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***Ballet Theatre of Toledo* Presents “Nutcracker” 2019 Performer Newsletter**

Toledo Shows: **Valentine Theatre**-Downtown Toledo, Superior and Adams

Saturday, November 30th

5:00pm Arrive at Valentine Theatre (Do not arrive earlier, doors are locked)

7:00pm Show

8:30pm Pick-up at stage door

Sunday, December 1st

12:00pm Arrive at Valentine Theatre (Do not arrive earlier, doors are locked)

2:00pm Show

3:30pm Pick-up at stage door

Performers and volunteer workers will check in upon arrival to the Theatre. The **Stage door** is located on the Superior Street side of the building to the left of the main entrance, in the corner between Georgio's Restaurant and the Theatre.

Parents may use the circular drive to drop off students. Parents will be able to observe their children received and checked-in from their vehicles.

- **Only scheduled parent volunteers** are permitted to remain in backstage/dressing room areas.
- **No siblings** allowed backstage with volunteers, **performers only**.
- **No cameras, recording devices, or cell phones** allowed backstage, near the stage, on stage or in the wings during performances.
- **No bare feet** anywhere in the theatre. Dancers must wear shoes at all times
- **No colored nail polish** only clear
- **No jewelry**, only stud earrings for company dancers

Food and Water

Please be sure your child brings their own water bottle (disposable is fine, label it.) Food is NOT permitted in the changing rooms. Please be sure your child has been fed *before* he/she arrives at the theatre. Several dancers have nut allergies. If you have special medical dietary requirements, please make arrangements with Miss Anne Marie BEFORE we move into the theatre.

Special Announcements and updates:

During the weeks up until the performances, important information will be posted upon the BTT lobby bulletin board. This information will also be included in your BTT regular e-mails. *It is your responsibility to check the board often.*

Costume Items:

Most female performers will need:

- Camisole nude leotard-**NO PLASTIC straps!** If you have out-grown your nude leotard, you can donate it to the studio for another dancer to use.
- MICE may wear a nude or black camisole/tank leotard
- Ballet pink tights with feet
- Pink ballet shoes except: soldiers & Nutcracker- black shoes with pink elastic
- Ballet shoes must have elastic straps **sewn** on the shoes-no knots in the elastic.
- **Shoe covers** for ballet shoes such as slippers or large socks.
- Oversized button down shirt to be worn as a cover-up while not in costume.

All male performers will need:

- Oversize button down shirt or a loose neck t-shirt, shorts or sweats
- Ballet shoes must have elastic straps **sewn** on the shoes-no knots in the elastic.
- **Shoe covers** for ballet shoes such as slippers or large socks

PLEASE DO NOT ALTER OR REPAIR COSTUMES. If a problem occurs please see Mrs McCrea (Pam) or Mrs Alexander (Linda).

All performers are **required** to wear slippers or large socks over their ballet shoes until they are in the staging areas. Your scheduled group volunteers will collect your shoe covers before you perform, and will return them to you as soon as you are finished. **WHY DO WE WEAR SHOE COVERS?** Without shoe covers your dance shoes will carry street dust and floor wax onto the stage, making it slippery and dangerous for the dancers.

Costume Return

After the show Sunday, December 1st and Saturday Dec 7th volunteers are responsible for counting, collecting, and bringing the costumes as a group to the load-out area near the sewing room. **An appropriate fee will be assessed to a cast member for any inappropriate behavior on their part which results in damage to their costume.**

Hair/Make-up/Extras

Act 1

Clara: pink hair bow (keepsake) hair like party girls

Party Girls: Hair down in ringlets but away from face, pink shoes and tights.

Party Boys, Ragamuffins, Cannoniers: Black shoes and black tights.

Mice, Rats: French braid or braids pinned tightly to the head, bangs and loose hair must be hair-sprayed back.

Nutcracker Doll, Soldiers: Black ballet shoes

Please make sure the elastic is pink with no elastic criss-crossed on the bottom of feet. Elastics must be sewn.

Crystal Maidens, Sleigh Pages: Hair slicked back in a high bun

Company: False Eyelashes Hair slicked back in a bun. **Use gel and hairspray**

Act 2

Chefs, Candycane Kids, Ginger Spice, Pages: Hair needs to be in a high bun.

Diverts/Waltz: False Eyelashes.

Chinese arcros: Tan jazz shoes

Russian: Black tights and ballet shoes

Arabian Ladies: Required under-garments

Arabian Man: Flesh colored ballet shoes (give white canvas shoes to wardrobe)

Makeup : ***ALL CAST MEMBERS are required to wear base foundation, mascara, eyeliner pencil and neutral eye shadows as listed below except for:***
mice, rats and turtles.

Base Foundation Makeup (skin tone)

Brown or Black pencil Eyeliner

Eye Shadow: Cream & Medium Brown (matte eye shadow)

Suggestions: Cover Girl, 280 Natural Nudes, (Eye Enhancers 4)

“RED” MAKEUP: *party girls, all female dancers Act 2 except pastry pages, Soldiers* (no blush needed since they wear felt cheeks and lashes)

Red lipstick (a true, blue red - no orange) A dark berry pencil can be used to adjust color.

Red blush - berry or plum color

“PINK” MAKEUP: *entire Snow Scene, pastry pages*

Pink lipstick - not bright or fluorescent

Pink blush - soft pink, not red

“BROWN” MAKEUP: *All male dancers*

Reddish brown lipstick

Brown berry blush

Volunteers:

Backstage –dressing rooms

Assist dancers with costume changes and keep dancers occupied while waiting. Please sign up at the BTT front desk. You must work a rehearsal to work a show.

Load in & out (Great for Dads and teenage brothers!)

Assist hanging/folding drops, unpacking/packing props, assemble/tear-down ballet barres, pack/unload costumes, load truck at BTT. Tear down after the performances goes much faster with more helpers, please!

Wardrobe assistants and Costume Fitting assistants

Mrs. Alexander is looking for sewing assistants to help with alterations and some costume creations. Costume fitting assistants are needed during costume fittings.

Dancer Check-in and out

Two volunteers are needed for each and every day at the Theatre.

These volunteers must stay at the doorway the entire time. You will admit only performers and scheduled volunteers. Two volunteers are required so that during breaks the door is always covered. **This is an extremely important responsibility.** Please see Ms. Angela Tenney at BTT front desk.

Boutique

Boutique volunteers dress in their fun holiday attire and help sell items at the boutique table in the lobby during the Nutcracker performances. Sign up at the front desk or see Kelly Pruiett.

Sell Advertising

Asking your favorite restaurant or business to purchase an ad in BTT's program or display a poster in their window! Pick up a rate sheet at BTT.

NUTCRACKER IN SANDUSKY

The cast will be traveling to **The Sandusky State Theatre** for dress rehearsal and a performance on December 7th. The theatre stage and dressing room areas are **extremely small**. Please be mindful of providing quiet activities for the dancers. Our performances will require the full concentration of the entire cast and crew. We will need volunteers to assist the dancers.

**Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, OH 44870**

Please use the door facing the parking lot to enter the theatre

Sandusky State Theatre

Saturday, December 7th

11:30pm Arrive at theatre

1:00pm Dress rehearsal

3:00pm Pick-up at stage door (Get a bite to eat- limit caffeine and sugar for dancers)

5:30pm Arrive with hair and make-up done (as much as possible)

7:00pm Show

9:00pm Pick-up and load out

Tickets for Sandusky:

Box office 419 626-1950 (Hours: M-F 9-5) or www.sanduskystate.com