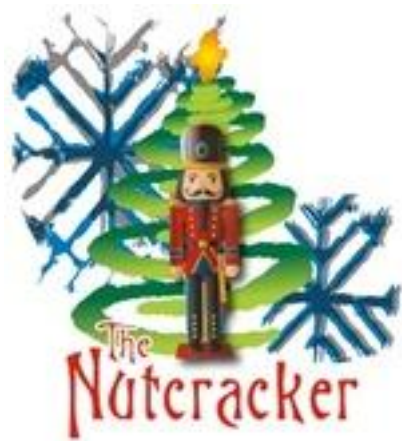


GOING TO SEE THE "NUTCRACKER"

On November 25, 2017, I am going to see "The Nutcracker" Ballet.



Watching a ballet is a little like seeing something on TV, or in a movie; but the people in a ballet are right there on stage. They are called performers.



"The Nutcracker" is a special kind of show called a ballet.
The performers will tell a story with music and dancing.



In the ballet, I will see mice and nutcrackers fighting with swords and firing a cannon. This is all pretend and the dancers dressed in costumes are acting (another word for pretend). No one will get hurt.



"The Nutcracker" will be held at The Casey Theatre at Regis College.
The address is 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493.



We will drive past the front of the building to the back of the building.



We can park in the lot and walk across the purple crosswalk...



And in through the back door



We will come in on the second floor and walk to the first floor.



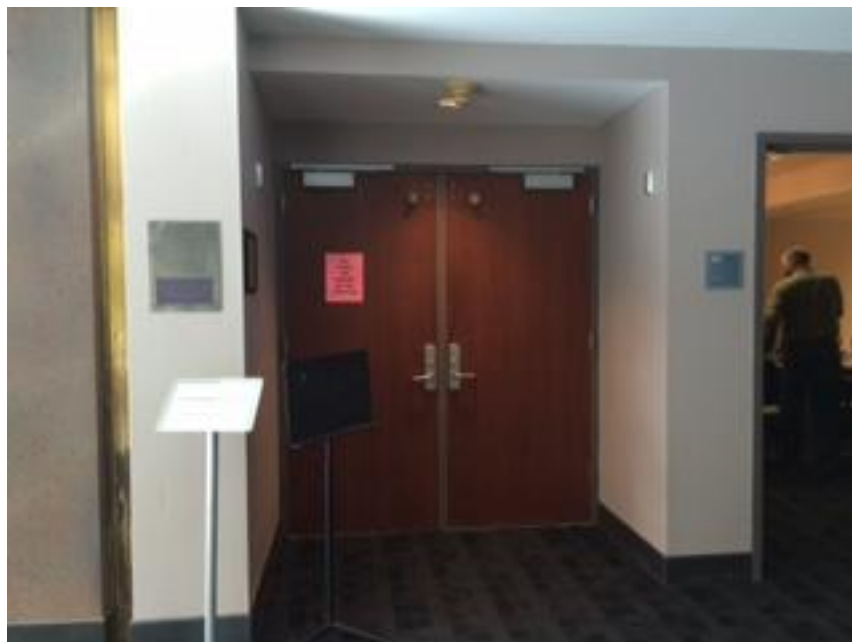
Once we enter the building, the bathrooms are located down the hallways on the first and second floors. There will be people called "ushers" there to help me find the bathrooms.



We will show our tickets to a person who will tell us where to go.



The Casey Theater is inside the building and that is where we will see the show. We may have to stand in line to get in to the theater. I will do my best to be patient while we wait.



Then we will go inside the theater. The theater is big. There are 600 seats in the theater!
There are seats on the first level and in the second level called the balcony.



A person called an usher will look at our tickets and welcome us inside the theater.

Welcome

The number on the tickets tell us where we have to sit.
I will match my ticket number to the number on the seat.



When we get to our seats, I will fold down my theater chair and sit down.



I can look around the theater before the show starts. There are many different things inside an auditorium that are new to me. There are stage lights and speakers.



When it is time for the show to start, the theater will get a little darker and everyone will get quiet. I will try to be as quiet as I can during the show so that I can hear everything.



Before the show starts, some of the performers will come out on the stage in front of the curtain and show us their costumes.



The curtain will open and the show will begin.



If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or squeeze the Nutcracker Mouse that was given to me before the show.



There will be lots of great music and dancing at the show.



There will also be a time when Mother Ginger grows taller and taller!
Like the fight scenes, this is just pretend.



If I feel like I need to move out of my seat, I can quietly ask to take a break. Then, I will exit the theater into the lobby and go to the “Chill Out” space to take a break.



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This room is on the third floor. I can take the stairs or the elevator.



If I need help I can ask an usher to show me where the Quiet Space is.

I will have a lot of fun at the show! There will be lots of music and dancing. After each dance, some people will clap. Clapping is nice, because it tells the performers that you like their dancing.



In the middle of the show, there will be a break. This break is called intermission. During the break, many people stand up to stretch, get a drink, or use the bathroom.



During Intermission, there will be snacks available to buy in the lobby. We cannot bring food into the theater.



After intermission, the ballet will start again.
There will be red fog that may go into the first few rows.
It will disappear quickly.



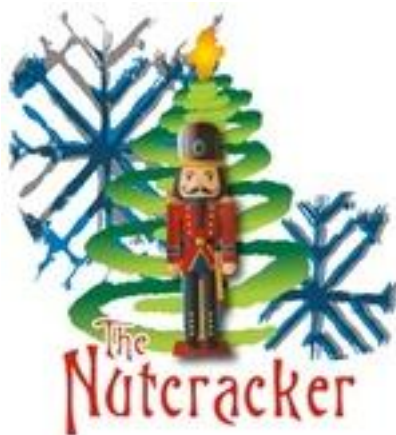
The performers will come back on stage and finish telling the Nutcracker Story.



At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on the stage. This is called the curtain call. Many people will clap and cheer to show the actors how much they liked the show.



After the show is over, the lights will come on and we will exit the theater.



I am very excited to go see The Nutcracker!!!