

## **NUTCRACKER AUDITION INFORMATION FOR ADULTS**

Brecon Festival Ballet is excited to be returning to Theatr Brycheiniog this December with 5 performances of Tchaikovsky's famous Christmas ballet '*The Nutcracker*'. As well as featuring professional ballet dancers and a live professional orchestra, this ballet 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, get involved in all the action including witnessing 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!)

Back in 2019, the first year of Brecon Festival Ballet's Nutcracker, the local cast of actors featured men and women from all walks of life, many of whom had never set foot on a stage before. Some couldn't believe it when they found themselves onstage alongside professional dancers, performing to some of the most beautiful and famous music ever written. It was a fantastic experience; many great new friendships were formed, and a lot of fun was had in rehearsals!

If you would like to take part in 2023, BFB is holding auditions for the adult acting cast on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm, at Theatr Brycheiniog. Why not come along and have a go?

Rehearsals take place every Sunday throughout the Autumn (from 3pm – 4.30pm) and in the evenings of the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December. The dress rehearsal is at 2.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, followed by 5 performances, accompanied by the Brecon Festival Ballet Orchestra, these being on Friday evening and over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December. Performances often sell out, with a waiting list!

For application forms, more information and pictures of the production, please visit the Brecon Festival Ballet website [www.breconfestivalballet.com](http://www.breconfestivalballet.com)