

NUTCRACKER COSTUME NOTES

Tight, Shoe, and Costume Requirements:

- **All children participating in the performance must come to the theatre with their hair done and make-up applied for the dress rehearsal and all shows.** Parents will NOT be allowed to go back stage to fix their child's hair unless they are an assigned volunteer position in the dressing room. Please gel or spray loose hairs back away from the face. Please bring a ballet bag or laundry basket to store your clothes. Please bring extra make-up and hair supplies just in case touch-ups are needed. Please label all items your child brings to the theatre with them.
- Please explain to younger performers that underwear is not to be worn under tights
- Unless specified, all dancers wear pink tights (Corps and soloists – same brand / style). Unless specified, pink ballet shoes. Dancers on pointe please be sure to have at least two working pairs of shoes. If you need a nude leotard for changes it should be camisole straps, low back, and not able to be seen.
- Performance earrings 8mm clear crystal studs.

EXCEPTIONS:

- **Maids**, *black tights*, black shoes. **Party Moms** black character shoes, hair in a Victorian style updo, **Fritz & Boys**, white tights, black ballet shoes. **Soldiers**, black ankle socks, black leotard or long t-shirt under jacket, black slippers.
Mice pink ballet slippers (pink tights if you need to for you next role – otherwise thin ankle socks)
Little Chinese, black opaque tights, black ballet slippers. **Russian** – black character shoes
- Gingersnaps – barefoot, Little Gingersnaps pigtails
- **Please leave all costume and headpieces at the theatre.** Do not carry any costumes home.
- **Hints** – a small laundry basket tucked under the dressing room counter is a great way for your dancer to store all their stuff! Please have a nude leotard if you have quick wing changes – there is no place to hide.

Hair and Make-up Requirements:

- **Unless specified, all dancers' hair must be in a secure ballet bun**, high on back of head (not top). Please be sure it is slicked back – absolutely no wispies, bangs or poufy hair. Please use hair elastic, hair net, hairpins, gel, spray, etc. No scrunchies. No one will be allowed on stage with a loose or messy bun! Let me know if you would like an information sheet on how to do a bun.
- Little Gingersnaps who come out of skirt – hair should be in pigtails
- Corps and soloists – full stage make-up, false eyelashes (similar to bunhead heavy), red/rose lipstick

