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BALLET NEW ENGLAND ANNOUNCES NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

Ballet New England will hold open auditions for its 2008 production of “An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker” with Artistic Director, Barbara Pontecorvo on Saturday, September 13, 2008. Auditions will be held at the Ballet New England studio located in The Connie Bean Center, 135 Daniel Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

The audition schedule is as follows:

Ages 5 and 6: 2:00-2:30pm

Ages 7-9: 2:30-3:00pm

Ages 10 and 11: 3:00-4:00pm

Ages 12 and up: 4:00-5:00pm

Auditions are open to boys and girls. All groups should wear dance attire and be prepared to do a warm-up and short class as part of the audition. There is a \$10 audition fee payable to Ballet New England.

Performances of “An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker” will take place at Noble High School, North Berwick, Maine, December 6-7, and at The Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH, December 11-13.

Dancers interested in auditioning must pre register by Friday, September 12. To register and receive an informational packet, please call Ballet New England, 603/430-9309 or email Executive Director, Martha Lemire, Martha.balletnewengland@verizon.net.