

## **Dance Etc. 2017 Nutcracker Last Minute Details**

**Tech Rehearsal – November 27th**

**Dress Rehearsal – November 28th**

**Performances - November 29th, 30th, & December 1st**

**Tech Rehearsal:** For Tech Rehearsal at the MAC on Monday, November 27th. Act I begins at 4:00 pm and Act II begins at 7:00 pm. Dancers will not need to go to their dressing rooms. They can sit in the audience and will be called onto stage when it is their part. Please wear regular dance clothes and tights and ballet or pointe shoes. Beginner Ballet (Opening Act) does not need to attend this rehearsal. Ballet I Clowns do attend this rehearsal at 7:00 pm for Act II.

**Dress Rehearsal:** (Tuesday, November 28th) For Dress Rehearsal at the MAC Act I begins at 4:00 pm and Act II begins at 7:00 pm. Beginner Ballet (Opening Act) will rehearse at 3:00 pm (Beginner Ballet A) and 3:30 pm (Beginner Ballet B). Please report directly to your dressing room when you arrive at the MAC. We will begin coming to get dancers from the dressing room and begin rehearsal at 4:00 pm. We will run each Act three times in a row so that all three casts can do their parts. So you will need to stay the entire time for your Act until you have run your part 3 times. Please bring entertainment for the young dancers in the dressing room such as ipads, coloring books, games etc.

**Call Times:** The dancer call time for the matinees is 9:00 am and the call time for the evening shows is 6:00 pm. This is the time the dancers need to be at the MAC and in their dressing rooms!

**Hair:** All dancers should have their hair in a tight ballet bun except for girls in the party scene hair should be curled or use a fake curly ponytail. A ballet bun does not have a part. Hair should be slicked straight back with gel and hairspray. The bun should be very tight. Please do not use sock bun makers or the spongy looking bun makers they are selling now that make huge "prom" looking buns. Hair should be in a tight, secure ballet bun using a hair net and lots of bobbie pins. A "how to" video is posted on the Dance Etc. Facebook page to help anyone who needs instructions on making a bun.

**Makeup:** Please be sure to use plenty of blush and red lipstick. Red shows up best on stage. And be sure to use a color stay lipstick that will not rub off on costumes. The MAC requests no glitter, especially loose glitter to be used.

**Tights:** All dancers should provide their own pink ballet tights and ballet shoes. Please remember that we DO NOT wear underwear with the tights and costumes. Dance tights are meant to be worn with leotards with no underwear. It looks so unprofessional to have underwear hanging out of costumes on stage. Also be sure that all older dancers who need to wear a bra wear one with clear straps.

**Flowers and Gifts:** Flowers will be for sale in the MAC lobby by a local flower shop or can be purchased on your own. These are not required but a lot of parents do get flowers for their dancers to carry out for final bow. If you are giving your dancer flowers, candy bouquets, nutcrackers, etc. please do so before the show so they can carry them out at the end. You will not be able to come up to the edge of the stage and present these to dancers as it is dangerous.

**Videos:** The MAC will be taking orders in the lobby during evening shows for Nutcracker videos. Please be sure to specify which show you need a video of. You will pick these up at the MAC a couple of weeks after the show.

**Video Taping:** You will not be allowed to video tape on show days as they show is being professionally videotaped but you may video at Dress Rehearsal.

**Dressing Rooms:** Pre-School, K-1 and 2nd-3rd grade dancers will dress in the Band Room, 4th-5th grade dancers will dress in the Choral Room. 6th-8th grade dancers will dress backstage in Dressing Room D and High School dancers will dress backstage in Dressing Rooms A and B. Someone will need to stay with young dancers in the dressing room at all times. A reminder for all dancers in the backstage dressing rooms: The lights get very hot so please do not put any costumes, bags or other clothing items near the lights as they can and will catch on fire.

**Costumes:** No Costumes in lobby or theatre: In an attempt to produce a professional show we have always had a policy of no costumes in the lobby or theatre. Please wear street clothes to the MAC and change in your assigned dressing rooms. If you come into the theatre or lobby at anytime you must have street clothes on. We do not permit dancers to wear their costumes except on the stage or in the dressing room. Any dancers caught doing so will be asked to return back stage immediately. Also please remember that the costumes are the property of the MAC and Dance Etc. and should not be taken home for any reason. Please keep and replace all name tags onto costumes, as many of them are being shared between dancers. Also please no food, drink or gum while in costumes. **NO GUM ON STAGE!!!**

We are looking forward to a wonderful week of shows as we present our 20th Annual Nutcracker. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us.

Thanks so much,  
Dance Etc. Staff

