

2023 Nutcracker — TECH WEEK and PERFORMANCE NOTES

ACT ONE

Opening Scene: Delivery Boy, Mistletoe Vendors, Carolers, Ice Skaters, Drosselmeyer, Drosselmeyer's Assistant / Nutcracker Prince, Family #1 (Bryan, Emily, Emmie, Celeste, Meru, Edda), Family #2 (Jen, Julian, Olivia S., Cora, Carmen, Ali)

Party Scene: Drosselmeyer, Drosselmeyer's Assistant / Nutcracker Prince, Butler, Maid, Clara, Fritz, Governess, Mother, Father, Grandmother, Clara's Friends, Party Girls and Boys, Party Guests, Toy Soldier Doll, Ballerina Doll, Harlequin Doll

Fight Scene: Drosselmeyer, Rat King, Hench Mice, Lead Mice, Little Mice, Soldier General, Soldier Captains, Soldier Corps, Ornaments, Clara and Prince

Snow Scene: Clara and Prince, Snow Princess, Demi-soloists, Snowflakes

ACT TWO

Moonflower Fairy and Angels

Plus: Clara and Prince

Welcome Garden: Butterflies, Royal Attendants, Bluebells, and Violets

Plus: Clara and Prince, Chocolate Soloist, (2) Shepherdesses (Linnea, Stella), Tea Soloist, Russian Trepak Soloist, Rose Queen

2023 Order of Variations:

Chocolate from Spain

Marzipan from Denmark (Shepherdesses/Sheep)

Tea from China

Nightingale

Mother Ginger and Gingersnaps

Trepak from Russia

Waltz of the Flowers: Rose Queen, Demi-Soloists, Corps, Rosebuds

Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier: Lilit Hogtanian and Dylan McIntyre

Finale: Clara, Prince, Ballerina Doll, Moonflower Fairy, Butterflies, Chocolate soloist, Shepherdesses (2, plus Aralia), Tea soloist, Nightingale soloist, Trepak (Corps, plus Opal), Rose Queen, Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier (Drosselmeyer as needed)

Saturday, Dec 9	Ballet Arts Academy	Notes
<p>All cast members arrive at Ballet Arts in full performance hair for pass/fail check. We will push hand sanitizer and face masks may be required (tbd).</p>		
11:45 am – 2:45 pm	Run Act One	
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Set Bows – Studio B (see notes to right)	Little Mice – 7 (Zeyda will be an Angel) Gingersnaps – 8 Sheep – 3 Angels – 8
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Waltz of the Flowers – in Studio A (Haley)	Party kids: Celeste, Lake, Edda – 3 Soldiers: Aspen, Olive – 2 Violets: Meru, Dana, Rowan, Norah – 4 Bluebells: Evie, Piper – 2
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Moonflower Fairy, Angels, Clara, Prince (Michele) in Studio B	Royal Attendant: Robbie Mother, Father, Grandmother, Governess, Maid, Butler- 6 Guests – 8 Mama G and Rat King – 2
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Run Act Two	Plus Lion dancers (Bryan and Lucas)
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Set Bows	Clara, Prince, Dross, Fritz Soloists: Rose, Nightingale, Chocolate, Tea, Ballerina Doll, Moonflower Fairy Butterflies – 2 Shepherdesses – 3 Trepak – 3 Flower corps – 8 Rosebuds – 4 Tea corps – 8 Nightingale corps – 5 (Layla is Flower corps)
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Tour for New Families	Meet in lobby of Montana Theater. If lobby is empty, the tour departed.

All rehearsals now move to the Montana Theater (PARTV Building, UM campus).

- 1) Dancers always enter/exit PARTV building through the *single* glass door on 6th Ave. Head downstairs towards the dressing rooms, then upstairs into the audience.
- 2) Dancers on the approved “driver list” will check in/out on own using posted list.
- 3) Dancers should arrive 15 minutes early, sit in rows near stage, and wait to be called.
- 4) Wear ballet attire (but not nude leotards) for all rehearsals. Hair in neat ballet bun.
- 5) Understudies, attend all rehearsals as you are able.
- 6) No food or drink (other than water) allowed in audience or carpeted theater stairs. Label food sacks/items and leave them on designated table in basement hallway (where you may eat). No eating while in costume (this includes Party Adults).
- 7) A dancer has a **severe nut allergy** — please do not bring anything with nuts!
- 8) There will be chaperones to monitor younger dancers and escort to/from bathroom.
- 9) Parking on campus Mon-Fri (7:00am-5:00pm) requires [paying](#).
- 10) All times are approximate. Thank you for being kind and patient if rehearsals run late.

Sunday, Dec 10	Montana Theater	Notes
Parents must check in/out their dancer <i>inside the theater audience</i> . (Made Fair shoppers competing for parking may add bonus stress today.)		
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Opening Scene (block/run)	
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Party Scene (block/run)	
3:45 – 4:45 pm	All Cast - Theater Meeting	Parents and dancers sit in audience.
4:45 – 5:30 pm	1 - Committee Meetings	Volunteers will report to: Ushers (landing at top of stairs), Flowers (near lobby elevator), Dressing Room (basement), Backstage (stage left). Merchandise and Concessions will orient before each shift.
	2 – All Cast - Set Final Bows	All dancers move to seats near stage.
5:45 – 8:00 pm	Fight Scene (block/run)	
8:00 – 9:30 pm	Snow Scene (block/run)	

Monday, Dec 11	Montana Theater	Notes
Parents must check in/out their dancer <i>inside the theater audience</i> .		
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Nightingale (block/run) - Marie	Pay for parking.
5:00 – 5:45 pm	Chocolate (block/run) - Faith	
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Run Act One (approx. 45 min, two times) *dancers warm up on own – especially Snow!	During second run, dancers may go home immediately after their part. Dismissal times are uncertain, so parents may wait in audience or return to audience by 7:30pm.

Tuesday, Dec 12	Montana Theater	Notes
Parents must check in/out their dancer <i>inside the theater audience</i> .		
4:00 – 4:45 pm	Gingersnaps (block/run) - Haley	With Mother Ginger. Pay for parking.
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Russian Trepak (block/run) - Haley	
5:30 – 6:15 pm	Moonflower Fairy and Angels (block/run) - Michele	Plus Clara and Prince
6:15 – 7:00 pm	Shepherdesses and Sheep (block/run) - Colleen	
7:00 – 7:45 pm	Tea (block/run) – Jen	Plus Lion dancers (Bryan, Lucas)
7:45 – 8:45 pm	Welcome Garden (block/run) - Michele	Plus <i>soloists</i> only: Clara, Prince, Chocolate, Shepherdesses, Tea, Trepak, Rose Queen
8:45 – 9:45 pm	Finale (block/run) - Marie	Professional guests won't be here

Wed, Dec 13	Montana Theater	1st Dress Rehearsal - Notes
<p>CALL = Dancers arrive in full hair (including curls) and make-up. Parents may watch from audience – and take non-flash photos and videos - but must stay seated for entire length of Act One and/or Two (otherwise it is very disruptive). Parents should exit lobby and take sidewalk to 6th Ave door - check in/out <i>in the basement</i>.</p>		
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Waltz of the Flowers (block/run) - Haley	Pay for parking.
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Warm-up Barre: By invitation only and mandatory* (Haley)	Arrive in full hair (plus curls).
6:00 pm - CALL	Opening and Party Scene	
6:30 pm - CALL	Fight Scene	
7:00 pm - CALL	Act Two	
7:00 - 10:00pm	First Dress Rehearsal of Nutcracker (run bows) Posed Snow photo at intermission Posed Waltz photo after bows	Dancers only in Act Two may watch Act One (when Snow ends, quickly exit lobby, go to 6 th Ave door for check-in). Dancers only in Act One may watch Act Two (after check-out, walk down sidewalk to lobby doors).

***Warm-Up Barre required for: All pointe dancers, Prince, Rat King, Delivery Boy, Lead Mice, Soldier General, Chocolate Corps, Tea Corps, Nightingale Corps, Rosebuds**

Thur, Dec 14	Montana Theater	FINAL Dress Rehearsal - Notes
<p>This will likely be a ticketed show for the public. Certain rows and seats will be roped off for our professional photographers. Parents - no photography or videotaping allowed this evening. Any unsold seats will be <i>free</i> to parents (a promo code will be provided day of show).</p>		
5:00 - 5:45 pm	Warm-up Barre: By invitation only and mandatory* (Faith)	Arrive in full hair (plus curls).
6:00 pm - CALL	Opening and Party Scene	
6:30 pm - CALL	Fight Scene	
7:00 pm - CALL	Act Two	
7:00 - 10:00pm	FINAL Dress Rehearsal of Nutcracker (run bows) All cast photo after bows	No dancers in audience. This runs like a real show.

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CALL = time dancers arrive at theater — with full hair and make-up done!

GO = time the show starts

Plan to pick up dancers approx. (2) hours after GO.

Friday, December 15: School Show

8:00am	Warm-up barre (Jen)	(Pay for parking Friday 7:00am-5:00pm). (Arrive for barre with full hair, plus curls.)
9:00am	CALL — Act One	
10:00am	CALL — Act Two	
10:00am	GO	(School Show is shorter – plan 11:45am pick up.)

Friday, December 15: Opening Night

5:00pm	Warm-up barre (Marie)	(Bill Munoz, video, Row Q)
6:00pm	CALL — Act One	
7:00pm	CALL — Act Two	
7:00pm	GO	

Saturday, December 16: Matinee

11:00am	Warm-up barre (Michele)	
12:00pm	CALL — Act One	
1:00pm	CALL — Act Two	
1:00pm	GO	

Saturday, December 16: Evening

5:00pm	Warm-up barre (Marie)	(MCAT, livestream and video, Row Q)
6:00pm	CALL — Act One	
7:00pm	CALL — Act Two	
7:00pm	GO	

Sunday, December 17: Matinee

11:00am	Warm-up barre (Colleen)	Note: Between Sat and Sun matinee and evening: Older dancers <i>may</i> stay at theater to eat and rest. Younger dancers should go home - no supervision.
12:00pm	CALL — Act One	
1:00pm	CALL — Act Two	
1:00pm	GO	

Sunday, December 17: Evening

5:00pm	Warm-up barre (Michele)	
6:00pm	CALL — Act One	
7:00pm	CALL — Act Two	
7:00pm	GO	

9:00pm STRIKE - Mandatory - Please Change Promptly Out of Costume

Older dancers will be expected to help Strike — a job list will be posted (on lockers in basement hallway near dressing rooms) — look for your assignment. We are a family of 150 and have one hour to move out of our house — it's fun when everyone works together!