

NUTCRACKER CAST AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS INFORMATION AND TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND ADHERE TO THESE POLICIES ~ Thank you

Information for Rehearsals and Performances at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Cast members enter through the side door of the Civic Auditorium. If you are looking at the front of the auditorium, the drive-through parking lot on your right is where to drive up and drop off your dancer. If you need to come in with your dancer to make sure they get signed in properly, or if you are working a backstage shift, park on the street or in one of the public parking garages downtown. Parking in the side lot is for event chairs, like Boutique, Kitchen, etcetera and for our Conductor and lead technical crew. Allow ample time to park before Call Time.

Dancers must be Signed In on the Sign In sheet backstage by their Call Time.

Dance attire is required for Spacing Rehearsals, which precede Dress Rehearsal on Friday. Bring warm ups: sweat pants, leg warmers, zip up hoodie or sweater (not pull-over head), and **BOOTIES OR SOCKS TO COVER PERFORMANCE SHOES BACKSTAGE**. Pajamas and street clothes are not allowed onstage. Bring a stand mirror (the dressing rooms do not have mirrors). Makeup may be applied at home. The backstage will be cleared of anyone not working a shift at one hour call (1 hour prior to Dress Rehearsal and Performance time). The hour before performance is an important focus and preparation window. Dancers will be supervised by Dressers and other volunteers backstage.

On Friday dancers will be offered a light meal by our Nutcracker Kitchen, **which needs to be consumed one hour before the Dress/Orchestra Rehearsal begins**. If you feel you might need a snack, bring a protein or granola bar. No other outside food is allowed backstage: no pizza, no fast food, no colored or carbonated drinks. Bring a full water bottle. Dancers will be fed a meal between performances on both Saturday and Sunday by the Nutcracker Kitchen. **Please arrive to the theater already fed; no food will be given children prior to first performance of the day**. Company dancers will be offered a light lunch before first performance because they are called in the morning for class.

Please leave jewelry and valuables at home. Refer to the Accessories and Stage Makeup lists.

If your dancer is sick or has an emergency and cannot attend any rehearsal or performance at the Civic, please notify our Volunteer Coordinators as quickly as possible. Dancers who are sick should stay home so as not to infect other cast members.

Please note: when looking at schedules, “company” is NOT Children

- Saturday, Dec 2 Downtown Holiday Parade ~ morning
Some roles will be assigned, a sign-up sheet will be posted for volunteers
- Final Rehearsals in Costume with performance hairdos ~ Cast A
- Ginger Snaps (Cast A) perform at the Aptos Tree-Lighting Ceremony instead of rehearsal at The Studio
- Sunday, Dec 3 Final Rehearsals in Costume with hairdos and stage makeup ~ Cast B
- Thursday, Dec 7 Clara and Nutcracker Prince join company dancers for a run-through of the ballet with guest artists and Maestro Martin observing (evening TBA)
- Friday, Dec 8 Spacing Rehearsals and Dress/Orchestra Rehearsal at the Civic Auditorium
Dancers are Called to the theater by role; Dress/Orchestra Rehearsal is 7-10 pm
Call Times and estimated pick up times will be posted on the rehearsal schedule
- Saturday, Dec 9 Performances Cast A: 1 pm and 4:30 pm
Dancers are called 1 hour prior to performance time* and may NOT leave the theater between performances
- Sunday, Dec 10 Performances Cast B: 1 pm and 4:30 pm
Dancers are called 1 hour prior to performance time* and may NOT leave the theater between performances
- *SCBT Company and Flowers are called earlier for Company Class onstage