

# Everything You Need to Know for *The Nutcracker*

## ALL CASTS

Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:30-3:30 Act 2 All Cast and Snow  
3:30-4:30 Fight Scene All Cast  
4:30-6:30 Party Scene All Cast

## 3rd Cast

Saturday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers arrive for Warm Up  
11:30am All other Cast Members Arrive (we will take groups to the stage for spacing)  
1:00pm Show starts  
3:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.  
4:00pm Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers Arrive  
4:15pm All other Cast Members Arrive  
5:00pm Show starts  
7:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.

## 3rd Cast

Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm **MSU TED PAUL THEATRE** Performance  
Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast/Volunteers Arrive (Warm Up at 5:00)  
5:30pm All other Cast Members Arrive (we will take groups to the stage for spacing)  
6:00pm All Cast members get into costume  
7:00pm Performance Begins  
9:00pm Show over and dancers can go home

## 1st Cast

Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm **MSU TED PAUL THEATRE** Performance  
Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast/Volunteers Arrive (Warm Up at 5:00)  
5:30pm All other Cast Members Arrive (we will take groups to the stage for spacing)  
6:00pm All Cast members get into costume  
7:00pm Performance Begins  
9:00pm Show over and dancers can go home

## 2nd Cast

Saturday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am **MSU TED PAUL THEATRE** Performances  
Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers arrive for Warm Up  
11:30am All other Cast Members Arrive (we will take groups to the stage for spacing)  
1:00pm Performance Begins  
3:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.  
4:00pm Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers Arrive  
4:15pm All other Cast Members Arrive  
5:00pm Performance Begins  
7:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.

## 1st Cast

Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am **MSU TED PAUL THEATRE** Performances  
Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers arrive for Warm Up  
11:30am All other Cast Members Arrive (we will take groups to the stage for spacing)  
1:00pm Performance Begins  
3:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.  
4:00pm Party Scene Cast and Level 4A/4B/5 dancers Arrive  
4:15pm All other Cast Members Arrive  
5:00pm Performance Begins  
7:00pm Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up. Strike Stage.

## Locations

New Ulm State Street Theater – 1 North State Street – New Ulm, MN 56073  
MSU Ted Paul Theatre - 201 Earley Performing Arts Center-Mankato, MN 56001

## Frequently Asked Questions...

### Where can I park?

NEW ULM: Anywhere in the main parking lot or on the street.

MSU: During the weekend you can park in any of the parking lots regardless of what the signs say; other than designated handicap parking areas. **On Thursday and Friday you need to try to park in the Green section of lot 16 avoid being ticketed. After 6:30pm on Thursday and Friday the Gold lot is also open.**

### What happens if I arrive early?

**If you arrive prior to the first arrival time please wait in the parking lot, even if the doors are open.** The staff is not expecting us until the time we've told them. When we arrive early it creates confusion with the staff as well as our volunteers. Please be patient!

### Where to do I drop off my child?

NEW ULM: Enter through the back parking-lot door and sign your dancer in.

MSU: Drop off your dancer at the side entrance, sign them in and leave.

You can pick them up at the same entrance at the appointed time. Someone will be checking them in, so we can be sure the entire cast has arrived.

### Do I need to bring my own Make-Up?

YES!! We don't encourage sharing make-up unless it is between siblings. In fact, all dancers should arrive with their make-up done already. Bring make up for touch ups. **Make-Up: Foundation, Blush, Eyeshadow, Eye Liner, Mascara, Lipstick. Blonde Dancers should get brown mascara and liner. Brunettes should get black mascara and liner. All dancers should have eyeshadow in brown tones and lipstick in brown or plum tones - no bright red lipstick!**

### What can/should I wear to the theater?

Your dancers should come in or with a clean pair of hole free tights and properly sewn ballet slippers. Make sure the drawstrings on the ballet slippers are taped under and not sticking out! **NO UNDERWEAR!** Have them wear a leotard. It won't be seen, but is more comfortable to wear under their costumes. Every other part of their costume has been provided, but clean tights and shoes are up to them. Have their hair done before arriving at the theater. **See attached list for hair requirements.** Dancers may bring their own items to entertain themselves but, please remember MBC isn't responsible if those items get lost or broken.

### Are there things I shouldn't wear?

Dancers should not wear underwear. NO, jewelry of any kind, no watches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, anklets, rings, nail polish, fake tattoos, feather hair extensions. All hair should be a natural shade for performance time.

### Can I send food and water with my dancer?

Water is always acceptable and encouraged. Please send no other beverages with them, as they stain and make sticky spots on costumes and carpet. It is a long time to be at the theater. A small snack like crackers or pretzels is alright but remind your dancers that they should not be eating in costume!! We encourage you to feed your dancers a healthy meal prior to dropping them off. They can be picked up between shows and fed again at that time. We need to be careful not to leave a mess or stains on the carpet, so please be careful with what you send for your dancers. **NO CHOCOLATE!!!**

### How long do the dancers have to be there?

Everyone needs to arrive at their scheduled time and not be picked up until the conclusion of the performance. It allows us to be assured our full cast is there and is easier for us to know where everyone is. We will have activities and volunteers to keep the younger dancers occupied. **PLEASE DON'T BRING MARKERS!!!**

### What happens between performances?

You can pick your dancer up between shows and do whatever you want. Please make sure they don't leave with any part of their costumes with them!! They need to be returned to the theater at the appointed time. Dancers can leave make-up and dance bags at the theater between shows if they wish. There isn't a lot of time between shows, so, if you do leave, plan ahead of time where you are going so you can get out and get back quickly.

## **Costume Care Notes**

Dancers need to hang up all parts of their costume after they use it. It is up to them to make sure all pieces are accounted for before they leave the theater. **NO COSTUMES SHOULD BE FOUND ON THE FLOOR!!** Even dancers as young as **level 1B should be using deodorant** before class, rehearsal, and before the performances as costumes get a lot of use.

## **Hair List**

### Party Girls, Friends, Clara, Rag Dolls, Soldier Dolls

Hair in ringlets and put in half pony. Please try to get the ringlets done at home; we get really backed up in hair and make-up if we have to curl everyone's hair at the theater.

### Party Boys, Fritz

If hair is on the longer side put it in a hair elastic and use some gel to keep it from flopping around.

### Party Adults

Men: Hair groomed and combed, Facial hair is alright.

Women: Feel free to do something fun with your hair, as long as it is an updo of sorts. No one should have their hair down. A simple bun is fine but leave a little hair around the face for some soft curls.

### Rat Generals, Mice, Spanish, Angels, Candy Court, Chinese, Russian, Arabian, Allsorts, Snow, Maids:

Hair in a bun in the middle of your head, no bangs or wispies!! Use LOTS of bobby pins, a hairnet and hairspray.

## **Make Up Notes**

### Rag Dolls and Soldier Dolls

ALL wear red circle cheeks. These will be applied by backstage helpers at the theater.

### Mice and Rat Generals

Mouse Face Make Up will be applied this year. Examples will be provided in the dressing room.