

## **Answers to Frequently Asked Nutcracker Questions**

### **Where are the performances?**

All performances and stage rehearsals take place at the Aspen District Theater inside the Aspen Elementary School, 235 High School Road. Please allow ample time to park and walk up the pathway to the theater.

### **What are the dates of the performances?**

December 5, 7:30 pm

December 6, 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm

December 7, 1:00 pm

### **What time does my child need to be at the theater on the day of the performance?**

Students in Act 1 (Party Scene and Battle Scene) must check in 1 hour before the start of the show. Students in Act 2 (Candy Canes and Bumble Bees) must check in 30 minutes before the start of the show. Please refer to the Production Week schedule on our website under Roaring Fork Announcements for a detailed schedule.

### **Where do I bring my child on the day of the performance?**

Please come to the backstage area. As you enter the elementary school, come down the short flight of stairs on your right, walk towards the large class wall, past the drinking fountain and restrooms. Go through the curtains on your right and look for a long flight of stairs on your right. Come down the stairs. Faculty will be waiting at the bottom to direct you to the dressing room.

### **How long are the performances?**

The performance lasts approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes with one intermission.

### **What will my child be doing while they are waiting to go on stage?**

ASFB faculty will have coloring pages available for students while they wait. Please pack any other quiet activities that your child will enjoy. Please label everything so that if it gets left behind, we know who to contact. Unlabeled items may be discarded.

### **What is the show order?**

Act 1: Party Scene (party girls/boys, little party girl/boy, marionette, carolers) & Battle Scene (Blocks, mice, toy soldiers, soldiers)- Intermission- Act II: Candy Canes and Bumble Bees

### **What does my child need to wear for the performance?**

Please see the "Costume, Shoes, Hair, Make-up" sheet on our website, under Roaring Fork Announcements, for specific needs determined by role. Cheat sheet below!

### **Can I watch dress rehearsal at the theater during Production Week?**

Unfortunately, no. All theater rehearsals are closed rehearsals. Parents can wait in the lobby for their child to finish rehearsals. Only performers and staff will be allowed in the theater/ 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. Students should arrive to the theater with hair and makeup complete.

**What if my child's hair is too short for the required hairstyle?**

For short hair, please secure hair away from the face. If hair is long enough to gather into a pony tail/tails then please do so.

**My child has a ticket and is watching part of the Nutcracker. How does that work?**

Families who have students in Act 1 only can come to the dressing room during intermission to pick up their child. Please be sure to check out with faculty. **Students must have a ticket to enter the theater.** Students entering the theater must be in dress clothes (no costumes, tights, or dance shoes).

Families who have students in Act 2 will need to check in 30 minutes before the start of the show. Students in Act 2 only (Candy Canes and Bees) should remain backstage for the duration of the performance and will take part in the final bow.

**Can my child have a snack while they are waiting backstage during the performances?**

Yes, and ASFB will have water available in the dressing room. If your child needs a snack while they're with us, please pack something healthy and mess-free. We kindly ask you to avoid chocolate since it can melt easily and skip snacks like Goldfish or pretzels that might get crushed into the carpet. Also, please avoid cookies, candy, and sugary snacks, as they can sometimes lead to sugar rushes (and the inevitable crash!). No beverages permitted (beyond water) **and no snacks containing nuts or common allergens**. Thank you so much for helping us keep the space clean and calm for everyone!

**What if my child needs 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.

**Please keep in mind the following Performance Rules:**

- Please put your child's name on everything! We will do our best to return items left behind. Lost items that are unlabeled may be discarded.
- Absolutely **no fingernail polish** of any kind during performances. Students who arrive with finger nail polish will need to have it removed prior to the performance.
- **No jewelry** of any kind onstage, including earrings (and newly pierced ears). Please remove all jewelry and leave it at home.
- **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 the immediate backstage area.
- Students are not allowed in the lobby or theater auditorium in costume before, during, or after performances. If you would like to see your child in costume, you must come to the dressing room area.
- All costumes must remain in the theatre. Costumes are property of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.

## **Costume Cheat Sheet!**

ASFB provides costume and headpieces. Below are what dancers are responsible for supplying.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Personal Attire</b>	<b>Hair</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Pick Up Time</b>
Clara	1&2	Nude leotard. Pink/flesh tights and ballet shoes.	Half ponytail in curls	1 hr prior to show time	end of show
Party Girls	1	Nude leotard. Pink tights and ballet shoes.	half ponytail in curls	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Fritz	1	Black socks. Black jazz shoes.	N/A	1 hr prior to show time	end of show
Party Boys	1	Black socks. Black jazz shoes.	N/A	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Carolers	1	Nude leotard. Pink tights. Black heeled shoes.	Bun determined by hat	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Mice	1	Black leotard. Pink tights and ballet shoes.	low braid/flat (no bun)	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Soldiers	1	Nude leotard. Pink tights. Black slip-on jazz shoes.	high bun (top of head)	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Animals (toys)	1	Any leotard. Pink tights. Black slip-on jazz shoes.	low braid/flat (no bun)	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Toy Soldiers	1	Nude leotard and Pink tight for girls. Black socks and black slip-on jazz shoes.	high bun (top of head)	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Marionette	1	Pink tights. Pink pointe shoes.	high bun	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Blocks (female)	1	Pink tights and ballet shoes.	2 buns from high pig tails	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Blocks (male)	1	Black socks. Black ballet shoes.	N/A	1 hr prior to show time	intermission
Dragon	2	Pink tights. Black slip-on jazz shoes.	N/A	N/A	end of show
Candy Canes	2	Pink tights and ballet shoes.	2 buns from high pig tails	30 min prior to show time	end of show
Bakers	2	Black socks. Black ballet/jazz shoes. Female Bakers – Leotard	Female Bakers – high bun on top of the head	30 min prior to show time	end of show
Bees (female)	2	Pink tights and ballet shoes.	Medium bun	30 min prior to show time	end of show
Bees (male)	2	Black leggings. Black socks. Black ballet shoes.	N/A	30 min prior to show time	end of show