

NUTCRACKER 2024 - FINAL DECEMBER SCHEDULE

IT'S ALMOST SHOW TIME!

This final cast note & schedule is CRAMMED FULL of information. Please read through it carefully & keep it handy for future reference.

Be sure you know which scene & act your roles are in. If you have questions... ask!!

ACT 1

PARTY SCENE

Clara, Tooters, Party Boys, Party Girls, Party Adults, Maids, Lead Maids, Nanny, Nut Prince, Dross, Dolls, Puppeteers

BATTLE SCENE

Clara, Nut Prince, Dross, Mice, Mouse King, Soldiers, Cavalry, Artillery

CLARA PAS

Clara, Nut Prince, Dross

SNOW SCENE

Clara, Nut Prince, Dross, Snow Queen, Snow King, Diddlies, Snow Corps, Sleigh Attendants

ACT 2

OPENING

Angels, Sugar Plum, Cavalier, Clara, Nut Prince, Dross, Sleigh Attendants

KINGDOM

Clara, Nut Prince, Sugar Plum, Plum Court, Kingdom Dancers, Court Angels

DIVERTISSEMENTS (VARIATIONS)

Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, Marzipan, Russian, Bon Bons, Waltz of the Flowers, Sugar Plum, Cavalier

FINALE

Clara, Nut Prince, Court Angels, Dross, Sugar Plum, Cavalier, All Divertissements

REHEARSALS AT DANCENTER NORTH

SAT, DEC 7

11:00-12:00	BRAVO: LOAD TRUCKS @ DCN
1:00-5:00	BRAVO: LOAD IN @ LHS; LAY FLOOR
11:00-12:00	ALL PP1 w/ CLARA & NANNY (Emily, S2)
1:30-2:30	ALL PP2, CHINESE & DRAGON w/ CLARA & WALTZ LEADS (Emily, Stacy, S2)
4:00-4:45	SNOW (Stacy, S2)
4:45-5:30	ACT 2 VARIATIONS: CLARA, SUGAR PLUM, SPANISH, ARABIAN, CHINESE & DRAGON, MARZI, RUSSIAN, WALTZ LEADS (Emily, Stacy, Christina, S2)
5:30-6:00	FINALE FOR PP3 + CLARA, CHINESE & DRAGON, & WALTZ CORPS (Emily, Stacy, Christina, S2)

REHEARSALS / PERFORMANCES AT LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- ★ For rehearsals and performances at Libertyville High School, please enter through the side entrance of the school adjacent to the parking lot. Do not enter through the front lobby. This is also where you will pick up your children at dismissal.
- ★ All performers, staff, & volunteers must stop at the security desk to check-in with staff before proceeding backstage.
- ★ Hang your coats on the provided coat racks. Space is extremely limited downstairs in the dressing rooms!
- ★ **You may bring only ONE DANCE BAG in with you no larger than a backpack.** Parents of young dancers, please do your best to help your child condense their dance bag to "must-have" items for Nutcracker.
- ★ A "call time" refers to the time that you must be present and checked in at the theater. **BE ON TIME... not early, not late.** Our theater rental schedule is very specific. Dancers arriving early will not be allowed backstage until call time.
- ★ **Arrive with hair and make up completed & your modesty leotard on underneath your street clothes for dress rehearsals & shows.** *There is no time to complete this at the theater!*
- ★ Party men & boys should immediately dress in costume upon arrival and report to the make up room.

SUN, DEC 8

11:00-4:00
3:30
4:00-4:30
4:30-5:00
5:00-5:15
5:15-5:30
5:30-5:45
5:45-6:00
6:00-6:30
6:30-7:00
7:00-7:45
8:00

BLOCKING

Stage Crew
CALL All Act 2
Act 2 Opening, Kingdom, & Finale
Spanish, Arabian, Russian, & Marzi
Chinese & Dragon w/ Clara
Bon Bons
Waltz
Sugar Plum Pas
Clara Pas into Full Snow Scene
Full Battle Scene
Full Party Scene
DISMISSAL

MON, DEC 9

4:00-6:15
5:30
6:15
6:45
8:20-9:00
8:30-8:45

ACT 1 TECH & DRESS with COSTUMES; no hair or makeup

Stage Crew
CALL Party Scene
CALL Battle Scene
CALL Snow Scene
Stage Crew; remove dance floor, store sets & props
DISMISSAL

THURS, DEC 12

4:00-6:00
5:30
8:45-9:00

ACT 2 TECH & DRESS / with COSTUMES; no hair or makeup

Stage Crew; lay dance floor, set stage
CALL **All Act 2**
DISMISSAL

FRI, DEC 13

4:30-5:30
5:15-6:00
5:30
6:15
8:45-9:00

FINAL TECH & DRESS / FULL COSTUMES, HAIR, & MAKEUP

Warm Up Class: **All Dancers**
FOOD SERVICE IN THE LOBBY FOR CAST & CREW
CALL **All Act 1**
CALL **All Act 2**
DISMISSAL

SAT, DEC 14

8:45 AM
9:00-9:40 AM
10:30 AM

11:45-12:15
11:45-1:15
1:30
1:45-2:15
3:00

5:15-5:30

PERFORMANCE DAY!

CALL **All Cast**
Warm Up Class: **All Dancers**
"Clara's Dream" Performance (Party Boys & Party Adults may leave after Party Scene)
60-Minute Abbreviated Performance - Order of Show:
Party, Battle, INTERMISSION, Act 2 Opening, Sugar Plum Variation, Kingdom, Chinese, Russian, Bon Bons, Finale
"Clara's Special Party" Clara, Nut Prince, Dross, Sugar Plum, Beauty Rose, Fairy of Sweets, Kingdom Bon Bons
Lunch Break
CALL **All Cast**
Warm Up Class: **All Dancers**
Performance (Party Boys & Party Adults are excused after Party Scene; Party Boys may stay until end of performance, but must remain quiet in their dressing room until the performance is over)
DISMISSAL

SUN, DEC 15

1:30
1:45-2:15
3:00

5:15-5:30
5:15-7:00

PERFORMANCE DAY!

CALL **All Cast**
Warm Up Class: **All Dancers**
Performance (Party Boys & Party Adults may leave after Party Scene; Party Boys may stay until end of performance, but must remain quiet in their dressing room until the performance is over)
DISMISSAL
BRAVO: STRIKE SET, PACK UP DRESSING ROOMS, LOAD TRUCKS

TECH WEEK CLASS SCHEDULE AT DCN (December 9-14)

Many regular classes at DCN are canceled during LHS Tech Week. The full schedule will be posted in the Company Corner. If your child has rehearsal at LHS, but their regular class at DCN is still running, they obviously do not need to attend class! Please make a reasonable effort to attend classes that don't conflict with rehearsals, but make decisions that work for your family. Do not stress yourself trying to run back and forth. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask a staff member.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- ★ Absolutely NO ONE will be allowed to go downstairs to the dressing rooms before, during, or after a rehearsal or performance unless they are a performer, staff, or BRAVO volunteer. This means that parents will say good-bye at the security desk when their children check in. The stage monitors will do their best to keep the security desk informed of how far along we are in a rehearsal. Please remember that it is preferable for you to be waiting at security to pick up your child as opposed to your child waiting for you.
- ★ Production staff, including BRAVO volunteers, must have their badges on at all times in order to gain backstage access. Badges will be available for pick up daily at the security desk. This policy is necessary for security reasons, to keep order, have space for our cast, to preserve our costumes and props, and most importantly... to keep the children safe.
- ★ **It is imperative that dancers keep their personal items together and organized at all times in the dressing areas.** *"If it's not on your body, it's in your bag."* No matter the age of the dancer, it is always a good idea to label dance attire and footwear. These items all look the same among the dancers and are easily lost, misplaced, or accidentally grabbed by another cast member. Talk to your child about maintaining their personal space and practicing good organizational skills.

IMPORTANT PROCEDURES (please review with your child!)

- ★ After each performance, dancers may greet their families and friends in the lobby **AFTER changing out of costume**. No cast members will be allowed to enter the auditorium house in costume. No exceptions will be made.
- ★ PARTY BOYS that are finished performing after the party scene should make clear arrangements with their parents for what to do after they are out of costume. If you are being picked up right away, make your way to security and wait for your ride. If your family is watching the performance and you are waiting backstage until the show is over, please bring something quiet to keep you occupied. You must be well-behaved and stay out of the way of other performers and crew backstage.
- ★ Theater call times are extremely important. Do not enter the doors of the theater until your call time! Our contracts with the theater are very specific and we incur extra charges if cast members enter prior to call time. Stay warm in your car until your designated time.
- ★ Warm ups are important for all dancers. Plan your schedule so you arrive on time. Costumes may not be worn for warm up class. Notes from the directors will be given on the stage for all cast members immediately following warm up class.
- ★ **Food is NEVER allowed in the dressing rooms.** Small, nut-free snacks may be consumed in designated areas with the permission of a staff member. No food is allowed in the auditorium or on the stage. **NEVER** eat in costume!! Closed lid water bottles are allowed. No open-style water bottles, soft drinks, energy drinks, coffee shop beverages, etc.
- ★ Makeup should already be applied when cast members arrive. Those needing special make up should observe the following general make up times:
 - MEN & BOYS- report with grandparents and Drosselmeyer, going first for makeup during the warm up class time.
 - DOLLS, CAVALRY, & SOLDIERS - report immediately after notes
 - BON BONS- report at intermission
- ★ **Costumes are extremely delicate & very expensive! Take good care of them. Do not leave a costume on the floor or in a bunch.** Costumes will be handed out at particular stations in the downstairs area. Dancers should have a modestly leotard on under all costumes, preserving modesty in the busy dressing room. Be prepared that there will be special procedures following the final performance. Please advise your friends and family that this might take an extra few minutes.
- ★ Props must be left on stage in their proper places before going down to the dressing rooms. Handle them carefully!
- ★ Photography and Videography will take place during our stage rehearsals both backstage and onstage. Please extend them every courtesy. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY other than our official photographers allowed at rehearsals and performances.
- ★ Cast Party is for all cast members, crew, and their families on Saturday, 12/21 at Mickey Finn's Brewery from 1:30-4:00. Invitation to come!
- ★ Finally... spread the word! Additional posters and postcards are available in the office. Please take them to businesses that you frequent or have connections with. Follow us on Instagram & Facebook & share our posts. Tell everyone you know about this amazing production! Cheers to a fabulous 36th anniversary Nutty season!!

REHEARSALS / PERFORMANCES AT GENESEE THEATRE

MON, DEC 16

12:00-5:00

6:00-6:30

6:30-7:00

7:00-8:00

8:00-8:50

8:50-9:00

BLOCKING (no costumes)

BRAVO: LOAD IN

Bon Bons

Waltz

Battle Scene, Clara Pas

Party Scene

DISMISSAL

TUES, DEC 17

4:30-5:00
5:00-6:00
6:00-7:15
7:15-7:30
7:30-7:45
7:45-8:15
8:15-8:50
8:50-9:00

BLOCKING (no costumes)

CALL PP2 & PP3 / Warm Up Class in Green Room
Snow Scene
Act 2 Opening & Kingdom, Spanish, & Finale
Sugar Plum Pas
Arabian
Chinese & Dragon
Marzi, Russian
DISMISSAL

WED, DEC 18

4:30
4:45
5:45
8:45-9:00

FINAL TECH & DRESS / FULL COSTUMES, HAIR, & MAKEUP

CALL PP2 & PP3 / Warm Up Class in Green Room
CALL All Act 1
CALL All Act 2
DISMISSAL

THURS, DEC 19

4:45
5:00
6:30
8:45-9:00

PERFORMANCE DAY!

CALL PP2 & PP3 / Warm Up Class in Green Room
CALL All Cast
PERFORMANCE
DISMISSAL

FRI, DEC 20

4:45
5:00
6:30
8:30-9:00
9:00-11:30

PERFORMANCE DAY!

CALL PP2 & PP3 / Warm Up Class in Green Room
CALL All Cast
PERFORMANCE
Anticipated Dismissal
BRAVO: LOAD-OUT / TRANSPORT BACK TO DCN / LOAD-IN @ DCN

Please communicate clearly with your dancer to ensure they know where to meet you after each performance. If you are watching the show, the Jack Benny Lounge is a good place to meet. There is a stage door where your dancer can exit from backstage directly into the lounge.

DROPPING OFF, PICKING UP, & PARKING AT GENESEE

Security is very tight at Genesee. Only those with parking passes will be allowed to park in the back lot on performance days (emails will be sent the week before Genesee to those receiving passes). We are provided a limited amount of parking passes. Available parking areas are as shown below:

When dropping off and picking up your dancer, please follow the traffic flow shown below. You need to enter the parking lot from Sheridan Road. A member of the Genesee security team will greet you. They will also radio inside to let us know whom you are picking up. Your dancer will wait safely inside until we know you are there.

