

**Nutcracker Parent Notes
2021**

Thank you for making the Nutcracker Possible!

Reminders from Lizanne and Lance

- It is a privilege to be in Boulder Ballet's Nutcracker.
- It is **imperative** that all dancers attend all rehearsals. All rehearsals are mandatory.
- If your dancer is ill, please stay home, it will be considered an excused absence. All other absences may be cause for dismissal from the production. If you need to miss rehearsal due to illness, please contact beth@boulderballet.org for protocol on when you may return to classes and rehearsals. Thank you for helping to keep the school, students, and faculty safe.
- It is essential that dancers be on time to rehearsals, warmed up, focused, and fully prepared.
- Be sure to check the rehearsal schedule on Thursday night on the website and bulletin board for last minute changes and updates. Emails will NOT be sent out when there are updates to the schedule, so you will want to make it a habit to look for yourselves.
- To provide a professional experience for students and accomplish as much as possible in a short period of time, all rehearsals are closed to parents both in the studios and in the theatre.
- Dancers should have appropriate footwear for each rehearsal, hair in a ballet bun and wear freshly laundered dancewear. Masks are required at all times.
- Professional behavior is always expected of every dancer. Dancers must conduct themselves in a quiet, orderly fashion during all rehearsal, costume fittings and performances.
- No eating or drinking during rehearsal. No eating or drinking in costume. Please do not leave trash, bobby pins, clothes, etc. All dancers must clean up after themselves in the studio and theatre and leave the space neat and orderly.

1. Performances (check the tickets page of our website for directions) – Lance Hardin

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FOR Longmont Symphony Orchestra (LSO) 2021
Vance Brand Civic Auditorium, 600 E Mountain View Ave, Longmont, CO

Friday Dec 3 – 7PM

Saturday Dec 4 – 1PM and 4PM

Sunday Dec 5 – 1PM (Gentle Nutcracker) and 4PM

Dress Rehearsal schedule info coming soon!

- All shows are 75 minutes long, no intermission.
- Gentle Nutcracker – Sun., Dec. 5, 1 pm – “Land of the Sweets” – 2nd act. Cast TBD.
- If your child is in Act 1 only and they want to watch the rest of the show from the audience with you, you must purchase a ticket for them.

Stanley Hotel – for select cast

- A. Location of performances: The Stanley Hotel, 333 E Wonderview Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517
- B. Dates of performances: Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at 2:00pm and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 12th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
- C. Class for children following the performance for duration of 30 minutes

Additional rehearsal and performance details are our website: <https://boulderballet.org/upcoming-performances/>

2. LSO COVID Policy

Our musicians, guest artists, staff, board, and volunteers have all agreed to be vaccinated in order to safely gather together for in person indoor LSO events. We care deeply about our LSO family and are extending that care to all patrons. For all indoor LSO events: All patrons eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations must show proof of vaccination or medical exemption to attend. We will follow masking requirements of our venues and Boulder County Public Health. If you have questions, comments, commendations, or concerns about this policy please contact us at info@longmontsymphony.org

Performance Fee – The performance fee for the Nutcracker is \$150. Please bring a check, payable to Boulder Ballet, to the first rehearsal. Include your dancer’s name on the check. If you prefer to pay by credit card, there’s a \$4 fee, so the total is \$154. Contact beth@boulderballet.org to let her know you want to charge your performance fee.

CO Gives Day is Tuesday, December 7, 2021. This annual statewide movement celebrates and increases philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Schedule your donation today

Access Nutcracker information on our website: <https://boulderballet.org/upcoming-performances/>

3. Costumes and Volunteering – Nia Quan, Vee Burton and Erica Martin

- a. **Communications** — Feel free to stop by the Costume Shop anytime the door is open or email us: Vee - Boulderballetcostumes@gmail.com or Nia – costumes@boulderballet.org. In order to have a successful show, we need volunteers in the costume shop. We can use all skill levels including people with no experience. Please note that this does not count towards your required two volunteer shifts.
- b. **Fitting Schedule** — We hope to begin fittings this week. We will do our best to avoid schedule conflicts but, we also need a commitment from you to have all dancers attend the designated fitting in order to provide the best results. Occasionally, we will need to have multiple fittings for a certain role.

- c. **Costume/Hair** — Boulder Ballet provides the main costume for each role. Families will need to provide additional pieces, for example, pink ballet slippers and tights. An email will be sent which explains what each dancer needs to provide as well as hair placement. For tips on hair and makeup, please see the website <https://boulderballet.org/support-info-faq/>
- d. **Transition to Longmont** — An email will be sent in late November providing details on everything from where to park to how to pick up your child. It will also have important information about expectations for your dancer.
- e. During the run of the show, if you need to get a message to one of the directors or to your student, find Vee or Nia and they will help you or get your question to the person who can help. (This frees up Ana and Lizanne to focus on the dancing/performance aspects of the show.) Parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms. We know this may be scary for first-time Nutcracker families but, this is a wonderful experience for your children to grow as dancers and rely on their “Boulder Ballet” family for assistance.
- f. **Sign Up Genius** — Each family is required to sign up for at least two shifts in order to fulfill the contract signed during Nutcracker auditions. Volunteer positions include setting up, staffing and breaking down the boutique, costume movers, hall monitors, dressing room help (hair, make up and fastening costumes, keeping kids quiet), and experienced costume shop volunteers for emergency fixes and last-minute alterations. If you are volunteering, you cannot also watch that performance. Please stay tuned for more information on volunteering.

4. **Nutcracker boutique - Jamie Adams, Boulder Ballet Guild**

- a. Volunteer Options for setting up, sales and breaking down
- b. Set up includes loading the truck at the Dairy, driving to Vance Brand, unloading truck, unpacking boxes and setting up the merchandise.
- c. Sales includes helping customers, running the credit card processor, making change, restocking merchandise, etc. etc. **YOU CANNOT WATCH THE PERFORMANCE IF WORKING THE BOUTIQUE.** Do not volunteer for a performance for which you have tickets.
- d. Breakdown includes packing up the merchandise and loading the truck at Vance Brand. This will begin during the last performance, so **YOU CANNOT WATCH THE SUNDAY LATE SHOW.**

5. **Apparel Sales -Jamie Adams**

Apparel information coming soon!

Marketing – From Wendy Timmermans

Additional opportunities for performers – more info coming soon.

Pearl Street Switch on the Holidays – Nov 22, 5-5:30 – select cast. More info coming soon.

Nutcracker Tea at The Boulderado www.boulderado.com Hotel Boulderado. This is a benefit for Boulder Ballet. Tickets sell out fast, so if interested in attending, please call or visit the Hotel Boulderado website. Selected members of the Nutcracker cast will be asked to participate.

Nutcracker Character Highlights: This year George Thomas will continue the Meet the Nutcracker Cast podcasts as well as we will have some video clips, live streaming Facebook group discussions and introducing a Meet the Nutcracker Cast Blog on the website. Please email me at wendy@boulderballet.org if your cast member is interested in taking part in any of these activities.

- Individual student photos will be taken by our photographer, Amanda Tipton. A sign up for a photo session will go out once we receive it from Amanda. If interested, you must sign-up for an appointment. Date TBA

10. Nutcracker Preview Night – Wed., Dec 1 – Preview night will be determined by LSO, more info coming soon.

11. Secret Snowflake -

- Secret Snowflake is organized by a parent volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Beth.

Thank you all for your help and support! Together we can keep the Nutcracker a special and delightful holiday tradition.