**Nutcracker Checklist for**

**Chinese Dragonettes / Lead Dragon**

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

**Dress Rehearsal Day**

The Dragonettes 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. **Parents will not be going into the backstage area at all this year. All drop off and pick-ups will be different this year. You will bring them to the outside double doors on the left side of the building and drop them off there. You will not come into the building that way if you have tickets. You will go around to main doors at the front of the theatre. This is due to new McCoy regulations and rules.**

The Cast Coordinator will put on their costumes & hair bows right before they go on stage. 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 nude or white camisole leotard on. 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 make up on. The cast coordinator will not be touching up make up this year or applying any eye makeup. Boy Dancers need white tights, and black ballet shoes. Please arrive with a t-shirt, shorts, tights and ballet shoes on.

The following cast members will be the only dancers in the Big Brown Room this year:

Little Prince, Little Princess, Angels, Chinese Dragonettes and Bon Bons.

Baby Sugar Plums, Baby Mice, and Party children will all be relocated this year.

Each child assigned to the Big Brown Room will need to bring either a yoga mat or a beach towel. These will be placed on Xs that will be measured out and marked a good 7-8 feet apart. As the child enters the brown room they will go to their zone and place their yoga mat on an X. This will be where they sit, stretch, hang out the entire time. At no point will the children be less than 6 feet apart.

Each child will be given a disposable mask upon check in. This will be worn at all times until they get backstage prior to performing. The masks will be removed and thrown away right before they take the stage. Then as soon as the dancers come off the stage, they will be given a new disposable mask to wear until pick up. We will also have plenty of extra masks if a child should need one.

No food will be permitted in the Big Brown Room this year. 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. We will also have a TV on to keep them entertained. Our cast coordinators will be present the entire time to make certain children stay on their “island” and don’t share games, books, water bottles, etc.

**White Cast Dragonettes, Dress Rehearsal Wednesday January 6th:**

* Drop your dancer off at the outside double doors at 6:15pm.
* Do not be late please or they will miss spacing. We are on a super tight schedule this year in order to keep the dancers distanced. The schedule also is designed for different drop off times to avoid large crowds.
* Parents will not be permitted to wait in the theatre or the lobby this year. You will need to leave and come back at 8:15pm to pick them up. Pick up will also be at the double doors on the left side of the building so do not come too early so you’re not stuck out in the cold! Only one parent can come in to pick up a dancer.

**Green Cast Dragonettes Dress Rehearsal: Thursday January 7th:**

* Drop your dancer off at the outside double doors at 6:15pm.
* Do not be late please or they will miss spacing. We are on a super tight schedule this year in order to keep the dancers distanced. The schedule also is designed for different drop off times to avoid large crowds.
* Parents will not be permitted to wait in the theatre or the lobby this year. You will need to leave and come back at 8:15pm to pick them up. Pick up will also be at the double doors on the left side of the building so do not come too early so you’re not stuck out in the cold! Only one parent can come in to pick up a dancer.

**Performance Days (arrive 15 minutes before show time)**

White Cast: Saturday January 9th, 7pm & Sunday January 10th, 1pm

Green Cast: Friday January 8th, 7pm, Saturday January 9th, 2pm, & Sunday January 10th, 5pm

All Dragonettes need to arrive 15 minutes prior to each performance to the same double doors. We have other cast members coming earlier than that so make sure you wait until 15 minutes before because we won’t be able to take them early. You will pick them up at the **end** of the show at the same double doors you dropped them off at. Please only send ONE person to pick them up.

**Monday January 11th:**

Days of rest! No ballet classes for 2A today. We will still have jazz class for those that want to come.

 