



Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre, Corp. PO Box 253 Carmel CA 93923

## Costume Understanding

All dancers will be issued a costume. Our costumer, Kirsten Raven Asturi, and her team of volunteers will be taking measurements at auditions to more easily match each child with a costume, adjusting where necessary for a perfect fit. Fittings will take place before or after weekend rehearsals. We do our best to avoid interrupting rehearsals and prevent extra trips to the studio just for costume fittings. Please make sure to check your email for updates on costume fittings and alert your dancer of their scheduled times. In order to minimize the number of pieces each dancer needs to be responsible for, we will distribute all headpieces at the theatre prior to each performance and ask they be returned by the end of the evening.

When you receive your costume, please hang it in a safe place where it will endure as little squishing and wrinkling as possible. We ask the dancers not to wear costumes to or from the theatre to avoid accidents. Once the costumes have arrived at the theatre for dress rehearsal on December 13, they will not be traveling home again, so please be sure to take your photos prior to dress rehearsal!

Each dancer is responsible for purchasing his or her own tights, shoes (clean newish shoes are preferable for the stage), nude leotard and other accessories. As we get closer to the performance a "Hair and Accessories" list will be sent out with all of the information the dancers will need based on the part(s) he or she is dancing. Immediately following the final performance, costumes will be collected at Sunset Center and cleaned.

Thank you so much for your time, support and understanding as we continue to develop and grow the MPBT program and *The Nutcracker*!