

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT AT THE NUTCRACKER

The performances will be accompanied by the Minnesota Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Mark Whitlock.

PHOTOS AFTER PERFORMANCES

Photography/recording of any kind is not permitted at performances. Parents wishing to **photograph** their children in their *Nutcracker* costumes may do so **ONLY** after a performance and in the designated area.

Backstage, inside the **loading dock area**, the Ballet will set up a photography area, with a drop hung for background.

Parents and visitors are asked **NOT** to go backstage any other place but the loading dock area.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

Parents are asked to **drop off** children at the loading dock door on the harbor side and to **pick up** children inside the loading dock area. Parents are asked **NOT** to go into the dressing room area.

Any **upper-level student** taking the morning class Saturday, December 9, may not stay at the DECC Symphony Hall following the class; the hall will be locked.

Students may return to the hall up to one hour before the pre-performance warmup class.

REMINDER: tuition must be current and the \$25 costume fee paid for students to participate in *The Nutcracker*.

HELP NEEDED AT PERFORMANCES

Parents of children in the cast are asked to help with at least one performance—helping backstage, selling souvenirs, ushering, or packing costumes after the last performance.

Parents are asked to **sign up** on the sheets posted at the Ballet's two sites or contact the Minnesota Ballet School Committee. Volunteers will receive instructions.

If you would like to **Usher** for any of the three performances, please call the Ballet office to see if we still require help.



REGISTRATION FOR SEMESTER II

Semester I ends Saturday, January 13.

Semester II begins Tuesday, January 17.

Students should be registered for Semester II by Monday, January 8. Please use our online registration system to register for Semester II:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/MinnesotaBallet#/selectSessions/2081003>

There will be no classes **Monday, January 15**, in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

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The Nutcracker 2017

7 P.M. Friday, December 8

7 P.M. Saturday, December 9

3 P.M. Sunday, December 10

DECC Symphony Hall

*Please SAVE these instructions
for cast members.*

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for *The Nutcracker* are priced according to seating section, Platinum seating being the choicest seats of the main floor and balcony.

Single tickets for adults are \$44 (Platinum), \$37 (Gold), \$32 (Silver), and \$22 (Bronze). Single tickets for students (age 13 through college) are \$34 (Platinum), \$29 (Gold), \$27 (Silver), and \$17 (Bronze). Single tickets for children (ages 3–12) are \$29 (Platinum), \$27 (Gold), \$23 (Silver), and \$15 (Bronze).

Group rates are for 10+ persons. Bring your family and friends at a reduced price. Call the Ballet for more info: 529-3742.

Tickets may be purchased at the **Minnesota Ballet office** at the Grain Exchange on weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Tickets may also be purchased at the **DECC ticket office**. Anyone picking up tickets at the auditorium should arrive at least a half hour before the performance.

Tickets may be purchased through **Ticketmaster** online, **Wal-Mart** in Hermantown and Superior, and **Simon Guest Services** at Miller Hill Mall.

REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE

Nutcracker rehearsals are a very **important part of a dancer's training** and are conducted in a professional manner. All cast members are required to **be at all rehearsals**, even if they are not in the cast being rehearsed at that time. Instructions and notes are given at all rehearsals; dancers also learn from watching dancers from the other cast perform the roles they will dance.



Rehearsal dates/times are posted on the Web site: <http://minnesotaballet.org/school/school-nutcracker-info>

RULES AT THE DECC

For **rehearsals and performances** at the DECC Symphony Hall, students should be dropped off 15 minutes before their call times (**NO more than one hour before**) at the **backstage door** on Harbor Drive (up the loading dock stairs on the left).

Cast members must check in and out with the security person at the backstage door. Children should **go directly** to their dressing room without entering the hall.

For **safety and security**, children in *The Nutcracker* cast are not allowed during rehearsal to wander around in the theater, lobby, backstage, or anywhere else at the DECC unattended. If students are invited to see parts of rehearsal, they should sit quietly in the auditorium. No phones, cameras or recording devices will be allowed in the theater.

Before performances, cast members should not be in the lobby in makeup or costumes once the public starts to arrive.

Young dancers should **remove stage makeup** before going to the lobby or leaving the theater.

Children **cannot bring food** into the dressing rooms because it will stain their costumes.

Water is acceptable. Greasy foods will be confiscated. Students/parents will be responsible for cost of replacing any costume damaged by food or drink.

MAKEUP FOR CHILDREN

Children should bring their **own makeup** to dress rehearsals and performances (there will be someone to assist in the dressing rooms).

Children should use **moderately**:

dark eyebrow pencil & mascara
light rose or pink blush (NO red)
a natural-looking lipstick (NO red)
NO eye shadow

Party children may use a **makeup base** the color of their hands; the best choice is a pancake makeup applied with a sponge.



Girls must wear their hair in a bun except those in the Party Scene. Party girls must wear their hair in sausage curls.

Student cast members must be in proper makeup and hairdo for **both dress rehearsals** as well as for performances.

When children are not on stage, they must **stay backstage** in their assigned area. Children should bring some quiet amusements to pass the time.

Many belongings are misplaced backstage in the excitement of preparation. **Names should be marked** inside ballet shoes and all clothing.

Jewelry and valuables should be left at home. Neither the Ballet nor the DECC is responsible for lost, stolen, or forgotten personal items.

Those buying **Nutcracker shirts** should put their names on them immediately for identification.

DVD AND BLUERAY HIGH-DEF OF THE NUTCRACKER

The production will be professionally recorded at the Friday (Red cast) and Saturday (Green cast) performances *only*.

There will be both a **\$30 plus sales tax DVD** and a **\$40 plus sales tax Bluera**y high definition disk to order.

Cast members who wish to buy should fill out an order blank at the **souvenirs tables** at the performances and prepay with cash, check, or MasterCard/Visa.

Ordering should be done by the **end of Sunday afternoon's performance**. Ordered DVD's will be mailed as soon as possible following the performance.

CLOSED DRESS REHEARSALS

The Ballet's dress rehearsals are closed to the public. **Only technical staff and cast members** will be permitted in the auditorium; they are **not permitted** to photograph or make any electronic recording, including with cellphones.

PLEASE USE FACEBOOK LINK

The Minnesota Ballet requests all students and *Nutcracker* cast members to check the Ballet's **Facebook page** for timely updates or urgent information about changes for classes or rehearsals, snow days, and other useful alerts.

There is a link on the Ballet's School page to the Ballet's Facebook page:

[http://minnesotaballet.org/school/school-nutcracker-info/](http://minnesotaballet.org/school/school-nutcracker-info)



GIFTS FOR CAST MEMBERS

Many *Nutcracker* gifts abound at the **souvenirs tables** in the auditorium lobby before, during, and after performances. To find the best selection and to avoid the crowds, **shop early before the performances**.