

Nutcracker News

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Nutcracker takes the stage!

What a marvelous job everyone has done on preparing for this year's *Nutcracker Ballet*. The dancers have absorbed the details and listened intently to the instructions Misha has given for each and every dance. What an awesome experience to be a part of! Dancers, you are going to look and dance fantastic; enjoy every minute!

ALL CAST MEMBERS MUST CHECK IN BACKSTAGE OR IN ROOM G. This is your first stop before proceeding to your dressing room area. Each cast member will check in for themselves ONLY. (Parents or older siblings may help angels.) No checking in your friends! Please check notes for any last minute instructions and stay with your troupe as assigned. For the safety of everyone, dancers should NOT AT ANY TIME be wandering the Civic Center! Please check with a chaperone when going to and from the theater.

A friendly and caring attitude from everyone will make for a smooth process and fun performance.

THANK YOU TO A TERRIFIC NUTCRACKER CAST!
and a **HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHAPERONES!**

Sincere good wishes to SHANNON SWETT.

Sadly, Shannon injured her ankle and may be unable to perform. The entire cast and crew of *The Nutcracker* appreciates all of your dedicated hard work and we look forward to seeing you soon. Our prayers and best wishes to you.

Body Fuel

Please use common sense when packing snacks.

NO sauces of any kind, please.

Dry finger foods and water only. No eating/drinking at all while in costume!

THANK YOU!

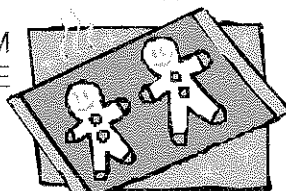
Sunday Strike

We need help to strike the set after Sunday's matinee! The more trucks and helpers, the faster this goes. The loading dock location has changed due to Civic Center construction. If you can help, please call Pam Hunt at 348-3379.

Cast Party

Following the final performance on Sunday, November 25th, there will be a party for all cast members in the upstairs hallway by Room G. Cake and punch provided; everyone is welcome to bring other munchies or snacks to share. Please remember to:

1. CLEAN UP YOUR DRESSING ROOM
2. CHECK IN YOUR ENTIRE COSTUME with Deb and then you will
3. RECEIVE A TICKET to
4. JOIN THE PARTY!



OFFICIAL *Nutcracker* DVDs

DVD order forms are available in Room G. Crow Ridge Productions is offering a professional DVD for \$35. The production will include an interview with Misha plus rehearsal photos taken by Joleen Zoller! Please return order forms with payment (checks please made out to Crow Ridge Productions) to the box in Room G.

Costume Wish List for future Nutcrackers

- ◆ MEN'S VESTS (GREAT IF THEY ARE VINTAGE)
 - ◆ LONG MEN'S DRESS JACKETS OR TAIL COATS
 - ◆ BOY'S OR MEN'S DRESS PANTS
 - ◆ LACEY OR RUFFLED WOMEN'S BLOUSES
 - ◆ LONG, FULL PETTICOATS OR SLIPS
 - ◆ SMALLER WOMEN'S JACKETS
 - ◆ WIGS OR HAIR PIECES
 - ◆ WOMEN'S GLOVES, FANS, SHAWLS
 - ◆ WOMEN'S LONG DRESSES THAT WE CAN CONVERT TO VICTORIAN STYLE
- PLEASE CALL DEB BAKER, 721-3083. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Mother Gigogne and the Puppets

Mother Gigogne is the French version of *The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe*. Mere Gigogne was actually written into the *Nutcracker* ballet by Petipa. In St. Petersburg, Russia, a certain brand of bonbons were sold. The box containing the bonbons was in the shape of a woman wearing a very large skirt. The box opened at the bottom of her skirt and inside were all the little bonbons. Petipa used the character in another ballet, in which she was an instant hit with the audience. That was when he decided to add her to the cast of *The Nutcracker*. The character of Mother Gigogne herself, comes from a French puppet comedy of a woman who is always fighting with her many children who, indeed at times, come and hide under her large skirt!