

Turning Pointe Dance Company presents

# The Nutcracker: Clara's Candy and Adventure

Saturday, December 18 @ 7pm & Sunday, December 19 @ 2pm  
Apollo Civic Theatre

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You have been invited to join TPDC in their production of The Nutcracker! There is no/minimal cost to participate and all ballet students at RNM are able to participate. Costumes will be provided by TPDC, parents are responsible for shoes and tights (black leggings for Soldiers). This a great performance opportunity for each child and we look forward to seeing them shine onstage!

Enclosed in this packet you should find everything you need to know about rehearsals, fittings, and show week. Parents/guardians are needed as helpers backstage, in dressing rooms, and other areas. All parents/guardians will have one night to watch the performance uninterrupted. It takes a village to run a successful and low-stress show and our parent help is greatly depended upon and tremendously appreciated.

**Deadline for forms and such:**

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| <b>T-shirt</b>            | <b>Nov 12</b> |
| <b>Tights/Shoe orders</b> | <b>Nov 12</b> |
| <b>Flowers</b>            | <b>Dec 4</b>  |
| <b>DVD</b>                | <b>Dec 11</b> |

**Please keep in mind the following:**

- 1) Participation in this performance is not a requirement. If your child does not want to participate, please let Kat know immediately so that she can adjust choreography. However, if your child will be joining us, they must be present at all rehearsals assigned. Anyone who misses 2 or more rehearsals will be unable to participate in the performance.
- 2) All dancers who are performing **MUST BE PRESENT AT BOTH PERFORMANCES**. The other dancers depend on them being there.
- 3) All shoes are labeled *inside* of the shoe and not on the bottom.
- 4) Only water is allowed in dressing rooms. Costumes and Kool-Aid **DON'T** mix.

**TICKETS** will be \$12 for ages 6+and \$5 for children 5 and under. Tickets will be available for purchase online at <https://23715.recalticketing.com/> or at the door for an upcharged price of \$15 and \$8.

**HELPERS**

Parents/guardians are needed for dressing rooms, stage crew, and other areas. A sign up sheet is available at the front desk- please sign up to help! Helpers will only be expected to work one show. Every parent/guardian will have the opportunity to sit and watch one performance without any interruption. Please buy tickets for the night you are **NOT** helping. If you have a conflict with the show you are helping, please try to resolve it by finding another member of the family to help or by asking another parent to switch with you.

For Tech Rehearsals: Parents who are **NOT** a “dressing room helper” or “backstage helper” are asked to wait in the rear of the theatre- **NOT** in the wings or hallways/dressing rooms. During Dress Rehearsal, all parents who will be working backstage and in the dressing room for a show **MUST** be present.

**MAKEUP**

Make up is required for each dancer. Stage lights are much more intense than regular lighting and they will “wash out” a dancer’s features if he/she is not wearing makeup. Stage makeup is best (Ben Nye is wonderful and easily available online), but regular makeup can be worn. For the youngest dancers, do your best to add a little mascara (have them lay down with their head in your lap with eyes closed to apply), blush, and a light lip stain (lip stains are the **BEST** for shows because it won’t come off on costumes). Beginners will add foundation, eyeliner, and eye shadow (neutral colors). Intermediate level and up, will need to wear false eyelashes to complete their stage face.

For pictures, dress rehearsal and all performances, dancers should not have any colored nail polish, colored acrylic nails, fake tattoos or jewelry. Hairnets are required and should be the same color as your child's hair. These are available at the front desk. If you have any questions about makeup, ask a seasoned mom or an older dancer to help.

Makeup is not needed for Tech but is required for Dress Rehearsal and shows.

### **COSTUMES**

Costumes will be provided. Parents are responsible for having the proper tights and shoes for all dancers. Tights and shoes can be ordered/purchased at the front desk.

*Gummy Bears:* Balera/Weissman T90 ballet pink tights and pink ballet shoes

Boys: white tights and white ballet shoes

*Gingerbread Girls:* Balera/Weissman T90 light suntan tights and black tap shoes

*All older cast members:* Balera/Weiss T90 ballet pink or light suntan tights as according to character.

*Party Children* (Creative Dance/PBT) will wear their own Christmas dress/outfit. Hair should be nicely styled and can be half up, pig tails, braided, etc. Please keep hair pulled back from the face.

Girls: Balera/Weissman T90 ballet pink tights and pink ballet shoes

Boys: Black ballet shoes and socks

### **DRESSING ROOM RULES**

- For the safety of all students, dancers are not to leave the dressing room during the show. ALL STUDENTS MUST REMAIN BACKSTAGE DURING INTERMISSION and no one will be allowed entry to backstage during intermission.
- Only water is allowed in dressing rooms. NO FOOD OR OTHER DRINKS!! Food dyes and expensive costumes don't mix!
- No guests are permitted backstage. Only 1 parent per dancer is permitted backstage for drop off/pick up due to space constraints. For the safety of all of our dancers, there are to be no males in the female dressing rooms and no females in the male dressing rooms.

**TECH REHEARSAL** on Thursday, December 16 with call at 5:00. We will begin at 5:30 with Gummy Bears followed by Gingerbread Girls (and then apotheosis) and then Party Children, Battle Scene, Act 1, and finally Act 2.

Once we finish your tech, you are free to leave after being dismissed by Miss Kat. This is a TECHNICAL rehearsal (lights, music, cues...). There will be a lot of standing around on stage to get the cues set. PLEASE be patient, quiet, and focused. TPDC girls will be ready to start Act 1 after the younger students are finished. Backstage helpers will need to be present and paying attention to see how to lineup children and change sets/props.

**DRESS REHEARSAL** will begin at 5:30- please be present in the theatre at 5. Parents who are helping will need to be backstage/ in the dressing room to see where/when/ how you will be needed. If you are not a backstage/dressing room helper you do not need to stay during Dress Rehearsal (this keeps some of the surprise alive!). However, if you need to stay we ask that parents limit it to 1 adult waiting quietly in the rear of the theatre. The backstage and dressing room areas are EXTREMELY crowded. After we run the full show, we will take a cast photo in costumes. Afterwards, we will go back through and re-run anything that needs it.

### **TSHIRTS, FLOWERS, DVD's**

TPDC will be selling long sleeved shirts with the Candyland design on the front and full cast list on the back. Flowers are available and are a fundraiser for TPDC. Consider buying your dancer flowers (which will be sent to his/her dressing room) and supporting TPDC. DVD's make a great keepsake and can be purchased up until Dec 11.

**Should you have any questions, please ask early and often!  
This is a huge production and all help is needed and greatly appreciated.**