

Saturday, September 30, 2023

## Call for Auditions: Nutcracker Dream at the Emelin Theatre

Company: Ballet des Amériques  
Location: White Plains, NY  
Compensation: \$0

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Ballet des Amériques

### CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Boys and girls aged 10-17, with 3+ years of ballet or modern dance training, are invited to audition for children's roles, a unique opportunity to perform with a professional dance company's dancers and acclaimed choreographer. Auditions will be held Saturday, October 21 @ 8:30am – 1:30pm and Sunday, October 22 @ 11:30am – 3:30pm at the Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane in Mamaroneck. For information and registration, please call 914-229-3417 or write to: nutcrackerdreamaudition@gmail.com.

The Emelin Theatre is proud to present Nutcracker Dream, inspired by the work of Rudolf Nureyev and Marius Petipa, this 90-minute family-friendly adaptation is an exquisite interpretation of the beloved holiday classic. Created by French-American choreographer Carole Alexis, professional dancers of Ballet des Amériques will perform the featured roles of the ballet, with additional roles performed by young dancers from our area selected by auditions.

### SCHEDULE & SPECIAL OFFERS

10 performances, with all seats reserved with most priced at \$35 for Adults and \$25 for Children, with a limited number of premium seats at \$50, plus applicable fees. Opening Night is Saturday, December 16 at 7pm, and a limited number of VIP | Waltz of the Flowers packages are being offered at \$100, plus applicable fees, which include premier seating, an exclusive post-show themed reception with an opportunity for photos with dancers and goodie bags with a Nutcracker Dream T-shirt, an ornament and other special gifts. On Sunday, December 17 at 2pm, there will be a special children's performance called Land of Sweets | Sugar Plum Fairy And Cavalier Reception for all, including special treats and an opportunity to meet the dancers after the performance. From December 26-29th there will be matinee (2pm) and early evening (5pm) performances.

### ABOUT CAROLE ALEXIS | CHOREOGRAPHER

Carole Alexis is a choreographer, producer, dance educator and the founding director (2011) of the Carole Alexis Ballet Theatre/Ballet des Amériques, who has won numerous awards: in 2021, Carole Alexis was named Chevalier de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Ministry of Culture; in 2023, she was honored with the Artist Award by ArtsWestchester. A student of Maurice Béjart, Alexis' choreographic work is rooted in classical ballet training and tradition while drawing upon influences as disparate as children's games, island rituals, natural phenomena, and modern urban life. Alexis proclaims, "My interest in creating Nutcracker Dream is to bring families and friends together around the essence of what the story represents – namely, the beautiful balance between Marie's childhood playfulness and her coming of age in the midst of her own circle of family and friends."

### ABOUT BALLET DES AMÉRIQUES

Staging productions at the Emelin Theatre since 2012, and in nearly 200 productions throughout Westchester, the New York City area and overseas, the company is committed to developing inclusive dance audiences through choreography and performances of the highest quality. The company's extensive and eclectic repertoire bears Carole Alexis' distinctive signature and vision, reinvigorating "ballet" for new audiences and dance connoisseurs alike. Proclaimed "Westchester's Premier Dance Company" by the County Executive and voted "Best Ballet Company" by the editors of Westchester Magazine.

"Westchester is home to one of the most accomplished young ballet companies in the country. Alexis' talented troupe displays fancy footwork that has placed them among the most celebrated companies in the region." – Paul Adler, Westchester Magazine

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