

Columbia Dance *Nutcracker* 2026

Fur Trappers

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 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 on when they arrive.

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
	A quiet activity (deck of cards, coloring, book, etc)
- **Level 1 - 4 Makeup:** Stage makeup will be provided in the dressing rooms by our trained volunteers. Dancers should arrive without makeup on. Parents will not be permitted backstage.
- **Costume and Hair:** Fur Trappers need to arrive with their hair in a low braid. Pants and shoes are provided by Columbia Dance. Dancers will wear their class leotard underneath their costume.
- **No nail polish or jewelry for dress rehearsals or performances.**

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Rehearsals at Columbia Dance

Fur Trappers

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

Normal Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

- Saturdays October 10, 17, 24 Fur Trappers 3:45-4:45pm
- Saturday, October 17th Fur Trapper Costume Fitting 2:15-3:30pm
- Saturday, October 31 (Halloween) Fur Trappers 1:45-2:45pm
- Saturdays November 7, 14, 21 Fur Trappers 4:30-6:00pm
- No rehearsal on November 28
- Saturday, December 5 Fur Trappers 4:30-6:00pm

Monday, December 7th and 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
6:00-8:00pm Fur Trappers

Tuesday, December 8th: CAST B ONLY
6:00-8:00pm Fur Trappers

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, December 19th -11th **DAYS OFF**

Saturday, December 12th **Full Ballet Run-Through 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 12th: CAST A ONLY
10:45-12:30pm Fur Trappers

Saturday, December 12th: CAST B ONLY
2:45-4:30pm Fur Trappers

Sunday, December 13th **DAYS OFF**

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CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS

Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview

Fur Trappers

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:

5:45-7:15pm Fur Trappers

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:

4:45-7:15pm Fur Trappers

CAST B

Wednesday, December 16th:

4:45-7:15pm Fur Trappers

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. Parents can sign their Act 1 performer out either at intermission or at the end of the performance.

CAST B

Friday, December 18th:

5:00pm	Fur Trappers arrive
6:00pm	Performance
7:00pm	Intermission
8:00pm	End of show

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. Parents can sign their Act 1 performer out either at intermission or at the end of the performance.
- 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:

12:00pm	Fur Trappers arrive
1:00pm	Performance
2:00pm	Intermission
3:00pm	End of show
4:00pm	Fur Trappers arrive
5:00pm	Performance
6:00pm	Intermission
7:00pm	End of show

CAST B

Sunday, December 20th:

12:00pm	Fur Trappers arrive
1:00pm	Performance
2:00pm	Intermission
3:00pm	End of show
4:00pm	Fur Trappers arrive
5:00pm	Performance
6:00pm	Intermission
7:00pm	End of show