



Medicine Hat Dancer Information for Performance

Weekend December 16th – 19th 2021

Welcome to “The Nutcracker” performances for *Jeunesse Classique Ballet*! You have practiced hard and now it’s your time to shine on the BIG STAGE!

Here’s some information that I’m sure you are anxious to receive. In Calgary, we are excited to join you to combine our talents and do what we love to do – DANCE!

Dancers: make sure you pack your dance bag carefully. You should have your dance attire according to your role, your make-up, a refillable water bottle and your dance slippers. Please bring a couple of pairs of tights, in case one pair gets damaged or dirty.

Please pack extra snacks (**peanut free**) as the next few days will be exciting but long days. Lunch and dinner breaks are noted on the schedule. (see “**Performance Day Schedule**”).

Volunteers: we require that you dress in black, so you are invisible to the audience from side stage. This includes a mask if you choose to wear one. Please wear quiet, comfortable shoes as you will spend many hours on your feet, this weekend. Bring your talents and your enthusiasm. It will be a great weekend to celebrate your dancer’s hard work!

JCBS thanks you for your support of your dancer and to you for volunteering!

Things to know:

1. Please use the CHECK-IN table for dancers and volunteers as you enter and leave the theatre.
2. We have costume fitting scheduled for THURSDAY, Dec 16th along with stage rehearsals.
3. We have a mandatory dress rehearsal scheduled for FRIDAY, December 17th (see Performance Day Schedule for details). All volunteers should attend and all dancers **MUST** attend. We will be training all our volunteers during the dress rehearsal and dancers will have their first opportunity to try on their costume and wear it on stage. We, as volunteers, must be certain we are aware of how the costume pieces work together. We want our dancers to look great on stage!
4. Volunteers working a show **MUST** work for the ENTIRE SHOW. Your dancer will be released at intermission, but the volunteer **MUST REMAIN FOR THE SECOND ACT** until the end of the show **TO CLEAR DRESSING ROOM AREA** and prepare for next show. Please make arrangements for your dancer to be picked up at intermission.

5. Dancers will be signed in by Security and **MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY THE SAME Parent/Guardian WHO SIGNED THEM IN**, unless alternate arrangements are made with Security. Please be patient when picking up the dancers at Intermission as there may be a wait time. Your dancer's safety is extremely important to us. Dancers may be picked up at the dressing room door at Intermission.
6. Dancers watching Act II of a performance **MUST HAVE A THEATRE TICKET** to gain access to the theatre seating area.
7. Lunch and dinner breaks are explained in your "Performance Day Schedule" (attached to this email).

We are pleased to offer catering, to help manage your busy weekend. Catered meals will be and optional program. Please see the separate email for details on catering.

8. Please review your "Performance Day Schedule", in detail, as it explains volunteer meetings, stage placements and rehearsals, and when your dancer should start getting their costume on for the performances.
9. Our Calgary Volunteers are parents, just as you are, and we are here to help. If you feel a little lost, just ask any of the Calgary volunteers for assistance and we will find the answer for you. Some of us are first time volunteers, also!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE ONLINE

10. Mostly, enjoy your experience and we are so looking forward to meeting you and working together to make this a memorable experience for your dancer.

It's going to be an exciting, busy weekend, so,

EAT WELL – SLEEP WELL – AND DANCE!

See you at the ESPLANADE on Thursday Dec 16th for costume fittings which start at 12:30pm, and rehearsals!

Kind regards,

Jeunesse Classique Ballet