Nutcracker Checklist for Chinese Dragonettes

All hair and makeup instructions listed below are for both the performances and the dress rehearsals.

The Cast Coordinator will put on their costumes & hair bows right before they go on stage. Girls dancers need to arrive with their hair in the Dragonette hairstyle (photos at the end of this checklist), white (not sheer) tights, black ballet shoes, and a camisole leotard on. Please send bobby pins to secure the bows. Boys need white tights (solid not sheer), black ballet shoes and a t-shirt and gym shorts or tights (boys) to wear under the costume.

We recommend the girls wear blush, lipstick (Revlon Wine with Everything) and neutral beige eye make-up and mascara if you can! We use professional lighting so they will look washed out if they do not have any makeup on.

Hair and makeup are not required for the spacing rehearsal.

They will have a Cast Coordinator who is in charge of them at all times backstage during rehearsals and performances. It will be the same person for all rehearsals and shows. Ellen will also be backstage the entire time as well.

Spacing Rehearsals:

Thursday December 3rd: Spacing on stage at the McCoy Theatre
This will be in class leotard, tights, and shoes. This is NOT a dress rehearsal but will be a mandatory spacing and run with music for each part.

On Stage at the McCoy: NO COSTUMES

**Please arrive no later than 20 minutes before you are scheduled to be on stage and wait in the audience with a parent until we call your group up to the stage. This will need to be a quiet audience, so please do not bring siblings. Dressing rooms will not be used on this day. When dancers are done on stage, they will be released to you in the audience.*

6pm Arrive
6:30-7:00pm Space and Run Cast A, B, C Dragonettes and Lead Dragons with Chinese

Dress Rehearsal:

Saturday December 5th Dress Rehearsal (full costume, hair and makeup) at the McCoy

For dress rehearsal, you will bring them to the outside double doors on the left side of the building and drop them off there. (same place you drop them off at recital) You will then walk around the building and enter using the main doors in front of the theatre. You will go sit in the theatre and wait for them while they rehearse. (one family member only is permitted in the theatre, you will pick up your family ticket when entering the theatre) No siblings will be permitted.

Cast A:
10:00am Drop off
10:30am-11:45am Dress rehearsal Cast A

Cast B:
12:15pm Drop off
12:45-2:00pm Dress rehearsal Cast B

Cast C:
1:45pm Drop off
2:15-3:30pm Dress rehearsal Cast C

When your dancer is finished on stage, they will be released to go home. Give us about 15 minutes after they finish on stage so they can change out of costume and then meet them at the concession stand for pick up. The cast coordinators will bring them out to you.

Performances:

For performances, you will bring them to the same outside double doors on the left side of the building and drop them off there. If you have tickets to the show, after dropping off your dancer at the double doors, you will go around to the main doors at the front of the theatre and enter there.

All dancers need to **arrive 15 minutes** prior to each performance to the double doors on the left side of the building. We have other cast members coming earlier than that so make sure you wait until 15 minutes before the show before dropping your dancer off. We have them staggered for a reason.

No food will be permitted backstage. Please make sure your child eats a decent meal before drop off. They will be permitted to bring their own water bottle and it needs to be labeled. They

should bring their own bag with items like books, small games, an iPad, or various other activities that will keep them busy. Label everything!!!! We will also have movies showing.

Performance Times:

Cast A: Friday 12/11 7pm & Saturday 12/12 11am

Cast B: Saturday 12/12 3pm & 7pm

Cast C: Sunday 12/13 1pm & 5pm

Pick up will be at those same double doors after the show. If you are watching that show, please remain in your seats until the show is over and then head to the double doors. You cannot pick them up before the show is over. You also will not be able to pick them up from the inside of the theatre. We keep the backstage secure at all times so you will need to exit the building and come around to the side to pick them up. Please only send one family member to do this. It gets very crowded and we only allow one person to come in and get the dancer. You can have your family and friends wait in the lobby and you can bring your dancer back in through the front doors to see them.

If you are not watching that show, please pick up your dancer an hour and 50 minutes after the start time of the show.

If your dancer is in back to back shows on the same day, you do need to pick them up in between shows. Take them home to rest or get something to eat and bring them back 15 minutes before the next show.

Finally, if you plan to take your dancer back into the lobby to meet family and friends after the show, please pack something theatre appropriate for them to wear. (a dress or nice pants outfit is fine- just no sweats, leotards etc.)

We are on holiday break after Nutcracker weekend, enjoy the break and we will see you starting Monday January 4th!

Examples of hair style for girls:



