

Everything You Need to Know for *The Nutcracker*

1st Cast

Thursday Dec 9 th	<u>7:00pm Performance</u>
5:00pm	Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast
5:45pm	All other Cast Members Arrive
6:00pm	All Cast members get into costume
7:00pm	Performance Begins
9:00pm	Show over and dancers can go home

2nd Cast

Friday Dec 10 th	<u>7:00pm Performance</u>
5:00pm	Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast
5:45pm	All other Cast Members Arrive
6:00pm	All Cast members get into costume
7:00pm	Performance Begins
9:00pm	Show over and dancers can go home

1st Cast

Saturday Dec 11 th	<u>1:00pm and 5:00pm Performance</u>
11:00am	Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast
11:45am	All other Cast Members Arrive
12:00pm	All Cast members get into costume
1:00pm	Performance Begins
3:00pm	Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.
4:15pm	All Cast Members return and get into costume
5:00pm	Performance Begins
7:00pm	Approximate time show concludes. Dancers get picked up. Strike Stage.

2nd Cast

Sunday Dec 12 th	<u>1:00pm and 5:00pm Performance</u>
11:00am	Company Dancers/Party Scene Cast
11:45am	All other Cast Members Arrive
12:00pm	All Cast members get into costume
1:00pm	Performance Begins
3:00pm	Approximate time show concludes. Dancers can be picked up.
4:15pm	All Cast Members return and get into costume
5:00pm	Performance Begins
7:00pm	Approximate time show concludes. Dancers get picked up. Strike Stage.

Locations

MSU - Ted Paul Theatre 201 Earley Performing Arts Center, Mankato, MN 56001

Frequently Asked Questions...

Mask Policy

MSU is a fully masked campus, so once you enter their space EVERYONE, regardless of vaccination status must be masked. We will provide masks for the dancers with their costumes so they coordinate, but you will need to send your dancer into the facility wearing a mask they are comfortable in.

Where can I park?

Anywhere in the main parking lot or on the street is open to the public during the weekend. On Thursday and Friday you need to park in the Green lot before 6:30pm to avoid being ticketed. After 6:30pm the Green and Gold lots are open to the public.

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 do I drop off my child?

Come in the side entrance and go down the stairs. Check your dancer in and depart. ONLY adults who are signed up to volunteer may remain.

Do I need to bring my own Make-Up? **NEW RULES THIS YEAR!!!!**

Dancers MUST come with their make-up on this year. We will NOT add doll or mouse make-up or reapply make-up. You do not even need to send make-up with your dancer. They should arrive with make-up on and applied rather heavily so it makes it through all performances.

Recommended Make-Up: Foundation, Blush, Eyeshadow, Eye Liner, Mascara. Blonde Dancers should get brown mascara and liner. Brunettes should get black mascara and liner. All dancers should have eyeshadow in brown tones.

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! PLEASE USE DEODORANT.** Have them wear a leotard. It won't be seen, but is more comfortable to wear under some of their costumes. Every other part of their costume has been provided. 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? **NEW RULES THIS YEAR!!!!**

Water is always acceptable and encouraged. Dancers will be asked to refrain from eating this year due to COVID. Please feed your dancer prior to the performance and between performances as needed.

What are we doing to keep the backstage area safe?

Dancers will be spread out and each have a spot/area to sit, leave their items and change. They are asked to leave masks on at all times in the dressing rooms. Hand sanitizer will be available.

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.

How do I pick my dancer up after the performance?

Please do NOT gather in the hallways after the performance to wait for dancers. We will be working with the theater to provide directions about the best way to dismiss dancers. Please watch for additional information.

What happens between performances?

Dancers MUST be picked up between performances and returned at the appointed time.

What volunteer opportunities are there?

We will need parent volunteers to assist us. Each performance will need 4 ushers, 4 gift table, and 6 backstage volunteers. Sign-Up sheets will be posted on the website and in the Band Group.

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 Notes

Everyone should arrive with hair and make up done!!!!

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

Hair in ringlets and put in half pony. Please get the ringlets done at home; we will not be doing ringlets backstage. Volunteers will help kids get hair into a bun for their second part as needed.

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.

Mice, Spanish, Angels, Candy Court, Chinese, Russian, Arabian, Marzipan, Polichinelles:

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