

2024 NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Our Nutcracker Performances are just around the corner! Listed in this handout is everything that you should need to know for all rehearsals and performances. It is MANDATORY that all cast members participate in all shows in order for the show to be a complete success and the dancers not to be confused by formations and partner changes.

Please let us know if for some reason your student cannot perform in all shows so they can be replaced. PLEASE READ THIS NOTE CAREFULLY AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

Show characters and Order of the show

Overture

Act 1 includes Party scene (Clara and Friends, dolls, Party guest, Dosselmeyer) Battle scene (mouse queen, nutcracker, soldiers, mice) Snow Scene (Snow Queen, snowflakes)

Act 2 includes Land of the Sweets (Angels, spanish, Chinese, Russian, Arabian, Ginger snaps,Waltz of the Flowers, Dew Drop, Sugar Plum Fairy)

Rehearsal Rules and Guidelines

These rules and guidelines apply to ALL dancers.

- Nutcracker participants not enrolled in DDC are not required to be enrolled in and attend weekly classes at DDC outside of rehearsals for DDC's The Nutcracker but are encouraged to do so.
- Dancers must come dressed in dance attire to each rehearsal. Girls must wear leotards and tights, with ballet or pointe shoes. Hair must be in a neat bun with bangs pulled back out of the face. Boys must wear black shorts, white shirts, and ballet shoes or socks. If a dancer arrives in inappropriate clothing, they will be asked to sit and watch rehearsal and take notes.
- Because there is a short time frame in which to rehearse, please do not miss any rehearsals. ANY ABSENCES must be brought to the attention of Ms Sara in advance. Three (3) absences are reasons for dismissal from the production. It is the dancer's responsibility to learn any choreography missed during their absence. Please use time outside of rehearsal to learn this, and come prepared the following week. You may ask for a video of the rehearsal to use for study.

- Be respectful of your Rehearsal Director and fellow dancers by arriving at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled rehearsal time. This way rehearsals can start and end on time, and dancers can have time to fully warm up for rehearsal.
- Any further questions can be brought to The Nutcracker Director, Ms. Sara.

Rehearsal schedule

Rehearsals will start the week of September 9th.

There will be 41 Rehearsals in total as a production. The following rehearsals are for specific scenes that require more time.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30-7:30	7:00-8:30 pm	6:00-7:30	7:00-8:00 pm	2:30-4:30
Solos Solos (Arabian, Spanish, Chinese, Dew Drop)	Snow and flowers	Battle Mice, soldiers	Party Scene (clara and friends, Adults, Drosselmeyer, maid, grandmother)	Act Rehearsals
7:30-8:30				
Russians				

Mandatory Rehearsals

The following rehearsals are Act Rehearsals and are mandatory to be able to complete the ballet as a whole.

Saturday October 5th Act I 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday October 12th Act II 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday October 19 Act I 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday October 26th Act II 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday Nov 2nd Act I Acts 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday Nov 9th Act II 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday Nov 16th Act I 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday Nov 23ed Act II 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday December 7th All Acts 2:30-4:30pm
Saturday December 14th All Acts 2:30-4:30pm

The week of December 16th-20th will be our technical rehearsals more information to come

**** If you need to take time off for these rehearsals you need to communicate with Ms Sara with at least 3 weeks notice and you can only be excused for 1 rehearsal. This will ensure that our production runs as smoothly as possible.**

Fees

The following fees are necessary to make this production possible. The production fee is \$180.00. This fee can be paid in full or installments. These Installment payments are due on September 15th, October 15th, and November 15th (3 months). If paid in full by September 15th you will save \$20. Before September 15 the cost is \$160.00. Cost includes costumes, choreography, rehearsal time, a production t-shirt and fees associated with the production of the show.

**** Fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. Management reserves all rights.**

Tickets

Ticket information will be available soon.

Costumes

All costumes and props are the property of Downtown Dance Conservatory and are NOT to be taken home at any time! Costumes will be numbered and each student will be assigned a costume. They will be responsible for that costume and if the costume is damaged or lost will be responsible for replacing it. Costumes should be left hanging in dressing rooms after each performance. PLEASE take extra care of these so we may use them in future performances of The Nutcracker. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS (except water) MAY BE CONSUMED OR BE IN THE PRESENCE OF A COSTUMED CAST MEMBER** Costumes are never to be worn in the audience or in the lobby, etc. for any reason! No dancers should be in costume except on stage or in the dressing rooms! If a costume is damaged, You will be responsible for the full replacement of the costume and its accessories.

Hair and Make-up Guidelines

****Unnatural hair color will not be allowed in our production**

Hair and makeup guidelines for each role will be announced later in the season.

Communication

We have set up a Nutcracker Parent Portal on our website. This website will be a secure page that contains anything and everything related to our production. You can access the page by going to our website www.ddcvegas.com/npp our secure password is **sugar plum**.

T-shirt and Tights order

T-shirt orders will be done through our Nutcracker Parent Portal. Every student will receive a production shirt. Additional shirts can be purchased, \$20 adult sizes and \$15 childrens sizes.

Like our past performance we will be ordering tights, information of price will be announced later in the season.