

The Nutcracker Performance is just a couple of weeks away! We are beyond thrilled to be able to continue this magical tradition with our community this season and want everyone to have an amazing & safe experience!

Both new & veteran performers should read through all of these important details as we have modified our process this year to help maintain physical distancing and keep safety protocols in place. Please don't hesitate to ask questions after reading the packet!

Where can I find answers to my Nutcracker Questions?

- On the Nutcracker Information Page on the studio website: centerstageacademy.org/nutcracker2020
- By texting/calling the CS studio cell "Nutcracker Hotline" at 660.525.3736 (a dedicated line for Nutcracker!)

Which cast is my dancer in? --- THE GOLD CAST!

- All dancers in Jr. Ballet 4, Teen Ballet, Int. Ballet 1-7, Adv. Ballet 1 & 2, Principal & Jr. Principal dancers & Party Parents are in the GOLD cast.

FOUR PERFORMANCES: December 5th & 6th at Hendricks Hall/ UCM Campus

Saturday, December 5th at 2pm & 7pm & Sunday, December 6th at 1pm & 4:30pm
GOLD CAST IS IN ALL 4 PERFORMANCES!

Nutcracker Parent/Dancer Information via Zoom Meetings!

- We will have a Zoom meeting for each cast on Sunday, November 15 to talk about Nutcracker show week, tickets, etc. & answer any questions you may have! **Gold Cast Meeting: 6:30-7:00pm**

Three Ticketing Options for ALL performances!

- **In-Person Tickets:** Due to physical distancing regulations, we are only able to fill approximately 30% of the available seats in the auditorium and need to maintain physical distancing between parties.
 - In order to help ensure every family gets the opportunity to watch their dancer in person if they would like to do so, each performer will have the opportunity to purchase FOUR in-person tickets total when tickets go on sale online **Saturday, November 21st at 10:00am.**
 - Beginning Monday, November 23rd, all remaining in-person tickets will then be available to purchase on a first-come basis.
- **Live-Stream Tickets:** Families & friends near & far can purchase a Live-Stream ticket to watch select performances broadcast live from the comfort of their own home! Live-Stream tickets will go on sale at the same time as In-person tickets on November 21st.
- **Pre-Recorded "Streaming" Tickets:** Everyone will also have the option to purchase a "Pre-Recorded" ticket to then be able to stream the performance beginning mid-December! This option is perfect for watching the show with your dancer! Pre-recorded tickets will go on sale after December 6th to avoid any possible purchasing confusion.

More specific details on all of the ticketing options and processes will be available soon on the Nutcracker page on the studio website.

Backstage Volunteers!

- We are looking for volunteers for each class to help keep backstage running smoothly!
- As a volunteer, you WILL be able to stand in the BACK of the audience to watch your child on stage during the performance during which you are helping backstage.
- Due to limited Dressing Room space, only a limited number of parent volunteers will be permitted to remain backstage! **Be sure to sign up via the Sign-up Genius link on the studio website if you plan to remain backstage with your dancer!**

Show Week Rehearsals! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

- The week leading up to the show will have special rehearsal times for all performers that take the place of your regular ballet class (see schedules below). Mon- Wed will be In-Studio Rehearsals, Thursday will be Staging Rehearsals and Friday will be the DRESS REHEARSAL for the GOLD CAST. There will be NO Beginning Pointe, Pointe 1-4, Pre-pointe, Leaps & Turns 1-4 OR Jazz Tech/ Tap Tech classes during rehearsal week. **Please Note: Attending Nutcracker rehearsals takes priority over your regularly scheduled classes, so if you are one of the few dancers with a conflict, be sure to attend your Nutcracker rehearsal time!**

IN-STUDIO REHEARSALS: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Mon. Nov. 30 – Wed., Dec. 2 at CENTER STAGE

Dancers: Gold Cast dancers should wear regular ballet attire to their in-studio rehearsals.

Parents: Please plan to drop off & pick up dancers at the start & end times! The lobby will be closed.

Monday, November 30- Gold & Green Casts	
Full Battle Scene (Int. Ballet 4 & Jr. Ballet 4) 4:00-5:00pm Soldiers, Mice, Clara, Nutcracker, Principal Toys, Mouse Queen & Page, NO KINDER TOYS	Waltz of the Flowers (Adv. Ballet 2 & Int. Ballet 1/2) 7:00-7:45pm
Neapolitan (Int. Ballet 3) 5:00-5:30pm	Frost (Int. Ballet 6) 7:45-8:15pm
Party Scene Green Cast (JB3 Monday Class) 5:30-6:30pm Also: Dolls, Fritz, Clara's Friends, Clara, Party Parents, Maids, Masquerade Duo	Snow (Adv. Ballet 1) 8:15-9:00pm
Toys Green Cast (Kinder Mondays), Mice (Int. Ballet 4) & Principal Toys 6:30-7:00pm	
Tuesday, December 1- Gold, Green & Red Casts	
Plum Palace Court (Int. Ballet 6) 4:00-4:45pm	Confections Red Cast (JB1 Wednesdays) & Arrival at the Palace 6:15-6:45pm
Angels Green Cast (Jr. Ballet 1 Tuesdays) 4:45-5:15pm Also: Guardian Angels	Party Scene Red Cast (JB3 Thursday Class) 6:45-7:45pm Also: Dolls, Fritz, Clara's Friends, Clara, Party Parents, Maids, Masquerade Duo
Angels Red Cast (Kinder Thursdays) 5:15-5:45pm Also: Guardian Angels	Dolls 7:45-8:15pm
Confections Green Cast (JB1 Thursdays) & Arrival at the Palace 5:45-6:15pm	Principal Dancers TBD 8:15-9:15pm
Wednesday, December 2 – at Center Stage- Gold, Green & Red Casts	
Mouse Queen, Nutcracker & Clara 4:30-5:00pm	Toys Red Cast (Kinder Wednesdays), Mice (Int. Ballet 4) & Principal Toys 6:30-7:00pm
Gingersnaps Red Cast (JB2 Wednesdays) 5:00-5:30pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara	Arabians (Teen Ballet) 7:00pm-7:30pm Also: Arabian Attendants
Gingersnaps Green Cast (JB2 Tuesdays) 5:30-6:00pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara	Act II 7:30-9:15pm Sugar Plum, Clara, Cavalier, Spanish, Lead Arabian, Chinese, Marzipan, Lead Candy Cane, Lead Neapolitan, Mother Ginger, Flower Soloists, Coda
Candy Canes (Int. Ballet 5) 6:00-6:30pm	

STAGING REHEARSALS: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Thurs. Dec. 3 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

During these rehearsals, dancers will NOT attend their REGULARLY SCHEDULED ballet classes. Instead, all dancers should report to **HENDRICKS HALL** at his/her scheduled rehearsal time.

- **What To Wear:** Wear your ballet class attire (leotard, tights, ballet shoes and hair in a bun) and a mask! Costumes will not be worn. Show make-up & hair is not required.
- **When To Arrive:** Be in the auditorium ready to dance at your appointed time as each class has a very limited amount of time. Dancers only need to come for their specific rehearsal time & should leave after rehearsing.
- **Where To Enter: NEW!!! Please enter through the side door by the loading entrance ONLY!** We will have signs posted directing you. There is an event scheduled in the foyer of Hendricks Hall and we are NOT allowed to enter through the main/front doors of the building on Thursday!
- **What Should Parents Do:** To help maintain safety protocols, the auditorium will be CLOSED to all guests of students in Jr. Ballet 4 classes & up. Parents should drop their students off and return at the end of their child's rehearsal time.
 - **DO I NEED TO CHECK IN MY STUDENT?** No- there is no student check in for Staging Rehearsals.

Thursday, December 3 at Hendricks Hall, UCM Campus- Gold, Red & Green Casts	
Waltz of the Snowflakes 3:45pm-4:30pm Snow Queen, Clara, Snow Corps de Ballet (Adv. Ballet 1) & Frost (Int. Ballet 6)	Angels Green Cast (Jr. Ballet 1 Tuesdays) 6:15-6:30pm Also: Guardian Angels
Gingersnaps Red Cast (JB2 Wednesdays) 4:30-4:45pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara	Toys Red Cast (Kinder Wednesdays) 6:30-6:45pm Also: Principal Toys
Gingersnaps Green Cast (JB2 Tuesdays) 4:45-5:00pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara	Toys Green Cast (Kinder Mondays) 6:45-7:00pm Also: Principal Toys
Confections Red Cast (JB1 Wednesdays) & Arrival at the Palace 5:00-5:30pm	Battle Scene (Int. Ballet 4 & Jr. Ballet 4) 7:00-7:45pm Soldiers, Mice, Clara, Nutcracker, Drosselmeyer, Principal Toys, Mouse Queen & Page, NO KINDER TOYS
Confections Green Cast (JB1 Thursdays) & Arrival at the Palace 5:30-6:00pm	Act II 7:45-9:30pm Sugar Plum, Clara, Cavalier, Spanish, Arabians (Teen Ballet), Chinese, Marzipan, Candy Canes (IB5), Neapolitan (IB3), Mother Ginger, Plum Pas Court (IB7), Waltz of Flowers (IB1/2 & AB2), Coda
Angels Red Cast (Kinder Thursdays) 6:00-6:15pm Also: Guardian Angels	

DRESS REHEARSAL: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Fri. Dec. 4 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

Due to limited time restraints and having multiple casts, Dress Rehearsal will look a little different this year!

Please be sure to read below to know when YOU specially need to be where and in what clothes!

Dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. We enforce this strict policy for the confidence and safety of the performers. It is crucial that every student rehearse on the stage before performing and know exactly where he or she needs to be at all times.

- **What To Wear:** Dress rehearsal is a time for all students to rehearse all of their numbers in all pieces of their costumes & practice their hair & make-up to prepare for the performance!
 - **Have your make-up & hair done!** Read the class info sheet on how your class is expected to style your hair and make-up and arrive at dress rehearsal with your hair and make-up already done!
 - **Dancers should arrive already wearing tights (without underwear) UNDER your clothes.** We also ask everyone to bring/ wear simple pants and a button or zip front top/ jacket to wear when you are not in costume backstage.

- **When To Arrive:** Please arrive at your appointed call time and remember to **wear your mask** & bring your ballet shoes with you! **PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.** We will do our best to begin and end as promptly as possible. However, this takes cooperation from everyone.
- **Where To Enter: NEW THIS SHOW!** To help with physical distancing, please enter the building via the specific instructions sent to your class and check-in at your designated area.
- **Check-In Process:** ALL DANCERS MUST CHECK IN so we know you have arrived!
- **What Should Parents Do:** Parents of dancers in **Teen Ballet, Int. Ballet & Adv. Ballet** can drop their dancers off and should pick them up at the end of their rehearsal (see estimated times below). The auditorium will be CLOSED to all guests of students in Jr. Ballet 4 classes & up.
 - Parents of dancers in **Jr. Ballet 4** need to **check their student in and out.** Parents will receive a badge with the dancer's name on it. **You will need to turn this badge back in to pick up your child after all rehearsals/performances!**

The MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal will proceed in the following order:

WHO	CALL (ARRIVAL) TIME	START/END TIME
Party Scene GOLD Cast Dolls, Fritz, Clara's Friends, Clara, Party Parents, Drosselmeyer, Maids, Masquerade Duo	4:00pm (Change into costumes!)	4:30-5:00: Staging with Green Cast 5:00-5:30: Staging with Red Cast 5:30-6:00: Dress with Green Cast 6:00-6:30: Dress with Red Cast
Remaining GOLD Cast Jr. Ballet 4, Teen Ballet, Int. Ballet 1-7, Adv. Ballet 1 & 2	6:00 PM (Change into costumes!)	7:00: Start Run at the Dream Scene (will not run Party Scene again) Estimated Pick Up Times: Mice & Soldiers: 7:45pm, Frost: 8pm All others: 8:45pm
Snow/Flowers	After Dress Rehearsal	Spacing rehearsal if needed. End time TBD
All dancers should leave rehearsal after your last number is finished rehearsing. No Curtain Call rehearsal.		

Unlike recital, **NO FOOD is allowed backstage** during the dress rehearsal or performances! There are too many white costumes to take ANY chances! (Water bottles with caps are permitted.)

AFTER CHECKING IN!

- **DANCERS!!!** Report to your assigned room and check in verbally with staff/volunteers. Make sure you use this room as your dressing room; do not switch to another room to be with your friends.
 - This is where our staff will find you throughout the rehearsal. We also need to be able to account for everyone's location backstage in case contact tracing becomes necessary.
- Your costume will be labeled & waiting for you in or near your dressing room. Staff/ Volunteers will give you further instructions on when to change into them. Please be patient during this process as we help everyone.
- **Please remember that you are RENTING these costumes from Center Stage and treat them with care!** A damaged costume fee will apply if careless behavior causes harm to your child's costume. Thank you!
- **PARENTS!!!** If you choose to accompany your child in, please follow the costume instructions for your class & then leave your dancer backstage with staff & volunteers until they have finished rehearsing.
- **ALL Dancers:** Please follow the costume directions you are given & remain backstage in your dressing room until called to line up for rehearsal. Please be aware of your costume and sit down gently, or even remain standing, if sitting may cause damage to your costume.

AFTER REHEARSING!

- **IMPORTANT!** After you are done rehearsing your last number you will need to turn all pieces of your costume back in with staff/volunteers! You should then leave the rehearsal.
- **PARENTS!** Please wait to return until the estimated pick-up time listed above to help prevent congestion and maintain physical distancing! If you signed your child in, please sign them out!

COSTUME/HAIR INFORMATION SHEETS FOR ALL CLASSES ARE ONLINE!

www.centerstageacademy.org/nutcracker2020

PERFORMANCES: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Sat & Sun. Dec. 5 & 6 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

PERFORMANCE START/END TIME	CALL (ARRIVAL) TIME	WARM-UPS ON STAGE
Saturday, Dec 5 2:00 PM Pick-up time: 3:45ish	1:00pm Full Cast (RED & GOLD) (Everyone not required for Warm-Ups)	12:30 PM (12:00 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 3-7 & Advanced Ballet 1 -3 ONLY)
Saturday, Dec. 5 7:00 PM Pick-up time: 8:45ish	6:00pm Full Cast (GREEN & GOLD) (Everyone not required for Warm-Ups)	5:30 PM (5:00 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 3-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-3 ONLY)
Sunday, Dec. 6 1:00 PM Pick-up time: 2:45ish	12:00pm Full Cast (GREEN & GOLD) (Everyone not required for Warm-Ups)	11:30 PM (11:00 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 3-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-3 ONLY)
Sunday, Dec. 6 4:30 PM Pick-up time: 6:15ish	3:30pm RED Cast Dancers 3:45pm GOLD Cast Act I Dancers 4:00pm GOLD Cast Act II Dancers	Warm-Ups Done On Own!

- **What To Wear:** Dancers should arrive already wearing tights (without underwear) UNDER your clothes with your make-up & hair done. We also ask everyone to bring/ wear simple pants and a button or zip front top/ jacket to wear when you are not in costume backstage.
- **When To Arrive:** Please arrive at your call time (see above) and remember to bring your ballet shoes with you! **Don't forget your mask!**
- **Where To Enter: NEW THIS SEASON!** To help with physical distancing, please enter the building via the specific instructions sent to your class and check-in at your designated area.
- **Check-In Process:** ALL DANCERS MUST CHECK IN so we know you have arrived!
- **What Should Parents Do:** Parents of dancers in **Teen Ballet, Int. Ballet & Adv. Ballet** can drop their dancers off and should pick them up after the performance. Parents of dancers in **Jr. Ballet 4** need to check their student in and out & return to pick them up after the performance. Parents will receive a badge with the dancer's name on it. **You will need to turn this badge back in to pick up your child after all rehearsals/performances!**

AFTER CHECKING IN!

- **DANCERS!** If you are in **Act I**, please follow instructions on changing into your costume and then remain in your dressing rooms until you are asked to line up! Please be aware of your costume and use caution when sitting down and remain calm at all times during the performance.
- If you are in **Act II**, wait to change into your costume until instructed to do so & remain calmly in your dressing room until Center Stage Staff or a Volunteer gives you further instructions.

WHILE BACKSTAGE:

- **All students will stay backstage for the entire performance.** Due to physical distancing & limited seating in the audience, students will probably not be able to go out to the balcony to watch the show. Dancers can bring along a few quiet, CLEAN activities. No markers, crayons or loud games, etc.
- **The only drinks allowed backstage are bottles of water with caps. ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE!** We have too many white costumes in this performance to take any risks with even "clean" snacks backstage. This performance is much shorter than the recital & dancers should be fine not snacking. Please have your dancers eat a good meal before the performance to tide them over.

Curtain Call!

- **All students will be in the curtain call! For the safety of all performers backstage, parents will not be allowed to check out their child prior to the conclusion of the curtain call.**
- After the curtain call, ALL students will return to their assigned dressing areas.

- **IMPORTANT! Dancers MUST turn all pieces of their costume back in with staff/volunteers before you leave after each performance!** Please make sure your child's costumes have been turned back in to avoid a lost costume fee.
- Due to limited time in between shows and to help maintain physical distancing, dancers will not be able to take pictures on stage after any of the performances.
- **PARENTS!** To maintain a physically distanced, organized, safe and secure environment for all children, we are asking for only one person to come backstage and **sign out** their child.

General Information:

- **SHOW ORDER** sheets are available online & at the front desk if you would like one.
- Tights are available to purchase at the Information table- and yes- we can charge your account so no cash or card is necessary!
- **VIDEOS & PICTURES:** You are welcome to take pictures (no flash) and video of the performance. HOWEVER, please be courteous of audience members behind you. NO tripods or standing up in the audience to video.
- Please remember to be a courteous audience member. Enter and exit the house only through the back doors between numbers.
- **No guests should ever meet a dancer backstage!** Our space is extremely limited, and for the safety of our performers, we do not allow any additional people backstage. Parents are encouraged to help young children get ready at the beginning of the show, but are asked to return to their seats when they feel their child is ready. Parent Volunteers and staff will make sure all students are accounted for and help out when needed.
- **Dads, brothers, etc.:** Please be aware that dancers often have to make quick changes directly backstage or offstage. We make every effort to provide a modest changing area, but this is impossible at certain times. Please make a conscious effort to avoid all areas around the stage

COVID-19 Information:

- Masks are required to be worn by everyone upon entering the building- all staff, students, parents & guests- ages 5 & up.
- While it is a strong possibility that all of the dancers will wear masks while performing, we have not yet made a final decision on if the dancers will be required to wear masks on stage during the performances.
- The audience will be physically distanced with a limited number of seats in use.
- All dancers will have their own labeled costume & accessories backstage and enhanced safety measures will be in effect in the dressing rooms.

Names must be clearly placed in all personal belongings, especially your ballet shoes! Be sure to leave all valuables at home! Center Stage is not responsible for lost/damaged phones/ tablets/ etc...