THE NUTCRACKER 2026
SCHEDULE

Costume Photos: Sunday, November 15th
12-4 pm at the dance center

Finale Rehearsal for all Act 2 (except Gingerbread and Bon Bons)
Nov. 14th 4:00- 4:45 p.m.
Nov. 21st 4:00-4:45 p.m.

In Studio Dress Rehearsal Dec. 5th
In studio dress rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers. Rehearsal with costumes, tights, hair and make up:

- Soloists, Snowflakes, and Tall Flowers warm-up: 1:00-1:30 p.m.
- Act 1: 1:45–3:00 p.m.
- Act 2: 3:00–4:45 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal and Performances –
Ives Auditorium at the Masonic Heritage Center, 11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington

Theater Dress rehearsal – bring your dancer to the dressing area indicated by the signs. This is a closed rehearsal so the auditorium will not be open to families or visitors. There will be assistant teachers with the dancers all evening so you are not required to stay. *Dress rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers.*

Performance Dressing Rooms:

- **Evergreen Room (downstairs):** Little Mice, Soldiers, Snow Angels, Flurries, Gingerbread, Party Scene Girls, Mice, Candy Canes, Bon Bons, Little Flutes and Flowerets
- **Green Room Backstage:** Arabian, Chinese, Maids, Spanish
- **Backstage Dressing Room:** Clara and her Friends, Mouse Queen, Mouse Captain, Dew Drop, Nutcracker, Drosselmeyer, Mother, Sugar Plum, Snowflakes, Spanish, Arabian principals, Reed Flutes principals, Mother Ginger, Spanish principals,Tall Flowers

The performance is 1.5 hours long including a 15 minute intermission. All dancers will bow at the end of the performance. Parents do not need to stay with their dancer during the performance and may leave them with the chaperones for the length of the show. When you arrive at the theater, please check in with a student assistant or a faculty member in the dressing room.

On Sunday, December 13th, we will have a **Cast Pizza Party in the Evergreen Room from 3:30-4:00 p.m.** We will be honoring our graduating seniors as well as a thank you for our instructors and dancers. We would love for everyone to join us!

Tickets are available at the Ives Auditorium box office. It is reserved seating. Nutcracker families will have one week to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public. Please visit the Masonic Heritage Center website. Tickets will go on sale for cast members Monday, October 26th and to the public, Monday, November 2nd. For ticket exchanges, please contact the Ives Auditorium Box Office by calling 952-948-6506 Mon.-Thur. 10-4 and one hour before showtime.

<u>Friday, December 11th – Dress Rehearsal (please arrive 30-45 minutes prior to rehearsal time)</u>

- Act 1
  - **5:00-5:45 p.m.** — Party Scene
  - **5:45-6:30 p.m.** — Battle Scene
  - **6:30-7:15 p.m.** — Snow Scene
- Bows - everyone (Act 1 and Act 2) will rehearse at 7:15 p.m.
- Act 2
  - **7:30-8:45 p.m. –** In order – Opening, Gingerbread, Spanish, Candy Canes, Arabian, Reed Flutes, Chinese, Mother Ginger and Her Bon Bons, Waltz of the Flowers, Sugar Plum Fairy, Finale, Bows

<u>Saturday, December 12th — Showtime 6:00 p.m.</u>
Please arrive 30 minutes before the show to dress and warm up

- **Soloists, Snowflakes, Tall Flowers**— 5:00-5:30 p.m. class onstage

<u>Sunday, December 13th — Showtime 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.</u>
Please arrive 30 minutes before the show to dress and warm up

- **Soloists, Snowflakes, Tall Flowers**— 12:30-1:30 p.m. class onstage