Columbia Dance *Nutcracker 2026*
COMPANY
Important Rehearsal and Performance Information
Questions? Contact us at 360-737-1922 or info@columbiadance.org

THEATER STAGE DOOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

- Your child's tech/dress rehearsals and performances (December 14-20) will take place at Skyview Concert Hall at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver.
- Upon turning into Skyview, take an immediate right into the staff parking lot (don't go around the loop). The stage door entrance is there, not at the main entrance. Parking spots labeled "staff" are available to Columbia Dance after 3:45pm. Please do not park in any spots marked "reserved."
- All dancers must enter & exit through the stage door entrance to the theater. Dancers need to enter and leave the theater with street clothes over their leotard and tights and without stage makeup on. Parents must wait outside of the stage door. Parents will not be able to go to the dressing rooms unless they are signed up to volunteer in the dressing rooms at that time.
- All dancers must sign in and out at the stage door entrance.
- If your child is unable to attend a dress rehearsal or performance due to illness or emergency, please call/text Becky Moore's cell phone 925-437-2929.

THEATER & DRESSING ROOM ETIQUETTE:

- **Recording Devices** no video or photographic equipment is permitted at any rehearsal or performance. Cell phones are not allowed in rehearsals or in the backstage area of the theater. **Photos and videos are strictly prohibited in the dressing rooms** (as dancers are changing into costume). We will have a designated area for dancers to grab a picture with their friends in costume.
- **Tidiness:** space is extremely limited backstage. All dancers are expected to respect the other people around them and clean up after themselves. No food is permitted in the dressing room. We will have a lunch room for the children to eat in.
- **Ticket Reminder:** All audience members must have a ticket. Performers who wish to sit in the audience for the 2nd act of the performance they were in or in a performance of the alternate cast must have a ticket for that performance.
- **Dress Rehearsals** are closed to observers. Parents are not permitted to watch these rehearsals. We want to keep the kids' nerves to a minimum and keep you surprised at the real performance.

MAKEUP & DANCE BAG CHECKLIST:

- **Dance Bag Checklist:** All dancers need to be sure that they bring the following items with them each time they attend a *Nutcracker* Tech/Dress rehearsal or performance. **Dancers need to have a single satchel or duffle-type bag that is able to hold all of their belongings.** Please put your child's name on his/her belongings (especially tights and dance shoes). Dancers should always have their class uniform with them.

Hairspray & Gel	Clean performance tights without holes
Brush & Comb	EXTRA PAIR of performance tights in case of stains or runs
Bobby pins & Hair pins	Clean ballet slippers
Hair elastic & Hair nets	Warm comfortable cover-up, water bottle & healthy snacks
Ballet leotard	Shoes/Slippers/Socks - to wear over their ballet slippers to keep dirt off the stage
Stage Makeup	A quiet activity (deck of cards, coloring, book, etc)

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COSTUME INFORMATION
Columbia Dance provides the costumes for our productions. However, personal items such as tights, shoes, and undergarments are the responsibility of each performer. We have tights available for purchase at our front desk.

Please label your tights, shoes, and leotard with their name. Dancers should bring these items to the December 7th studio rehearsal and to every rehearsal/performance thereafter:

- Min. 2 pairs Mesh tights with back seams So Danca TS96 Performance Pink, Available through The Leotard
- Min. 1 pair of Capezio Pink briefs, Available on amazon
- Min. 2 pairs of pointe shoes
- 1 pair of LEATHER flat shoes (if in water sprite/voyageur) Leather Split sole shoes--Eurotard A2004a Pink leather split sole available through The Leotard

HAIR INFORMATION
Dancers should arrive at the stage door with their hair performance ready for their first role of that rehearsal/performance. Dancers should have hair supplies in their bag for last minute touch-ups.

ROLE	HAIRSTYLE
Cecilia	High bun with ringlets on the side 
Cecilia's Friends	Low bun with a braid over each ear 
Water Sprites/Voyageur	High ponytail, braided and pinned to back of head
Everyone Else	High bun, no part

MAKEUP INFORMATION: Company dancers will apply their own stage makeup. You will need to have:

- Foundation to match your skin tone and sponge to apply it. A crème or stick tend to work better than liquid as they won't run when you sweat.
- Translucent powder and brush to apply it
- Pink blush and brush to apply it
- Eyeshadow in white, tan, and brown and brush to apply it
- Black eyeliner
- Eyebrow pencil for anyone with fair eyebrows
- Waterproof Black mascara
- Make up remover wipes (make up must be removed before leaving the theater)

This is a lovely kit that has the correct color blush (pink) and eye shadow (white, tan, brown). It is a bit pricey so you could use it as a reference to pick out shades of cheaper brands.



Nutcracker 2026
Rehearsals at Columbia Dance Company

*****Please note: from December 7-20 your child ONLY has Nutcracker rehearsals, no regular classes*****

Normal Rehearsal Schedule at Columbia Dance

Company Dancers should check the student hub page of the website to see their schedule each week as it will shift slightly from week to week.
Costume Fittings:

- Saturday, October 10th Party Girls 2:45-4:15pm
- Tuesday, October 20th Flowers 5:00-6:15pm
- Tuesday, October 27th Castaways/Stargazers 5:00-6:30pm & Water Sprites 6:30-7:30
- Tuesday, November 3rd Snow 5:15-6:30pm

*Stage Makeup Seminar will be November 14th 9:00-10:00am. I need some company dancers to lead this.

Monday, December 7th & Tuesday, December 8th
Act 1 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- Costumes will be worn by all cast members. Students need to bring their class uniform, performance tights, and shoes.
- Students should arrive with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.

Monday, December 7th: CAST A ONLY
4:45-5:45pm Warm up Class
6:00-9:00 Act 1

Tuesday, December 8th: CAST B ONLY
4:45-5:45 Warm up Class
6:00-9:00pm Act 1

Wednesday December 9th and Thursday, December 10th
Act 2 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- Costumes will be worn by all cast members. Students need to bring their class uniform, performance tights, and shoes.
- Students should arrive with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.

Wednesday, December 9th: CAST A ONLY
4:45-5:30 Warm up Class
6:00-9:00 Act 2

Thursday, December 10th: CAST B ONLY
4:45-5:30 Warm up Class
6:00-9:00 Act 2

Friday, December 11th
DAY OFF

Saturday, December 12th
Full Ballet Run-Throughs Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.

Saturday, December 13th: CAST A ONLY
9:30-10:45 Warm up Class
11:00-2:30 Full Run-through & Notes

Saturday, December 13th: CAST B ONLY
9:30-10:45 Warm up Class
3:00-6:30 Full Run-through & Notes

Sunday, December 13th
DAY OFF

Nutcracker 2026
CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS
Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview
Company

Monday, December 14th
Spacing Rehearsal at THEATER

- Students should be signed in at the stage door in street clothes with rehearsal clothes on underneath.
- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A & CAST B:
Monday, December 14th:

5:00 Party Scene arrive at theater for 5:30-6:15 spacing, both casts
5:45 Battle Scene arrive at theater for 6:15-7:15 spacing, both casts
6:45 Snow and Act 2 arrive at theater for 7:00-9:30pm spacing, both casts

Tuesday, December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th
Tech/Dress Rehearsal at THEATER (PHOTOS TAKEN!)

- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A
Tuesday, December 15th:

3:45	Arrive
4:00-4:45	Warm up on stage
5:15	Start of Act 1 Dress Rehearsal
7:00	Spacings of Opening/Finale/Bows
7:45	Start of Act 2 Dress Rehearsal
10:00	Dismissed

CAST B
Wednesday, December 16th:

3:45	Arrive
4:00-4:45	Warm up on stage
5:15	Start of Act 1 Dress Rehearsal
7:00	Spacings of Opening/Finale/Bows
7:45	Start of Act 2 Dress Rehearsal
10:00	Dismissed

Thursday, December 17th *- DAY OFF*

Friday, December 18th
School Performances at the THEATER

- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A
Friday, December 18th:

8:30am	Arrive
8:45-9:30	Company Class on stage
10:15am	**Act 2 Performance**
12:30pm	**Act 2 Performance**
1:30	Stage available
2:30	Dismissed

CAST B
Friday, December 18th:

3:45pm	Arrive
4:00-5:00	Company Class on stage
6:00pm	**Performance**
8:00pm	All dancers dismissed

Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th
Public Performances at the THEATER

- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes..
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.
- Students not in Act II may leave at intermission (with parent/guardian) or remain backstage until the end of the show.
- On days when students have 2 performances, they can either remain at the theater and eat in the lunch room or leave for a quick break with their parent being sure to sign back in by the appointed time.

CAST A
Saturday, December 19th:

10:00am	Arrive
10:15-12:00	Class on stage
1:00pm	**Performance**
3:00pm	All dancers on break
3:30pm	Arrive back at theater if left on break
5:00pm	**Performance**
7:00pm	All dancers dismissed

CAST B
Sunday, December 20th:

10:00am	Arrive
10:15-12:00	Class on stage
1:00pm	**Performance**
3:00pm	All dancers on break
3:30pm	Arrive back at theater if left on break
5:00pm	**Performance**
7:00pm	All dancers dismissed