Happy Holidays to our Miller's Dance families! We are all very excited about the upcoming Fall Ballet production of "The Nutcracker". There are still tickets available - even if your dancer isn't in this ballet production, we would love to have you and your family join us! Tickets are \$15 each. Get yours at <a href="https://millersdancestudio.com/tickets/ShowTickets.php">https://millersdancestudio.com/tickets/ShowTickets.php</a> or at the door.



We wanted to make sure all of our dancers and their families have the information they need for the upcoming dress rehearsals and shows. Please let us know if you have any questions by calling 303-690-6040 or by emailing <a href="mailto:info@millersdancestudio.com">info@millersdancestudio.com</a>. We are so excited to see this timeless classic take the stage next weekend!

## **Final Run Through**

# Sunday, Dec. 1 Run Thru at the Hampden Studio

(No rehearsal for Little Sugar Plum Fairies, Gingerbread Kids and Little Mice)

Act I: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Party Scene, Battle Scene and Snow. Baby Dolls (from both studios) 2 – 2:30 p.m.

ACT II: 3:30 – 5 p.m. Land of the Sweets and Flowers

# **New Location**

All dress rehearsals and shows will be held at Hinkley High School, located at 1250 Chambers Road in Aurora. Seating at this venue is nearly double what we have had in the past and parking is convenient. There are also no stairs within the auditorium.

#### **Dress Rehearsals**

Friday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. SHOW 1 CAST

Hinkley High School Full hair and makeup

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. SHOW 2 CAST

Hinkley High School Full hair and makeup

### **Professional Shows**

# Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. SHOW 1 CAST

Call time for all cast members is 6 p.m.

An advanced ballet warm up will be at 5 p.m. (Required for Pointe Dancers - Hampden Elite and Senior Elite, Saddle Rock Advanced)

Flowers will be presented ON STAGE only for Clara, Sugar Plum, Arabian, Snow Queen and Dew Drop. If you have a dancer in one of these roles, please bring flowers to the stage door prior to the show.

# Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. SHOW 2 CAST

Call time for all cast members is 2 p.m.

An advanced ballet warm up will be at 1 p.m. (Required for Pointe Dancers - Hampden Elite and Senior Elite, Saddle Rock Advanced)

Flowers will be presented ON STAGE only for Clara, Sugar Plum, Arabian, Snow Queen and Dew Drop. If you have a dancer in one of these roles, please bring flowers to the stage door prior to the show.

### Hair and Makeup, Tights and Shoes

For Clara, Clara's Friends, Party Girls and Babydoll Girls - hair should be ringlet spiral curled with sides pulled up into a half pony tail. For all other female dancers, hair should be in bun at crown of head. EXCEPT for Gingerbread Kids whose hair should be in pigtails, braided if possible.

NO MAKEUP should be sent backstage with younger dancers.

Older female dancers need to be in full theatrical makeup-red lips, red or pink blush, light colored highlighter below the brow and brown eyeshadow for rest of lid, eyeliner and mascara. Little Lilac Fairies, Little Mice, Baby Dolls, and Gingerbread Kids need red lipstick, mascara and light blush.

Little Sugar Plum Fairies, Little Mice, Baby Dolls, and Gingerbread Kids - white tights and pink ballet shoes.

Older Dancers need pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. All Dancers on Pointe need seamed pink tights and pointe shoes. Male dancers black shoes and black dress socks or tights.

\*BE SURE BOTH SHOES ARE LABELED WITH DANCER'S NAME\*

## **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Please arrive at your call time and drop off your dancers at the labeled drop off spot. Be sure to send them backstage in their tights and ballet shoes and a front opening shirt or robe. Please keep all their shoes, coats, etc with you. A Miller's staff member will escort your child to his or her dressing room. When the rehearsal or show is over, a staff member will deliver your child back to the same spot.

### **Backstage and Dressing Room Etiquette**

We ask that you DO NOT send makeup with the younger dancers. Also, food is not allowed in the dressing rooms. Water in a sealed container is ok. Please label your dancer(s) tights and shoes. Parents are not allowed backstage – we will have our teachers and specific adults assigned to work with your dancer(s) and make sure they are stage ready.

# Photos and Video During Rehearsal

Parents are allowed and encouraged to take photos and video while dancer(s) are on stage during dress rehearsals. Those interested will be allowed to stand at the front of the stage and film/photograph.

## **Professional Photos**

Professional photos of the younger dancers will be taken during the dress rehearsals at Hinkley High School by our photographer, Fall Child Photography. Please remember to send your dancer(s) in clean, kept appropriate tights with hair and makeup done. You can purchase photos at the school or online. We ask that parents DO NOT take photos while the professional photographer is taking photos with her backdrop.

#### **Professional Videos**

We have hired a professional videographer to video tape each professional show. Audience members may not take video during the professional shows as it can be very distracting for our dancers. The professional videos will be on sale at the shows.

### Seating

The auditorium is double the size of Vista Peak High School. There is no balcony and no stairs. There is a wheelchair area at the front of the auditorium. There is a spot for a folding chair to accompany a wheel chair. Please let the office know if you will be needing this service.

## **Concessions and Flowers**

The fundraising group that helps our competition team, Miller's Dance Force, will be selling various concession items including nachos, hot dogs, snacks, candy and more at both the dress rehearsals and the shows. They will also be selling flower bouquets at the shows. If you wish to pre-order flowers for your dancer(s), make sure to fill out the form available at either front desks or email <a href="mailto:dancingkidsinfo@gmail.com">dancingkidsinfo@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Nutcracker Shirt Orders**

If you ordered a shirt and have not yet received it, we will have them available for you at Dress Rehearsals. We will also have extra tights available for purchase.

# Classes resume the week of Jan. 6, 2020

Please be sure to check the Miller's website at <u>www.millersdancestudio.com</u> for class schedules.



## Registration still open for new students

Don't forget – you can give the "gift of dance" this holiday season. Gift certificates and baby classes are always a great way to celebrate. We also carry all types of dance shows, leotards, dance bags and more at each location. Contact the front desk at either location to get your little dancer, niece, nephew, grandchild, etc. into our dance program.

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Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Miller's Dance Studio! Happy Holidays! Miller's Dance Studio