



NUTCRACKER 2025

Tech Schedule

GSU

Center for Performing Arts

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

1 University Parkway University Park, IL 60484

Hello Nutcracker Cast,

Here is the tech and dress rehearsal schedule for our performances at GSU Center for Performing Arts. These are long, mandatory days. If you have a conflict, notify us immediately. Please email the Nutcracker Directors with any questions. NutcrackerDirectors@ruthpage.org. * GSU will be hosting Tea with Clara between the 1pm & 5pm Performances - Tickets are \$30 for kids and \$50 for adults. Please feel free to purchase tickets and attend. Ruth Page's The Nutcracker characters will make an "appearance".

⇒ Performance Dates

Saturday, December 6

Performance #1 - 1:00 pm

Performance #2 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 7

Performance #3 - 3:00 pm

⇒ Early Dismissal

○ [Click Here: Performance Portal](#)

○ Some Children's Cast members will need to leave school early for tech/dress rehearsals. An early dismissal letter is available on the portal. Submit a letter to your school and/or teachers for the Dress Rehearsal on **Friday, December 5, 2025**.

⇒ Catering/Meals

○ [Click Here: Nutcracker Meals](#)

○ Ruth Page Center will offer lunch for purchase on Saturday only. Please buy in advance if you want lunch. Orders due by **Friday, November 28, 2025**. Please report to the Cafeteria/Dining Hall to receive your meals. If you/your child is only in Act I, you may get your food after the first Act.

○ Light snacks will be available for all Cast on dress rehearsal and performance days, but please bring your own healthy, mess-free snacks and a water bottle.

⇒ Downtime

○ Please bring something to occupy your time – a book, a blanket, travel games, etc. We prefer that screen time be limited in the dressing rooms between shows.

⇒ Logistics

○ [Click Here: Nutcracker Buses](#)

○ There will be buses transporting dancers to and from GSU on December 4, 5, 6, and 7; one for the Adult Cast and one for the Children's Cast. We prefer that cast members ride the bus to ensure everyone arrives together and on time. The bus fee is \$20 each way. If you choose not to ride the bus, you must arrive by the bus arrival time. Please note that the bus will not wait!

Location Key

RPC	Ruth Page Center	1016 N. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60610
GSU	Governors State University	1 University Parkway University Park, IL 60484



Thursday, December 4

TIME	TO DO	LOCATION
2:15pm	ADULT CAST BUS CALL – CALL TIME FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY Snow Principals, Snowflakes (Snow), Flowers (Waltz), Russian (Trepak), Spanish (Hot Chocolate)	RPC
2:30pm	Bus: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC to GSU
3:30pm	Bus: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
3:30pm	ADULT CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
4:00 - 8:00pm	Spacing: ALL	Report to Stage
8:15pm	Bus: Depart from Center for Performing Arts to Ruth Page Center	GSU to RPC



Friday, December 5 – **MANDATORY TECH/DRESS REHEARSAL**

TIME	TO DO	LOCATION
10:30am	ADULT CAST BUS CALL – CALL TIME FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY Land of Snow, Kingdom of Sweets Sugar Plum Principals, Nutcracker Prince & Clara (2), Chinese (Tea), Candy Canes, Snow Principals, Snowflakes, Marzipan, Flowers (Waltz), Russian (Trepak), Spanish (Hot Chocolate)	RPC
10:45am	Bus #1: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC to GSU
12:00pm	Bus #1: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
12:00pm	ADULT CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
12:30 – 1:30pm	Warm Up Class: Adult Dancer Cast	Room TBA
1:30 – 2:00pm	Spacing: Sugar Plum Pas	Stage / GSU
2:00 – 2:30pm	Spacing: Snow Pas	Stage / GSU
2:30 – 3:00pm	Spacing: Marzipan, Chinese (Tea)	Stage / GSU
1:30pm	ACTOR & CHILDREN'S CAST BUS CALL – CALL TIME FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY Party and Battle Scene Party All, Battle All, Angels, Arabian (Coffee), Mother Ginger, Bon Bons	RPC
1:45pm	Bus #2: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC to GSU
2:45pm	Bus #2: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
2:45pm	ACTOR & CHILDREN'S CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
3:15 – 3:45pm	Spacing: Act 2 Opening, Finale & Apotheosis w/ Angels	Stage / GSU
3:45 – 4:00pm	Spacing: Arabian (Coffee)	Stage / GSU
4:00 – 4:15pm	Spacing: Mother Ginger & Bonbons ALL	Stage / GSU
4:15 – 4:45pm	Spacing: Battle ALL w/ Soldiers	Stage / GSU
4:45 – 5:30pm	Spacing: Party ALL	Stage / GSU
5:30 – 6:00pm	Onstage: Tech Pre-Set, Mic Check Actors	Stage / GSU
6:00 – 9:00pm	DRESS REHEARSAL Soldiers, Party Children may leave if not in Act II	Stage / GSU
9:00pm	CAST END OF DAY	GSU
9:30pm	Bus #3: Depart from GSU to Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	GSU to RPC
10:30pm	Bus #3: Arrives at Ruth Page Center	RPC



Saturday, December 6

TIME	TO DO	LOCATION
8:15am	ADULT CAST BUS CALL – CALL TIME FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY Land of Snow, Kingdom of Sweets Sugar Plum Principals, Nutcracker Prince & Clara (2), Chinese (Tea), Candy Canes, Snow Principals, Snowflakes, Marzipan, Flowers (Waltz), Russian (Trepak), Spanish (Hot Chocolate)	RPC
8:30am	Bus #1: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC to GSU
9:30am	Bus #1: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
9:30am	ADULT CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	
9:30am	ACTOR & CHILDREN'S CAST BUS CALL – CALL TIME FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY Party and Battle Scene Party All, Battle All, Angels, Arabian (Coffee), Mother Ginger, Bon Bons	GSU
9:45am	Bus #2: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC
10:00 - 11:00am	Warm Up Class	Room TBA
10:45am	Bus #2: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
10:45am	ACTOR & CHILDREN'S CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
11:00am - 12:00pm	Spot Rehearsals and Notes Stage: Tech Preset	Room TBA
12:00 - 12:15pm	Performers into microphones	
12:15 - 12:30pm	Sound Check: Parents, Clara, Fritzella, Nephew	Stage / GSU
1:00pm	Performance #1	
3:00 – 4:00pm*	Cast & Crew Meal Break	Room TBA
4:00 - 4:15pm	Cast called to dressing rooms / Costume call Performers into microphones	Room TBA
4:15 - 4:30pm	On Stage: Sound Check & Tech Preset	Room TBA
5:00pm	Performance #2	
7:45pm	Bus #3: Depart from GSU to return to Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	GSU
8:45pm	Bus #3: Arrives at Ruth Page Center	RPC

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11:45am	Bus #1: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
11:45am	ADULT CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
11:45am	Bus #2: Depart from Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	RPC
12:30 - 1:30pmp	Warm Up Class	Room TBA
12:45pm	Bus #2: Arrives at Center for Performing Arts	GSU
12:45pm	ACTOR & CHILDREN’S CAST THEATER CALL - CALL TIME FOR NON-BUS RIDERS	GSU
1:30 - 2:00pm	Spot Rehearsal and Notes Performers into microphones Stage: Tech Preset	Room TBA
2:00 - 2:30pm	Sound Check: Parents, Clara, Fritzella, Nephew	Stage / GSU
3:00pm	Performance #3	
5:45pm	Bus #3: Depart from GSU to return to Ruth Page Center (TBA, Bus Monitor)	GSU
6:45pm	Bus #3: Arrives at Ruth Page Center	RPC

CONGRATULATIONS, CAST!

REST! LET’S DO IT AGAIN NEXT WEEK!

RUTH PAGE PRODUCTION TEAM