

ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET NUTCRACKER

Please read this document carefully and in its entirety.

Please keep in mind the following rules:

- Absolutely **NO FINGERNAIL POLISH** of any kind during performances. Students who arrive with fingernail polish will need to have it removed prior to the performance.
- No jewelry of any kind onstage. **NO EARRINGS!!!** Please do not get your child's ears pierced within 6 weeks of the performance as they will be REQUIRED to remove their earrings.
- **NO RECORDING OR PHOTOS OF ANY KIND DURING PERFORMANCES OR REHEARSALS – families are welcome to take photos near the dressing rooms and hallways as long as the photos do not interfere with getting ready, rehearsing, or performing.**
- For the safety and security of everyone involved, parents of performers will not be allowed in the wings or immediate backstage area.
- Students are not allowed in the lobby or theater auditorium in costume during performances. If you would like to see your child in costume, you must come to the dressing rooms.
- All costumes must remain in the theatre. Costumes are property of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where are the performances? All performances and dress rehearsals take place at The Aspen District Theater inside the Aspen Elementary School.

What are the dates of the performances? December 9th at 7:30pm, December 10th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm, December 11th at 1:00pm.

How long are the performances? The performance lasts about 1 hour and 45 minutes with one intermission.

What is the show order? Show order: Act 1: Party Scene / Battle Scene / Snow Scene / Act II: Candy Canes/Bees

What time does my child need to check in at the theater on the days of the performances? Students in Act 1 must check in backstage at least 60 minutes prior to the performance start time and students in Act 2 must check in at least 30 minutes prior to the performance start time. Students who are watching Act 1 from the audience MUST check in backstage within their check in window listed above.

What does my child need to wear for the performance? Please see the "Costume, Sheos, Hair, Make-up" Sheet on our website for specific needs for each role in the Nutcracker.

Can I watch dress rehearsal at the theater? All theater rehearsals are closed rehearsals. Parents can wait in the lobby for their child to finish rehearsals. Only assigned chaperones will be allowed backstage.

Will faculty and staff do my child's hair for me? For sanitary reasons, parents must use personal supplies such as brushes, combs, hairpins, hairnets, gel and hairspray to achieve the appropriate hairstyles listed on the costume/hair/make up sheet. A small amount of emergency supplies will be available at the theater.

Can my child who is in the Nutcracker watch any part of the Nutcracker? Yes! Students who are in Act 1 may watch Act 2 from the audience if they have a ticket. Students in Act 2 may watch Act 1 if they have a ticket. Students who do not have a ticket will not be admitted to the theater. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the theater. All dancewear must be covered and students will need to wear appropriate footwear. No ballet or jazz shoes in the theater! Please be sure to check in at your appropriate call time even if

your child will be watching part of the performance. Students must also be checked out either during intermission if they are watching Act 2 or at the end of the performance.

Can my child have a snack while they are waiting backstage during the performances? Yes. If your child will need a snack while they are with us, please pack snacks that are healthy and do not create a mess. No granola bars or energy bars that have chocolate because they melt and get everywhere. No Goldfish because the end up crushed into the carpet.

What if my child has to take medication or has a severe allergy? Please alert dressing room staff at the time of check in if your child has any medical needs. Staff should be alerted to locations of emergency medicines such as EPI Pens.

What if my child wears glasses? If child must wear glasses during the performance, glasses must be secured with elastic in the back.