

Nutcracker Costume/Shoe Needs

We will have for those needing, pink tights for sale at the theater.

Soldiers need: black leotard and pink tights (if you do not have a black leotard, let Miss Ragan know as we have extras)

Cherubs, Angels need: Pink tights, pink ballet slippers

Sheep need: leotard

Polechinelles need: Pink tights and pink ballet slippers

Party Scene Girls and Teens, Little Party Children need: Pink tights, Pink ballet slippers, black or nude leotard

Party Scene Boys need: Pink tights, Tan jazz shoes, Black leotard (let us know if you need jazz shoes as we have some)

Mice need – black leotard (tank, camisole or open neck is best) sneakers if you have (if you need, we have many you can borrow...just let Miss Ragan know your size)

Candy Cane need – Pink tights and Pink Ballet shoes, nude camisole if you would like to wear under Candy Cane costume but not required

Note to all with ballet shoes...check them now to make sure they don't have holes as theater week will definitely provide wear and tear on shoes. If holes are coming, we suggest getting a new pair.

Junior and Senior Company –ballet or pointe shoes as your roles require, 2 pair or more of tights, box of clear band aids for pointe shoe ribbon securing, diamond/zirconia stud earrings or eyelash glue silver sequin to ear

Note to all company dancers and parents regarding pointe shoes....at least 2 pair of pointe shoes is required....even if one pair is significantly older, everyone needs one backup pair, sewn and broken in just in case it is suddenly needed. Everyone, make sure ribbons and elastics are securely sewn everyday.

Nutcracker Hair and Makeup

As performance time nears, please gather all necessary items for Hair and Makeup as specified below. Please let us know if you have any questions at LCD@LSPARTS.ORG. Please check to see that your dancer has proper, clean footed or convertible tights with no runs plus a spare. Tights at Walmart and Target may not be footed and may be shimmery so we recommend you purchase from us...Miss Sharon will have tights on sale in theater lobby. You can also purchase any shoe or tights needs through DiscountDance.com or DanceMax Dancewear in Marietta...678-401-5718. You may also use the dancewear store on Lafayette Square.

NUTCRACKER HAIR

Hair needs for all wearing buns (Apprentice, Junior and Senior Company, Polechinelles, Soldiers)

rubber band, gel, spray, bobbie and/or hair pins, **hair nets** (no barettes)

See a brief tutorial for bun making on You Tube: *Lafayette Dance Academy Ballet Bun 101*

Start w/ hair slightly damp for most hair types, add liberal amount of gel, brush into ponytail at crown of head, no parts (I would like to barely see buns peeking over crown of head, not hidden on back of head and Not directly on top of head) secure in pieces into a 'honeybun', wrap net 2-3 times, press down toward head to flatten and secure w/ pins. Spray w/ hairspray. When dry, an appropriate dancer bun should feel stiff and hard all over like a helmet w/ no wispies or fly away hair. Stage lighting emphasizes any fly away hair in a negative way so try to be very slick.

Hints: Two nets work even better for keeping buns sleek. Inexpensive hair spray and gel work wonderfully...no need for salon products. Make sure you have at least several nets as they are fragile. Goody brand is great. Some beauty supplies have nets but some only carry nets w/ the holes too large to keep hair in and many don't have elastic edging. I'd check Kroger, drug stores, Walmart, Target, etc.

Soldiers

Make Bun on high crown of head so it hides under hat.

Angels, Cherubs, Party Scene Girls and Little Party Scene Girls

"Half up / Half Down style"

pull hair up around face and over ears and secure w/ a covered rubber band that matches hair color. Let back of hair fall on back of neck. Hair should be curled (tighter is better...ringlets look and last best and you may also want to pin the ringlets up on the back of the head with bobbie pins) We will then add hairpieces/halos. Please bring bobbie pins to secure, extra spray, etc. Do not worry if hair is hard to curl and ringlets begin to soften as long there is some curl effect. Extra large roller pins are also good to have...they look like large bobbie pins.

Hints: Use liberal amounts of hair products such as setting gel or spray. Foam rollers, specialty rollers, hi temp wands, heat rollers, etc. are all good options. Make sure hair is not too wet when rolling as sometimes it will not dry and curl. When I was an angel, I got permission to leave my foam rollers in the week of Nutcracker even at school on some days. I know this probably isn't a possibility nowadays but it keeps the hair curled and ready to go. For many hair types, less washing and conditioning is optimal for curl sustainability during show week.

Sheep

Low tight pony tail or braid

Party Boys and Little Party Boys

"Page Boy" hair style - Low rectangle-like and very flat bun almost on nape of neck –you will need several hair nets, bobbie pins, rubber band, spray. Sometimes starting with two low ponytails then making into a low bun works well. See staff for tips.

Party Scene Women

See us for updo hair help or hair pieces.

NUTCRACKER MAKEUP

All Performers: No Nail Polish and No Jewelry

Exceptions: Company will wear company earrings (rhinestone or diamond studs) and Party scene mothers

Makeup for Soldiers

Please come w/ foundation, loose powder and blush and red lips applied before arriving . Each soldier will have soft, self adhesive disposable cheeks and eye 'triangles' applied by a masked staff or parent volunteer at the theater.

Makeup for Party Scene Girls, Little Party Scene Girls, Cherubs, Angels, Polechinelles and Candy Canes

Foundation and loose powder, rosy blush, rosy lips, light application of soft pink eye shadow, light application of dark brown/black mascara and brown eye pencil under outside 2/3 of eye (lighter hair and skin tones) charcoal/black eye pencil (darker skin tones),

NO EXTENDED EYELINER PLEASE. Candy Cane- please wear a stronger red shade of lipstick since you are wearing red.

Party Boys/Party Scene Men – foundation/powder, brown eye shadow, brownish/bronze lipstick and blush as you do not want to appear too rosy. Can use brown eye pencil sparingly.

Makeup for Sheep

Parents will apply makeup before arrival. We will provide each sheep her own new makeup items. We will provide a picture to review our sheep makeup tutorial.

Makeup for Company / Party Scene Ladies

Foundation and loose powder, very rosy blush, RED lipstick (red should be true red w/ no orange undertones)

Eye shadow - brown or charcoal or plum (not purple or blue), white for under brow

False eyelashes, Duo eyelash adhesive is the most gentle or use a lengthening/thickening

Dark Brown or Black mascara

Brown eye pencil (lighter hair and skin tones) /Charcoal/black eye pencil (darker hair and skin tones) or liquid liner, may extend lines slightly toward hairline. Liner should NOT be directly under eye. Miss Amy will review with Jr and Senior Company.

Company - White eye pencil (all skin tones)

Hint: False eyelashes are readily available... just be sure they add to thickness and length of your own lashes..... No reason to wear false lashes if they don't add impact. We also strongly recommend Duo Brand eyelash adhesive. It began years ago as a surgical adhesive and is a higher grade of adhesive which can be removed easily and it doesn't irritate eyes as much as traditional eyelash adhesive. High

impact lengthening/thickening mascara is also a possibility but should look as impactful as false eyelashes.

Helpful notes:

No need to blend onto neck as you want the face to stand out and be emphasized. With lipstick especially, make sure that it actually looks colorful from at least 20-30 feet away. It should not be sheer nor shimmery. A dancer will look washed out under the bright stage lights if they do not have enough makeup on. Remember you should look different than a person wearing makeup everyday. Stage makeup must be seen, colorful and dramatic.

Find a skin friendly makeup remover. Some like cold cream (this might be good for sheep), makeup wipes, various brands of makeup remover or alcohol-free (sensitive) baby wipes. (We like Pampers sensitive)