

# Columbia Dance *Nutcracker* 2024

## COMPANY

### Important Rehearsal and Performance Information

Questions? Contact us at 360-737-1922 or [info@columbiadance.org](mailto:info@columbiadance.org)

#### THEATER STAGE DOOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

- Your child's tech/dress rehearsals and performances will take place at Skyview Concert Hall at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Brush & Comb

Bobby pins & Hair pins

Hair elastic & Hair nets

Ballet leotard

Clean performance tights without holes

EXTRA PAIR of performance tights in case of stains or runs

Clean ballet slippers

Warm comfortable cover-up, water bottle & healthy snacks

Shoes/Slippers/Socks - to wear over their ballet slippers to keep dirt off the stage

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 child's tights, shoes, and leotard with their name and *Nutcracker* role. Dancers should bring these items to the December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> studio rehearsals and to every rehearsal/performance thereafter:

- Min. 2 pairs Mesh tights with back seams Eurotard 219 Ballet Pink, Available through [Eurotard](#)
- Min. 1 pair of Capezio Pink briefs, Available on [amazon](#)
- 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 \$29.50 (\$32.01 including tax) Available through [Eurotard](#)

#### 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 2024***  
**CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS**  
**Rehearsals at Columbia Dance**  
**Company**

**\*\*\*Please note: from December 7-22 your child ONLY has Nutcracker rehearsals, no regular classes\*\*\***

**November 27-30 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING!**

**December 2-6 normal schedule of classes**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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.
- Warm up class from 9:45-10:45am
- 10:45-11:45 VSO Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: CAST A ONLY**

11:45-2:30 Act 1 Costume Inspection  
& Dress Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: CAST B ONLY**

2:30-6:00 Act 1 Costume Inspection  
& Dress Rehearsal

**Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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.
- Warm up class from 4:45-5:30

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: CAST A ONLY**

4:45-9:00 Act 2 Costume Inspection  
& Dress Rehearsal

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: CAST B ONLY**

4:45-9:00 Act 2 Costume Inspection  
& Dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Full Ballet Run-Through Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE**

**CAST A ONLY**

**Important Information:**

- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.
- Warm up class from 4:45-5:30  
5:45-9:00 Run-through

**Thursday & Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Warm-up at Columbia Dance 4:45-5:30pm, Rehearsal at Skyview 6:00pm-8:45pm*

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Full Ballet Run-Through Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE**

**CAST B ONLY**

**Important Information:**

- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.
- Warm up class from 10:30-12:00  
11:45-3:30 Run-through  
5:30 Meet at Skyview for 7pm Performance with the Symphony

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:00-1:15 Warm-up class at Columbia Dance  
2:00 Arrive at Skyview for 3pm Performance with the Symphony

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## **CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS**

### **Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview**

### **Company**

#### **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Act 1 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 16<sup>th</sup>:**

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

#### **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tech/Dress Rehearsal at THEATER (PHOTOS TAKEN!)**

- Students should be signed in at the stage door in street clothes, with performance hair, and their performance duffel bag.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup>:**

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 18<sup>th</sup>:**

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/Bow  
 7:45 Start of Act 2 Dress Rehearsal  
 10:00 Dismissed

#### **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

DAY OFF

#### **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **School Performances at the THEATER**

- Students should be signed in at the stage door in street clothes, with performance hair, and their performance duffel bag.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30am Arrive  
 8:45-9:45 Company Class on stage  
**10:30am Act 1 Performance**  
**12:30pm Act 1 Performance**  
 1:30 Act 2 Rehearsals as needed  
 2:30 Dismissed

#### **CAST B**

#### **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:**

3:45pm Arrive  
 4:00-5:00 Company Class on stage  
**6:00pm Performance**  
 7:00pm Dancers not in Act II dismissed  
 8:00pm All dancers dismissed

#### **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Public Performances at the THEATER**

- Students should be signed in at the stage door in street clothes, with performance hair, and their performance duffel bag.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup>:**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

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