

2025 Nutcracker Theater Notes for Ballet Academy Dancers

To ensure the smoothest and most professional performances possible, please read the following information carefully.

CHECK-IN

<i>Saturday, December 6</i>	<i>2:00 Show</i>	<i>Act 1 at 1:00</i>	<i>Act 2 at 1:45</i>
<i>Saturday, December 6</i>	<i>7:00 Show</i>	<i>Act 1 at 6:00</i>	<i>Act 2 at 6:45</i>
<i>Sunday, December 7</i>	<i>1:00 Show</i>	<i>Act 1 at 12:00</i>	<i>Act 2 at 12:45</i>
<i>Sunday, December 7</i>	<i>6:00 Show</i>	<i>Act 1 at 5:00</i>	<i>Act 2 at 5:45</i>

Please be punctual with your arrival time. Your cast member needs to be *in the building* at the above check-in time. Likewise, please do not drop your cast member off before this time as there will not be an adult to supervise them prior to check-in times.

Cast members must check-in (for rehearsals/performances) with Heather King at the table in the hallway by the Stage Door Entrance, on the west side of Carpenter Hall adjacent to the loading dock (see map).

PERFORMANCE WATCHING & PICK-UP

*Dancers performing only in Act 2 may watch Act 1, provided they have a ticket and have **checked in first**. They should plan to come to the Rehearsal Hall immediately when Act 1 is finished.*

Dancers only performing in Act 1 may sit in the auditorium for Act 2 if they have a ticket.

ABSOLUTELY NO COSTUMES CAN BE WORN IN THE LOBBY OR AUDIENCE!

*Please parents, **DO NOT LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM TO RETRIEVE YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE ACT IS OVER**. This is a paid public performance, not a recital.*

Cast members are allowed to leave the theater once they are finished performing and out of costume. We ask that parents do not “hang out” in the Rehearsal Hall with the cast member (unless the parent is a Supervision Volunteer); it gets overcrowded and can be quite loud.

Cast members must leave the Rehearsal Hall between performances as there will not be any supervision.

Parents (unless you are a Volunteer) are not allowed in the backstage area (stage/wings).

COSTUMES

DANCERS SHOULD NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING BUT WATER IN THEIR COSTUMES. *If cast members bring anything but water, it will be thrown in the trash. We cannot risk the costumes being damaged.*

Arrive at the theater with tights/leotard underneath clothing. There is not a private place to change. Do not arrive at the theater with lipstick on. Lipstick is to be applied after putting on costume and removed before taking off their costume. Have lipstick and make-up wipes in their bag at the ready. Remember that Harlequins, Ragdolls, Soldiers and Polichinelles also need eyelash glue for their “cheeks” in their bags.

*Cast members will be instructed when to get into costume by the Costume Liaison. **DO NOT** dress them before instructed. Please let the Costume Liaison know if the costume needs attention/repair.*

Costumes must be removed immediately after time on stage. They need to be returned to the hanger and/or bag as received. Check in with the Costume Liaison to sign off that all parts of the costume are received back in good condition.

SUPERVISION

Thanks to our volunteers, adequate supervision is being provided for your child when they are not performing. They may stay in the Rehearsal Hall throughout the performance if parents are attending the performance.

Advise your cast member that they **must** stay in the Rehearsal Hall. They are not allowed outside of it other than to use the restroom and never in costume.

We suggest the young children bring something quiet with which to play. They will not be allowed to run or any other active type of play. The room is much too crowded. There will be a monitor for them to watch the performance. Please discuss this with your cast member as the Supervision Volunteers have expectations of good behavior backstage.

RESTROOMS

There is not a restroom in the Rehearsal Hall. Cast members will be able to use the restrooms just outside of the Foyer and just inside the Main Gallery (see map). They must be accompanied by a Supervision Volunteer (or parent) and **MAY NOT** be in costume.

Thank you for reading this entire document and good luck with your performances!

