



# The Nutcracker 2025-

## Performance Packet for Ballet 1A Polichinelles

Please read through this packet with your dancers and plan accordingly, so we have a happy, safe, and exciting weekend! For continually updated information check out our “**Students Only**” page on our website. The password is **iloveaapa**

### **Calendar:**

- **November 28:** *Holiday of Dance at QKC main stage – free performance at 3:15 PM*
- **November 30-** *Nutcracker Tea at AAPA studios QKC*
- **December 13:** *Mandatory Dress Rehearsal at Castle Theater*
- **December 13 & 14:** *Nutcracker performances at Castle Theater – Sat 6:30pm; Sun 12:30 pm & 4:30pm shows*
- **December 15:** *Studio Closed- Monday classes need to do a makeup.*
- **December 20:** *Last day of Fall Semester*
- **January 5, 2026:** *First day of Spring Semester*

### **Fundraisers:**

- **Flower bouquet** by Bella Bloom Floral. Pre-order your 3-rose bouquet for \$25 and pick it up during intermission. Pre-Orders due by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Send email with Dancer's name, show date and time, number of flower bouquets to [office@alexanderacademy.info](mailto:office@alexanderacademy.info) and your account will be charged and pre-paid. Pick up your flowers at the theater before the show or during intermission. Day of show \$30, until supplies last.
- **Show Shirts order online:** Memorabilia & Cast list on backside!
- **Holiday Ornaments and Nutcrackers** are available for purchase in the boutique and during intermission while supplies last. Socks, hair accessories, nutcrackers of all sizes, snow globes, ornaments and more.
- **Sponsor us -Advertise in our Program** Business ad or wish your dancer congratulations. Full color ad sizes range from \$100 - \$500.

Click here for [advertising form](#)

**Deadlines:** Advertising reservations Monday, November 3; Press ready digital ready deadline Monday November 10; Business logo on our Nutcracker Ballet poster deadline is October 7.

### **Volunteers: Sign-ups linked**

We rely on our dancing ‘Ohana to make this event happen! Mahalo Nui Loa!

- **[Sign up here to volunteer at the MACC:](#)** sales of ornaments, load in, and load out, or sign up to be a class mom
  - **[Class mom sign ups](#)**
  - **[Sign up here to volunteer for Tea](#)**
    - Positions at Tea: serving, set up, break down, sales of ornaments, food donations and sponsor promotions. (work trade options for this event)

**Video sales** - All sales will be available for download or rental when ready (estimated Feb. Or Mar. 2026)

**Show photos** by Chelsea Fine will be available for sale in 2026.

### **Performing Events:**

- **Annual Nutcracker Tea Party** at Alexander Academy studios (2 showings)
  - **Sunday, November 30, 2025.**
  - Tickets: \$35 for Adults, \$25 for Children. Tickets are limited!
  - [12:30pm Tea tickets](#)     [2:30 pm Tea tickets](#)
- **Holiday of Dance - Friday November 28 3:15 PM at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center stage**
  - **CALL TIME:** 2:45 PM Hair and makeup ready
  - **SHOW TIME:** 3:15 PM

The following classes are performing: **Contemporary 1**, Party Kids (Ballet 2), Russian (Ballet 3), Character Dance, Spanish, Arabian (Ella), Chinese Tea, Candy Canes, Sugar Plum Fairy (Aleeya), Waltz of the Flowers, Polichinelle's (Ballet 1B- limited dancers)

If you are not enrolled in Contemporary 1, enjoy a free performance at the mall. Come watch and support our studio!

- **The Nutcracker Ballet at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center Dec. 13-14 (3 shows)**
  - **Tickets On sale November 6**

Purchase online at [MauiArts.org](http://MauiArts.org). All ticketing is done through Maui Arts & Cultural Center's box office. Purchase early and available online until sold out. Performers do not need a ticket and will be supervised backstage for the entirety of the show. [Class moms](#) do not need a ticket and can watch your dancer from backstage near the curtain. Ticket pricing includes \$12 MACC fees and taxes in price advertised. Please understand our ticket pricing did not go up, but our theater cost did tremendously. Thank you in advance for helping us sell out 3 shows.

### **Attendance Policy for Classes and Rehearsals**

- Dancers must fully commit to the training and rehearsals that prepare us for the final performance! Missing more than the allotted number of rehearsals and/or classes throughout the performance season (1 – December 13) may result in the inability to perform without any refund. Even if a dancer falls within the allowed number of absences, they may be required to schedule make-up private lessons (at the dancer's expense: \$35 per 30 min. lesson) to catch up on missed material. Please understand this policy is not exact; it is here to support the dancer, so no dancer goes on stage unprepared. (We are building confidence... not anxiety.)
- Allowed up to **three (3)** absences\*: **Ballet 1-2**, Contemporary 2/3
- **Please contact the office to schedule make-up classes, [office@alexanderacademy.info](mailto:office@alexanderacademy.info)**

### **General Costume Care**

- All costumes are RENTALS and dancers will leave their costume(s) at the theater.
- Add your first and last name - NOT INITIALS - to all personal belongings: shoes, tights, dance bags, etc.
- Make a checklist of items you need to bring to the theater: make-up, undergarments, shoes, tights, water, etc.
- Be organized so you do not lose costume accessories while you have quick changes in the crowded dressing room. Take the extra 10 seconds to put things away properly to avoid losing them and then not be able to perform.
- Do not leave personal items overnight at the theater.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO EATING IN COSTUME!** Thank you for reminding those around you not to eat in or around costumes. When eating is necessary: Take your costume off. Eat non-messy foods. ONLY eat in designated areas. Having snacks and plenty of fluids is important to have

enough energy and power to perform throughout the weekend. Encourage your dancers to eat regularly! And away from all the costumes.

**Makeup, Hair & Costume Notes** All tutorials on the “Students Only” page (password: iloveaapa)

**Little's Stage Makeup:** Rosy blush (not too light) required red lip stain (available in office, so we all have the same color red, that does not bleed on our costumes), mascara (optional for ages 3-5), earth tones and brown shades of eye shadow.

**Tweens Stage Makeup:** Foundation, rosy blush (not too light), required red lip stain (available in office so we all have the same color red, that does not bleed on our costumes.), earth tones and brown shades of eye shadow, black eyeliner, and mascara.

- **Ballet 1A/B (Polichinelles)**- Girl's hair in low ballet bun with right side part. Black ballet shoes (provided), pink tights and nude leotard undergarment. Boy's hair gelled or tied back with right side part. Black ballet shoes.
  - [Tutorial for Polichinelles hair](#)    [Tutorial for Polichinelles Makeup](#)

### **Tights**

All performers will receive 1 pair of performance tights at Dress Rehearsal to ensure every dancer has the same color/style.

We strongly suggest every dancer buys at least one EXTRA pair of performance tights in case their performance pair gets torn, stained, or lost. The dancewear boutique will have the correct color and style of tights for each class available for purchase, so everyone looks the same under lights onstage. Please purchase extras early so we do not run out of inventory.

### **Shoes**

Shoes must be clean and new looking. If shoes are worn out (visible holes, frayed material) find a new pair for the performances. If your shoes are dirty, clean with a light dish soap to remove dirt, or find a new pair. Do not put canvas shoes in the dryer. If you need to find or purchase a new pair of shoes, do this early to allow for shipping and inventory stock.

- DO NOT WEAR YOUR DANCE SHOES OUTSIDE EVER.
- Put your full name on the INSIDE of shoes.
- Tuck ties in shoes.
- Sew ballet elastic as directed. No tied ribbons or elastics around your ankles.

### **Final Costume Notes:**

- Pre-teens (ages 9+), teens, and adults definitely wear deodorant.
- Undergarments (nude leotards) need to be worn under all borrowed costumes. (mice and angels exempt)
- Remember: No glitter, no earrings, no jewelry, no hair ties on wrists, no additional hair accessories, no nail polish (clear only), no fake tattoos.

### **Dress Rehearsal**

- At Castle Theater on Saturday, December 13. **MANDATORY FOR ALL DANCERS.** If you miss your stage time, you will not perform. Thank you for understanding the preparation, spacing, and practice needed before being on stage.
- All dancers will arrive with their hair and make-up complete and are responsible for warming up properly.
- **All dancers will be dropped off & picked up at the backstage area of Castle Theater.** When you arrive at the Lobby, take a left and follow the theater building to the back. Parking back there is reserved for staff only. Check your dancer in and then wait outside.

- One female adult only entering dressing room during dress rehearsal to orient your child backstage. We will have class moms, costume crew, and teachers will be assisting performers.
- Parents and siblings are not allowed to view dress rehearsals.
- Dancers may leave when they are dismissed after bows and rehearsals are finished

**Theater and Performance Etiquette-Dancers and Parents**

- Dancers may not watch in the theater before or after they perform on show day.
- Dancers should not be dressed in costume when entering the front of the house and should not enter lobby or auditorium seating.
- Do not go outside in your costume after the show either! Please change, then meet your guests.
- Do not leave the theater/backstage during rehearsals or performances.
- You are expected to keep your area clean.
- Never touch curtains, props, or costumes that are not yours. Parents, please discuss these rules with your dancer.
- No photography or videos are allowed during performances. Photography flashes and lit cell phone screens are VERY distracting to dancers causing potential injury and are also considered inconsiderate. Silence your cell phones. Be respectful, our videographer will capture, and you can be present in the moment, no phones.

**Dress Rehearsal MACC Schedule** Please arrive by your call time. Please be ready in full costume, hair, and makeup by stage time. The full-Dress Rehearsal schedule will be posted at Castle Theater. This schedule is SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

<b>Ballet 1A Class</b>	<b>Call Time</b>	<b>Stage Time</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
Show 3 Class	8:50 AM	9:20 AM	9:30 AM

**Performance Schedule**

- Estimated run time is 2:00hrs for The Nutcracker (including 15-minute intermission).
- Dancers may not be in the lobby or auditorium in costume.
- Arrive with hair and make-up done!

**Who’s In What Show:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Show 1- 12/13 @ 6:30pm</b>	<b>Show 2- 12/14 @ 12:30pm</b>	<b>Show 3- 12/14 @ 4:30pm</b>
Ballet 1A/1B	Polichinelle's	BALLET 1B	BALLET 1B	BALLET 1A

**Show 3 Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at Castle Theater**

4:00pm – CALL for Pre-Ballet, **Ballet 1A**, Ballet 1B

6:30pm – Show ends. Clean up backstage and organize props, costumes, and accessories. Load everything for studio drop-off.