

The Nutcracker Performance is just a couple of weeks away! We are beyond thrilled to be able to continue this magical tradition with our community this season and want everyone to have an amazing & safe experience!

Both new & veteran performers should read through all of these important details so you know what to do/expect this year with your dancer's role. Please don't hesitate to ask questions after reading the packet!

Where can I find answers to my Nutcracker Questions?

- On the Nutcracker Information Page on the studio website: centerstageacademy.org/nutcracker2022
- By texting/calling the studio at 660.747.6133 or emailing: coreena@centerstageacademy.org

Which cast is my dancer in? --- THE GOLD CAST!

- All dancers in Jr. Ballet 3 & 4, Teen Ballet, Int. Ballet 1-7, Adv. Ballet 1 & 2, Principal & Jr. Principal dancers & Party Parents are in the GOLD cast.

FOUR PERFORMANCES: December 3 & 4 at Hendricks Hall/ UCM Campus

Saturday, December 3 at 2pm & 7pm & Sunday, December 4 at 1pm & 5:00pm
GOLD CAST IS IN ALL 4 PERFORMANCES!

Nutcracker Tickets!

- **Nutcracker ticket sales for all shows start online ONLY Sunday, November 13 at 12:00pm!**
- We will only be offering in-person tickets this year.
- Tickets will go on sale for ALL shows at the same time and there will be no limits on the number of tickets that can be purchased while seats are available.
- Any remaining seats will be available to purchase at the door.

More specific details on purchasing tickets are available Nutcracker page on the studio website.
www.centerstageacademy.org/nutcrackertickets2022

Nutcracker Flowers are back!

- Many families choose to give their dancer flowers after the show! For your convenience, you can pre-order flowers online when you purchase tickets or separately on the studio website through Nov. 23 & we'll have them ready and waiting for you to pick up at the show! We will also have limited flowers available for purchase in the lobby at each performance!

www.centerstageacademy.org/flowers

Backstage Volunteers!

- We are looking for volunteers for each class to help keep backstage running smoothly!
- As a volunteer, you WILL be able to stand in the BACK of the audience to watch your child during the performance during which you are helping backstage & will NOT need a ticket to that show.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR! A background check will be run on ALL backstage volunteers prior to approval.**
- Volunteers will need to fill out a form providing us with your Name, Date of Birth, SSN and Address that states that you give CSA permission to run a background check with your information. The forms are available at the front desk!
- Due to limited Dressing Room space, only a limited number of parent volunteers will be permitted to remain backstage! **Be sure to sign up via the Sign-up Genius link on the studio website or by scanning this QR code if you plan to remain backstage with your dancer! The deadline to sign up is Thursday, Nov. 10!**



Scan to help backstage!

Show Week Rehearsals! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- The week leading up to the show will have special rehearsal times for all performers that take the place of your regular ballet class (see schedules below). Mon- Wed will be In-Studio Rehearsals, Thursday will be Staging Rehearsals and Friday will be the **DRESS REHEARSAL for the GOLD CAST.**
 - THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE CANCELLED NOV. 28-DEC. 1:** All Ballet & Pointe classes, Leaps & Turns 1, 3/4 & 5, Tap Tech 5, Jazz Tech 1, 2, 4 & 5, Lyrical 3, 4 & 5, MT Dance 2, Stretch Yoga & Kinder Combo.
- Please Note: Attending Nutcracker rehearsals takes priority over your regularly scheduled classes, so if you are one of the few dancers with a conflict, be sure to attend your Nutcracker rehearsal time!**

IN-STUDIO REHEARSALS: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Mon. Nov. 28 – Wed., Nov. 30 at CENTER STAGE

Dancers: Gold Cast dancers should wear regular ballet attire to their in-studio rehearsals.

Parents: Please drop off & pick up dancers at the start & end times!

Monday, November 28 at Center Stage- Gold, Green & Red Casts	
<p>Gingersnaps Red Cast (JB2 Mondays) 4:45-5:15pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara</p>	<p>Mouse King, Clara & Nutcracker 6:45-7:15pm</p>
<p>Toys Red Cast (KCombo Mon & Wed 4:30) 5:15-5:45pm Also: All Lead Toys & Mouse King</p>	<p>Frost (IB6) 7:15-8:00pm Also: Snow Queen, Clara, Snow Princesses, Cavalier</p>
<p>Toys Green Cast (KCombo Tues & Wed 6:30) 5:45-6:15pm Also: All Lead Toys & Mouse King</p>	<p>Snow (AB2) 8:00-9:00pm Also: Clara</p>
<p>Gingersnaps Green Cast (JB2 Tuesdays) 6:15-6:45pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara</p>	
Tuesday, November 29 at Center Stage- Gold, Green & Red Casts	
<p>Battle Scene (JB4 & IB4/5) 4:30-5:30pm Soldiers, Mice, Mouse King, Page, Nutcracker, Clara, Drosselmeyer, Lead Canon Toys NO KINDER TOYS OR OTHER LEAD TOYS</p>	<p>Confections Red Cast (JB1 Mon & Thurs) 6:30-7:00pm</p>
<p>Confections Green Cast (JB1 Tuesdays) 5:30-6:00pm</p>	<p>Clara, Nutcracker & Drosselmeyer 7:30-8:00pm</p>
<p>Plum Palace Court (IB7) 5:30-7:00pm Also: Arrival at the Palace</p>	<p>Neapolitan (Teen Ballet) 8-8:30pm</p>
Wednesday, November 30 at Center Stage- Gold Cast	
<p>Party Scene (JB3 Mon & Wed) 4:30-5:30pm Also: Dolls, Fritz, Clara, Clara's Friends, Party Parents, Drosselmeyer, Maids, Butler, Bakers, Masquerade Trio</p>	<p>Candy Canes (IB3) 6:45-7:15pm Also: Lead Candy Cane</p>
<p>Arabian Coffee (IB1) 5:30-6:00pm Also: Lead Arabian</p>	<p>Act II- Principal Dancers Only 7:15-9:15pm Sugar Plum, Clara, Cavalier, Plum Pas demi Soloists, Dew Drop, Lead Neapolitan, Lead Arabian, Marzipan, Chinese, Spanish, Flower Soloists, Lead Candy Cane</p>
<p>Waltz of the Flowers (IB2 & AB1) 6:00-6:45pm</p>	

STAGING REHEARSALS: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Thurs. Dec. 1 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

During these rehearsals, dancers will NOT attend their REGULARLY SCHEDULED ballet classes. Instead, all dancers should report to **HENDRICKS HALL** at his/her scheduled rehearsal time. **THE PARTY SCENE WILL NOT REHEARSE ON THURSDAY, BUT WILL HAVE THEIR STAGING AND DRESS REHEARSALS BOTH ON FRIDAY!**

- **What To Wear:** Wear your ballet class attire (leotard, tights, ballet shoes and hair in a bun)! Costumes will not be worn. Show make-up & hair is not required.
- **When To Arrive: Be in the auditorium** ready to dance at your appointed time as each class has a very limited amount of time. Dancers only need to come for their specific rehearsal time & should leave after rehearsing.
- **Where To Enter:** Please enter through the front/main doors of Hendricks Hall and head directly into the auditorium to wait.
- **What Should Parents Do:** Parents can drop their students off and return at the end of their child's rehearsal time, or wait in the back of the audience as desired.
 - **DO I NEED TO CHECK IN MY STUDENT? No- there is no student check in for Staging Rehearsals.**

Thursday, December 1 at Hendricks Hall, UCM Campus- Gold, Red & Green Casts	
<p>Waltz of the Snowflakes 3:45pm-4:30pm Frost (IB6), Snow Corps de Ballet (AB2), Snow Queen, Clara, Cavalier, Snow Princesses</p>	<p>Gingersnaps Red Cast (JB2 Mon.) 6:00-6:15pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara</p>
<p>Dream- Toys Red Cast & Mice 4:30-4:45pm Also: Lead Toys, Drosselmeyer, Clara, Mouse King, Mouse King Page, Mice (IB4/5)</p>	<p>Gingersnaps Green Cast (JB2 Tues.) 6:15-6:30pm Also: Mother Ginger & Clara</p>
<p>Dream- Toys Green Cast & Mice 4:45-5:00pm Also: Lead Toys, Drosselmeyer, Clara, Mouse King, Mouse King Page, Mice (IB4/5)</p>	<p>Battle Scene (JB4, IB4/5) 6:30-7:30pm Soldiers, Mice, Clara, Nutcracker, Lead Canon Toys, Mouse King, Page, Drosselmeyer NO KINDER TOYS OR OTHER LEAD TOYS</p>
<p>Confections Red Cast, Plum Palace Court (IB7) & Arrival at the Palace 5:00-5:30pm</p>	<p>Act II 7:30-9:30pm Sugar Plum, Clara, Cavalier, Plum Palace Court (IB7), Spanish, Arabian (IB1), Chinese, Marzipan, Candy Canes (IB3), Neapolitan (Teen Ballet), Mother Ginger, Sugar Plum Pas de Deux, Waltz of Flowers (IB2 & AB1), Flower Soloists, Coda NO GINGERSNAPS OR CONFECTIONS</p>
<p>Confections Green Cast, Plum Palace Court (IB7) & Arrival at the Palace 5:30-6:00pm</p>	

DRESS REHEARSAL: GOLD CAST DETAILS: Fri. Dec. 2 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

Please be sure to read below to know when YOU specially need to be where and in what clothes!

Dress rehearsal is MANDATORY. We enforce this strict policy for the confidence and safety of the performers. It is crucial that every student rehearse on the stage before performing and know exactly where he or she needs to be at all times.

- **What To Wear:** Dress rehearsal is a time for all students to rehearse all of their numbers in all pieces of their costumes & practice their hair & make-up to prepare for the performance!
 - **Have your make-up & hair done!** Read the class info sheet on how your class is expected to style your hair/make-up and arrive at dress rehearsal with your hair and make-up already done!
 - **Dancers should arrive already wearing tights (without underwear), and optional body liner UNDER your clothes.**
 - We also ask everyone to bring/ wear simple pants and a button or zip front top/ jacket to wear when you are not in costume backstage.

- **When To Arrive:** Please arrive at your appointed call time and remember to bring your ballet shoes! **PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.** We will do our best to begin and end as promptly as possible. However, this takes cooperation from everyone.

DANCER DROP OFF! To make checking dancers in more convenient and faster for parents & more secure overall, we will have a **drive through drop off/ check-in** for all dancers!

- To help with traffic flow, please drive through the UCM Visitor parking lot off of South Street & Maguire at the staggered call times to drop off your dancer! CSA Staff will direct you!
 - If you would like to accompany your dancer to their dressing room, you can do so! Plan to park and walk your dancer in at the time below!
- **Check-In Process:** ALL DANCERS MUST CHECK IN so we know you have arrived!

What Should Parents Do:

- Parents of dancers in **6th grade & up** can drop their dancers off and pick them up at the end of their rehearsal (see estimated times below). These dancers can check themselves in and out!
- Parents of dancers in **K-5th grade** need to **check their student in & out.** Parents will give CS Staff a secret word at drop off. You will then need to tell CS Staff the word to check your child out!
- Due to limited space, **only one person should come backstage** to meet their dancer, but will need to meet them in the hallway and NOT in the dressing rooms!

The **MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal** will proceed in the following order: **GOLD CAST ONLY!**

WHO	CALL (ARRIVAL) TIME	START/END TIME
Party Scene- Party Children, Clara, Fritz, Clara's Friends, Party Parents, Dolls, Drosselmeyer, Maids, Butler, Masquerade Trio	5:30-5:40pm Arrive for Staging rehearsal Drop off/check-in at this time!	5:45-6:15: Party Scene Staging (Change into costumes AFTER staging!)
Remaining GOLD Cast ACT I: Mice, Soldiers, Frost, Snow ACT II: Plum Palace Ct, Arabians, Neapolitan, Candy Canes, Flowers	ACT I: Arrive 6:15pm ACT II: Arrive 6:30 pm Drop off/check-in at this time!	7:00: Start Dress Rehearsal of Full Show Estimated Pick Up Times: Party Children: 7:45pm Mice & Soldiers: 8:00pm, Frost: 8:10pm All others: 8:45pm
Snow/Flowers	After Dress Rehearsal	Spacing rehearsal if needed. End time TBD
All dancers should leave rehearsal after your last number is finished rehearsing. No Curtain Call rehearsal.		

Unlike recital, **NO FOOD is allowed backstage** during the dress rehearsal or performances! There are too many white costumes to take ANY chances! (Water bottles with caps are permitted.)

AFTER CHECKING IN!

- **DANCERS!!!** Report to your assigned room and check in verbally with staff/volunteers. Make sure you use this room as your dressing room; do not switch to another room to be with your friends.
 - This is where our staff will find you throughout the rehearsal.
- Your costume will be labeled & waiting for you in or near your dressing room. Staff/ Volunteers will give you further instructions on when to change into them. Please be patient during this process!
- **Please remember that you are RENTING these costumes from Center Stage and treat them with care!** A damaged costume fee will apply if careless behavior causes harm to your child's costume. Thank you!
- **PARENTS!!!** If you choose to accompany your child in, please then leave your dancer at the dressing room with staff & volunteers until they have finished rehearsing.

AFTER REHEARSING!

- **IMPORTANT!** After you are done rehearsing your last number you will need to turn all pieces of your costume back in with staff/volunteers! You should then check out with CS staff & leave the rehearsal.
- **PARENTS!** Please wait to return until the estimated pick-up time listed above to help prevent congestion! All K-5th grade students must be checked out by a guardian! 6th & up students can check themselves out.

COSTUME/HAIR INFORMATION SHEETS FOR ALL CLASSES ARE ONLINE!

www.centerstageacademy.org/nutcracker2022

PERFORMANCES: **GOLD CAST DETAILS:** Sat & Sun. Dec. 3 & 4 at Hendricks Hall- UCM Campus

PERFORMANCE START/END TIME	CALL (ARRIVAL) TIME	WARM-UPS ON STAGE
<p>Red/Gold Casts Saturday, Dec 3 Show Start time: 2pm Pick-up time: 4ish</p>	<p>12:15pm: All Int. Ballet 4/5 & up for warmups! 1:00pm: ACT I: Party Children, Toys, Soldiers 1:15pm: ACT II: Arabians, Neapolitan, Candy Canes, Demi-Flowers, Gingersnaps, Confections</p>	<p>12:30 PM (12:15 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 4/5-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-2 ONLY)</p>
<p>Green/Gold Casts Saturday, Dec. 3 Show Start time: 7PM Pick-up time: 9ish</p>	<p>5:15pm: All Int. Ballet 4/5 & up for warmups! 6:00pm: ACT I: Party Children, Toys, Soldiers 6:15pm: ACT II: Arabians, Neapolitan, Candy Canes, Demi-Flowers, Gingersnaps, Confections</p>	<p>5:30 PM (5:15 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 4/5-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-2 ONLY)</p>
<p>Green/Gold Casts Sunday, Dec. 4 Show Start Time: 1pm Pick-up time: 3ish</p>	<p>11:15am: All Int. Ballet 4/5 & up for warmups! 12:00pm: ACT I: Party Children, Toys, Soldiers 12:15pm: ACT II: Arabians, Neapolitan, Candy Canes, Demi-Flowers, Gingersnaps, Confections</p>	<p>11:30AM (11:15 AM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 4/5-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-2 ONLY)</p>
<p>Red/Gold Casts Sunday, Dec. 4 Show Start Time: 5pm Pick-up time: 7ish</p>	<p>3:30pm: All Int. Ballet 4/5 & up for warmups! 4:00pm: ACT I: Party Children, Toys, Soldiers 4:15pm: ACT II: Arabians, Neapolitan, Candy Canes, Demi-Flowers, Gingersnaps, Confections</p>	<p>3:45 PM (3:30 PM Call) (Intermediate Ballet 24/5-7 & Advanced Ballet 1-2 ONLY)</p>

- **What To Wear:** Dancers should arrive already wearing tights (without underwear) & optional body liner UNDER your clothes with your make-up & hair done. We also ask everyone to bring/ wear simple pants and a button or zip front top/ jacket to wear when you are not in costume backstage.
- **When To Arrive:** Please arrive at your call time by class (see above) & remember your ballet shoes!

DANCER DROP OFF/CHECK-IN!

- To help with traffic flow, please drive through the UCM Visitor parking lot off of South Street & Maguire at the staggered call times to drop off your dancer! CSA Staff will direct you!
 - If you would like to accompany your dancer to their dressing room, you can do so! Plan to park and walk your dancer in at the time below!
- **Check-In:** ALL DANCERS MUST CHECK IN so we know you have arrived!

What Should Parents Do:

- Parents of dancers in **6th grade & up** can drop their dancers off. These dancers can check themselves in and out!
- Parents of dancers in **K-5th grade** need to **check their student in & out**. Parents will give CS Staff a secret word at drop off. You will then need to tell CS Staff the word to check your child out!
- The box office opens 1 hour before the show & the audience will open 30 minutes before show time!
- Due to limited space, **only one person should come backstage** to meet their dancer, but will need to meet them in the hallway and NOT in the dressing rooms!

AFTER CHECKING IN!

- **DANCERS!** If you are in **Act I**, please follow instructions on changing into your costume and then remain in your dressing rooms until you are asked to line up! Please be aware of your costume and use caution when sitting down and remain calm at all times during the performance.
- If you are in **Act II**, wait to change into your costume until instructed to do so & remain calmly in your dressing room until Center Stage Staff or a Volunteer gives you further instructions.

WHILE BACKSTAGE:

- **All students will stay backstage for the entire performance.** Depending on the number of seats available in the balcony, students may or may not be able to go out and watch the show as a class. Dancers might want to bring along a few quiet, CLEAN activities.
- **The only drinks allowed backstage are bottles of water with caps. ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE!** We have too many white costumes in this performance to take any risks with even "clean" snacks backstage. This performance is much shorter than the recital & dancers should be fine not snacking. Please have your dancers eat a good meal before the performance to tide them over.

Curtain Call!

- **All students will be in the curtain call! For the safety of all performers backstage, parents will not be allowed to check out their child prior to the conclusion of the curtain call.**
- After the curtain call, ALL students will return to their assigned dressing areas.
 - **IMPORTANT! Dancers MUST turn all pieces of their costume back in with staff/volunteers before you leave after each performance!**
 - Due to limited time in between shows, dancers will not be able to take pictures on stage after any of the performances. *CS Staff & Volunteers will try to take pictures of students backstage in costume!*
 - **PARENTS!** To maintain an, organized, safe and secure environment for all children, we are asking for only one person to come backstage and **sign out** their child.

General Information:

- **SHOW ORDER** sheets are available online & at the front desk if you would like one.
- Tights are available to purchase at the front desk & will be available backstage at the performances. We can charge your account so no cash or card is necessary!
- **VIDEOS & PICTURES:** You are welcome to take pictures (no flash) and video of the performance. HOWEVER, please be courteous of audience members behind you. NO tripods or standing up in the audience to video.
- Please remember to be a courteous audience member. Enter and exit the house only through the back doors between numbers.
- **No guests should ever meet a dancer backstage!** Our space is extremely limited, and for the safety of our performers, we do not allow any additional people backstage. Parents are encouraged to help young children get ready at the beginning of the show, but are asked to return to their seats when they feel their child is ready. Parent Volunteers and staff will make sure all students are accounted for and help out when needed.
- **Dads, brothers, etc.:** Please be aware that dancers often have to make quick changes directly backstage or offstage. We make every effort to provide a modest changing area, but this is impossible at certain times. Please make a conscious effort to avoid all areas around the stage

REMINDER! Names must be clearly placed in all personal belongings, especially your ballet shoes! Be sure to leave all valuables at home! Center Stage is not responsible for lost/damaged phones/ tablets/ etc...