**Nutcracker Check Sheet for**

**Baby Mice and Cadets**

**The Last Saturday Baby Mouse/Cadets rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 18th.**

**Extra Baby Mouse/Cadet rehearsal will be held on: Thursday, November 30th 5:30-6:00pm in studio E with Claras and Drosselmeyer. This rehearsal is mandatory for all baby mice and cadets.**

**All Hair and Makeup instructions listed below are for both the performances and the dress rehearsals.**

**Dress Rehearsal Day**

The Baby Mice & Cadets will have a Cast Coordinator who is in charge of them at all times backstage. It will be the same person for all rehearsals and shows. Ellen will also be backstage the entire time as well. Parents will not be going into the Big Brown Room. All drop off and pick-ups will be outside the room at a check in table with Ellen.

The Cast Coordinator will put them in their costumes right before they go on stage Please arrive in a nude, light pink or white camisole leotard with hair done. The Cast Coordinator will apply the Baby Mice make up. Boys need to have a white t-shirt and a pair of black leggings on. Dancers need to have a zip up warm up jacket and sweat pants on to keep them warm back stage. (NOTHING that goes over their heads).

We know dress rehearsal is a good time for you to get photos so we have made that possible for you! You can take them when your dancer is on stage and for ten minutes when they are done dancing. The Cast Coordinator will bring them to the lobby (area by main theatre doors) for ten minutes right after they are done dancing at the rehearsal.

When the ten minutes is up, she will take them all back to the Big Brown Room, change them out of their costumes and bring them back to you in the lobby. Please wait for your dancer there and do not follow them to the Big Brown Room area. We will be in the middle of a rehearsal and will need that whole area clear.

Here is a time line for how the rehearsal day will go:

**White/Green Cast Baby Mice & Cadets, Friday, December 1st:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 5:05pm sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 5:35pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 5:45.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator changes them out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your dancer.

**Red/Green Cast Baby Mice & Cadets: Friday, December 1st:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 6:45pm sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 7:15pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 7:30pm.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator changes them out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your dancer.

*Please note that spacing, lighting, etc will take some time! Nutcracker is a much more complex production than the May recital and requires very intricate lighting and stage crew details to be ironed out at dress rehearsal. For the safety of our dancers, crew, and audience members we will take our time to make sure everything is done properly. Due to this we may run off schedule for the dress rehearsals. We will do our best to get through the process in a reasonable amount of time!*

**Performance Days**

**White/Green Cast Baby Mice/Cadets: Friday, December 8th 7:00pm, Saturday, December 9th 11:00am, and Saturday, December 9th 3:00pm**

**Red/Green Cast Baby Mice/Cadets: Saturday, December 9th 7:00pm, Sunday, December 10th 1:00pm, and Sunday, December 10th 5:00pm**

Baby Mice & Cadets need to be dropped off to the Big Brown Room 45 minutes prior to the start of each performance.

Baby mice are at the end of Act I and are not in Act II at all. **You will need to pick up your child at intermission.** The Cast Coordinator will meet you with them outside of the double glass doors near the area by the Big Brown Room. They will need regular clothes if you want to take them out to the theatre. If you and your family have purchased tickets to one of the shows we ask that you remain in the theatre for the entire performance. It can be seen as very disrespectful to leave the theatre after Act I. You may take your baby mouse into the theatre after intermission to watch the second act. If you don’t purchase a ticket for them they will need to sit on a lap or an empty seat.

**A Note to all parents**

The last nine years Nutcracker has been such a success! We are very excited for this year and know your child will have a wonderful time bringing this magical ballet to life. Please take the time to read all information sheets carefully. If you have any questions please e-mail [tara@newalbanyballet.com](mailto:tara@newalbanyballet.com). We can’t stress enough the importance of being on time! Several parents came in late last year and that causes so much stress on the child. Please arrive on time and understand that it will be crowded. We have a system in place that works and our attention to detail is what makes performing in our productions such a great experience for all our children.