

The Nutcracker Parents Handout 2022

Rehearsals:

1. Rehearsals will be held at the Red Barn in Hunter or at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville.
2. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays and Sundays. Additional rehearsals could be added the week before the performance, if necessary.
3. Rehearsal information for the following weekend will be communicated by a recorded phone message each Tuesday by 3PM. Call **518-263-2023** to hear the message.
4. Please be on time. If a child is called for a 12:00 rehearsal, they must be in the building ready to go at 12:00. Your child's presence will affect the rest of the cast.
5. Your child must be dressed to move, no hats, jackets, boots, etc. You will be asked to buy a pair of ballet slippers: *pink for the girls, black for the boys*. It is necessary to protect the floor for the dancers in pointe shoes.
6. Girls must have a light pink leotard and tights. These will be the base for their costumes, which will be supplied.
7. In an effort to ensure everyone's health during this rehearsal and performance period, I ask for your partnership in keeping the lines of communication open. If you or your child has been exposed to COVID, you need to alert us immediately. If there is any sickness, a COVID test must be taken and a negative result provided before returning to rehearsals. We will comply with CDC and NYS Dept. of Health regulations regarding COVID-19, and we will take precautions deemed necessary to ensure a healthy student base and cast for performances.
8. The only beverage allowed into the rehearsal studio or backstage is **WATER**. Absolutely NO sports drinks or other sugar-based, colored drinks are allowed.
9. No jewelry (it can be a safety hazard).
10. Please be sure to pick up your child promptly at the end of rehearsal.
11. As a dancer in *The Nutcracker*, your child will appear onstage with highly trained professional ballet dancers. Your child's presence at every rehearsal is vitally important to the success of the performance. Because rehearsals are mandatory, if your child cannot make this level of commitment, please let us know immediately.
12. Attendance at rehearsal is **REQUIRED** for both your child and the other children who they dance with. *If your child will miss due to an emergency, contact Victoria by email BEFORE rehearsal.*

Volunteers:

I am looking for parents to help backstage to:

1. Dress children and make sure they make their entrances.
2. Steam costumes, and make small repairs.
3. If anyone is handy with a sewing machine or needle, please let us know.
4. Help with rehearsals generally.

Other important items:

1. Please make sure that you have provided us with a correct email address and phone number, for both regular notices and in case of emergency.
2. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, you must provide us with a signed note including your name, the name of the child, name of the person picking up your child and the date(s) involved. Permission slips are available at auditions.

- Catskill Mountain Foundation and Victoria Rinaldi