

## 2021 NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

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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 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 leotard 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 shirt, 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 6th.**

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

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7-8:30 pm	7:45-8:45pm	7:15-8:35 pm	12:45-1:45pm
Snow Scene/ Flowers	Solos ( Arabian, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Dew Drop)	Party Scene ( clara and friends, Adults, Drosselmeyer, maid, grandmother)	Battle scene (mice, soldiers, Mouse Queen, Nutcracker)

### Mandatory Rehearsals

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

**Saturday October 30th Act I 1-3pm**  
**Saturday Nov 13th Act II 1-3pm**  
**Saturday Nov 20th Act I 1-3pm**  
**Saturday Dec 4th Act II 1-3pm**  
**Tuesday Dec 7 All Acts 5-8pm**

**\*\* 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 \$30. 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](http://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.