



## 2011 Nutcracker

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Outlined below is information regarding the 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nutcracker Performance. As always, please feel free to contact Denise at [gucwadance@comcast.net](mailto:gucwadance@comcast.net) or 215-262-4938. All information is posted on the studio website at [deniseschoolofdance.com](http://deniseschoolofdance.com). Thanks!

### Rehearsals

December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	6:00-7:30	Studio
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	1:00-3:00	Studio
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	3:30-4:45	Pennview Christian School

Please Note: Friday or Saturday will be a Dress Rehearsal.

### Performance Day

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Pennview Christian School

### Schedule:

3:30-4:45	Rehearsal
4:45-5:00	Get ready for the performance
5:00	Auditorium Opens for Guests
5:15-6:00	Nutcracker Suite Performance

Please note, we are very limited on rehearsal time on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, therefore this rehearsal will be a **CLOSED** rehearsal and parents, friends, siblings etc will not be allowed in the auditorium. Rehearsal is for dancers and sound/light techs only.

All dancers should arrive at 3:30 and report directly to their dressing room (follow the signs). All dancers **MUST come ready for stage with hair and make-up complete**. Dancers should have nude leotard and ballet tights already on when they arrive for rehearsal. Please wear something that can easily be taken off (i.e. zipped hoodie) to not ruin your hair and make-up, but they can dance in. No fuzzy sweatpants - you don't want fuzzies all over your pink tights!

All costumes will be transported to Penn View Christian School and placed in dressing rooms. Since we are renting these costumes, good hygiene is required. Please wear deodorant (older girls) and be careful putting costumes on and taking them off.

Dancers should bring water and snack.

**Tickets:**

Tickets are \$5 for an Adult and \$3 for a Child. To purchase tickets please email ([guwcadance@comcast.net](mailto:guwcadance@comcast.net)) with your name and number of Adult/Child attending. We will send you your seating numbers. You can make payment on-line or by a check once your seating numbers have been provided. There are NO paper tickets.

To start, all families with dancers in the Nutcracker are guaranteed 6 seats in the center aisle or first 5 rows of the left and right aisles. If you need more than 6 seats, we cannot guarantee center aisle seating but we will do our best to keep you all together. Tickets are on sale now for families with dancers in the Nutcracker. Tickets open to the public on November 30th.

**Volunteers:**

As always, the show can't go on without the help and support of our volunteers. Please let us know if you can help out. ONLY Volunteers will be allowed backstage and in the dressing rooms. Please see attached list and return by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**During the Performance:**

All Dancers must remain backstage during the performance.

For the safety of our dancers only dancers, teachers and volunteers are allowed back stage and in the dressing room waiting area.

**Remember NO flash photography or video will be allowed during the Rehearsal and the Performance.**

You can purchase a DVD of the Nutcracker for \$15 from Into the Light Productions. They are the same company that does our Spring Recital. Please complete the attached form and return by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**After the Performance:**

Parents will pick up their dancer in the dressing rooms.

**Directions:**

Penn View Christian School is located at 420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA 18964.

Penn View Christian School has been kind to let us use their facility for this event. Please make sure we clean up after ourselves and leave the auditorium as it was given.



## General Costume Instructions

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**Hair:** classical bun (see below for directions).

**Hair Party Scene** - big bouncy curls with hair half up and half down (bangs back as much as possible). 'Boys' - hair up in bun or French braid with tail tucked in. The girls dancing in Bon-bons can keep their hair down since they will be wearing a bonnet.

**Tights:** footed pink tights (no holes or runs).

**Shoes:** pink ballet slippers with elastics properly sewn. No holes. Please double knot and cut off strings. Tuck extra into shoe.

### Stage Make-Up:

**Party Scene, Bon Bons and Russian** - blush, eye shadow, lip stick and mascara

**Marzipan, Flowers, Spanish, Angels, Arabian and Chinese** - blush, eye shadow, lip stick, mascara, false eyelashes.

All dancers must wear bright red or wine color lipstick. No pale pink. All dancers (excluding Party Scene and Bon-bons) must wear black eyeliner and make 'wings'. Please see link below for tips on how to apply stage make-up.

[http://dance.about.com/od/youngdancers/ss/Stage\\_Makeup.htm](http://dance.about.com/od/youngdancers/ss/Stage_Makeup.htm)

### All DANCERS:

- NO temporary tattoos
- NO jewelry
- NO nail polish
- NO underwear under costume
- NO eating or drinking (water only) in costumes
- NO sparkle make-up, body glitter or sparkle eyelashes

**UNDER COSTUMES** – If a bra is worn it must have nude or clear straps. Strapless bras **MUST** be pinned into costume.

### HOW TO MAKE A BUN

Start with damp hair or running gel through the hair. Then, using a fine toothed comb, pull all hair (bangs too!) back into a ponytail just below the crown of the head. (Bun does not sit on the top of head). Secure ponytail with hair elastics (you may want to use two elastics to keep

ponytail really tight). Twist the hair and begin to wind it around the elastic (like a cinnamon bun), placing **HAIR PINS** into the bun as you go around. After you have hair into bun, wrap a **HAIR NET** around bun. Continue to wrap the hair net around the bun until there is no more net left and tuck it under the bun as you go along. Finish by using lots of **HAIR SPRAY**. There should not be any “whispy” hair, it all should be slicked back. Use bobby pins to secure shorter pieces of hair and bangs back.

- Hair pins, bobby pins, hair nets and any barrettes needed **MUST** match hair color.
- Hair pins look like bobby pins, but are opened not closed.
- Make sure hair net is the fine kind, not a thick visible hair net.
- All hair accessories can be found at any drug store.