**Nutcracker Check Sheet for**

 **Chinese Dragonettes / Lead Dragon**

**All Chinese Dragonette / Lead Dragon rehearsals are in class the last 15 minutes on Mondays 6:00-6:15pm.**

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

**Dress Rehearsal Day**

The Chinese Dragonettes & Lead Dragons 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.

Dragonettes need to arrive in a nude, light pink or white camisole leotard with hair and makeup done. Dancers need to have a zip up warm up jacket and sweat pants on to keep them warm back stage. Dragonettes wear their hair in two braided loops on either side of their head. (Tara will hold a demonstration on Monday, November 13th at 6:00pm in studio C.) The Cast Coordinator will help them put their costumes and headpieces on right before they go on stage. She will also be doing their “Chinese” eye make-up. You just need to do regular stage make up on your dancer. Each Chinese dragonette needs a plastic bag with their name labeled on it. Please have in it a black eye liner pen, black mascara, blush, and lipstick (we recommend Revlon Wine with Everything). The Cast Coordinator will touch it up if necessary. These instructions apply to dress rehearsal and performance days.

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 Cast Baby Dragonettes, Saturday, December 2nd:**

* **Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 9:30am 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 10am. (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 10:45am.**
* **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 Baby Sugar Plum.**

**Green Cast Dragonettes: Saturday, December 2nd:**

* **Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 11:45am 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 12:15pm. (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 1:00pm.**
* **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 Baby Sugar Plum.**

**Red Cast Dragonettes: Saturday, December 2nd:**

* **Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 1:45pm 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 2:00pm. (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 2:45pm.**
* **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 Dragonette.**

***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 Cast: Friday, December 8th 7:00pm and Saturday, December 9th 3:00pm**

**Green Cast: Saturday, December 9th 11:00am and Sunday, December 10th 5:00pm**

**Red Cast: Saturday, December 9th 7:00pm and Sunday, December 10th 1:00pm**

**Dragonettes need to be dropped off to the Big Brown Room**

**45 minutes prior to the start of each performance. You will pick them up in front of the Big Brown Room after the show is over. For the safety of the dancers, we will not release any dancers until the entire show is over. The area near the Big Brown Room also needs to stay secure during the performances. If you are waiting to pick up, you will need to wait in the area outside the double glass doors.**

**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**. 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.**