have had their dream come true by being part of the cast of *The Nutcracker* ballet, a magical Christmas tale produced and performed by Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal. This year, on the production's 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary, some 100 children will once again have the exciting opportunity to perform alongside the company's 34 dancers. Les Grands Ballets will hold **auditions** in September for the roles of **Children at the Party, Angels, Rats, Mice, Reindeer, Sheep, Matriochkas and Orientals**. The auditions will take place **in Montréal on September 15 and 16**, at Les Grands Ballets' studios, 4816 Rivard Street (Laurier metro, exit St-Joseph) and on **September 17** at the auditorium of the Collège Jean-Eudes, 3535, Rosemont Boul. (corner 14<sup>th</sup> avenue); and **in Québec City on Sunday, September 18**, at l'École de danse de Québec, 310, Langelier Boulevard.

Children from **Québec City** chosen for the various roles will participate in presentations of *The Nutcracker* **from December 1 to 4, 2011**, at the Grand Théâtre de Québec. Children chosen from **Montréal** will participate in presentations **from December 10 to 30, 2011**, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier of Place des Arts. The **Children at the party** and the **Sheep** (black and white) chosen in Montréal will also go to Québec.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Children must have completed one year of dance training.
- Because the costumes have already been made, we ask that the heights mentioned be respected. Children exceeding specified measurements will not be allowed to audition.
- Children must be at least seven years old to audition.

**INFORMATION**

Registration is not required. All parents need to do is bring their children to the audition for the chosen role at the location and time indicated above **at least 30 minutes prior to the audition**. Parents can obtain the auditions and rehearsal schedules on Les Grands Ballets website: [www.grandsballets.com](http://www.grandsballets.com). Also, follow us on Facebook to have access to all the important information.

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## 2011 AUDITION SCHEDULE FOR *THE NUTCRACKER* BY LES GRANDS BALLETS CANADIENS DE MONTRÉAL

### Thursday, September 15 (Les Grands Ballets' studios, 4816 Rivard Street, Montréal)

- 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. **Matriochkas** (please bring your character shoes)  
girls aged 15 and over, measuring 1.52 m (5 ft) and over
- 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. **Black sheep**  
girls aged 10 to 13, measuring 1.37 m (4 ft 1/2 in) to 1.57 m (5 ft 2 in)
- 7:30 – 9 p.m. **Oriental** and **Reindeer**  
girls aged 12 and over, measuring 1.54 m (5 ft 1 in) to 1.70 m (5 ft 7 in)

### Friday, September 16 (Les Grands Ballets' studios, 4816 Rivard Street, Montréal)

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Angels**  
girls aged 13 and over, measuring 1.57 m (5 ft 2 in) to 1.68 m (5 ft 6 in)
- 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Rats**  
girls and boys aged 14 and over, measuring 1.57 m (5 ft 2 in) and over

### Saturday, September 17 (auditorium of the Collège Jean-Eudes, 3535, Rosemont Boul., Montréal)

- 10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Children at the Party (girls)** and **Clara**  
girls aged 9 to 11
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **White sheep**  
girls aged 9 to 11
- 1 – 1:45 p.m. **Children at the party (boys)** and **Fritz**  
boys aged 9 to 13
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Mice**  
girls and boys aged 7 to 9, measuring between 1.10 m (3 ft 7 in) and 1.30 m (4 ft 3 in)

### Sunday, September 18 (École de danse de Québec, 310, Langelier Boulevard, Québec City)

- 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Mice**  
girls and boys aged 7 to 9, measuring between 1.10 m (3 ft 7 in) and 1.30 m (4 ft 3 in)
- 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Matriochkas** (please bring your character shoes)  
girls aged 15 and over, measuring 1.52 m (5 ft) and over
- 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Oriental** and **Reindeer**  
girls aged 12 and over, measuring 1.54 m (5 ft 1 in) to 1.70 m (5 ft 7 in)
- 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Angels**  
girls aged 13 and over, measuring 1.57 m (5 ft 2 in) to 1.68 m (5 ft 6 in)
- 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Rats**  
girls and boys aged 14 and over, measuring 1.57 m (5 ft 2 in) to 1.70 m (5 ft 7 in)

For more information, parents can contact Josée Carrière at 514-849-8681, ext. 263.

### **THE NUTCRACKER 2011 PERFORMANCES**

#### **AT SALLE WILFRID-PELLETIER, PLACE DES ARTS, MONTRÉAL**

December 10 (m + e), 11 (m), 13 (m), 16 (e), 17 (m + e), 18 (m), 20 (e), 21 (e), 22 (e), 23 (e), 26 (e), 27 (m), 28 (m), 29 (m) and 30 (m) 2011. Matinée (m) performances take place at 2 p.m., evening (e) performances at 7:30 p.m.

#### **AT THE GRAND THÉÂTRE DE QUÉBEC, QUÉBEC**

December 1 (e), 2 (e), 3 (m + e), 4 (m + e). Matinée (m) performances take place at 2 p.m., evening (e) performances at 7:30 p.m.