

Congratulations! You have been cast in Northern Plains Dance's 2025 production *Cinderella*. This packet contains information on fees, volunteering, costume, hair and makeup requirements, important dates, casting agreement, information on how to read a rehearsal schedule, and a map of the Belle Mehus. The answers to most of your production related questions can be found in this packet.

FEES

To confirm your participation in this production, the casting agreement(s) and fees outlined below must be received by Thursday, February 27, at 5:30 pm.

- Each cast member is required to pay a \$85 Production Fee that covers the cost of costuming the cast member as well as the overhead costs of the production. The Production Fee is non-refundable. (if there are multiple cast members in your family, you may combine these onto one check)
 - First role fee \$85
 - Second role fee (same cast member) additional \$15 (\$90total)
 - Third+ role fee (same cast member) additional \$10 (\$100 total)
- Each cast member is required to make a Volunteer Deposit. If there are multiple cast members in the family, each Volunteer Deposit must be made on a separate check, per child. NPD will hold Volunteer Deposit checks until the conclusion of the production to guarantee that each family participates in volunteer activities and cast members' costumes are well maintained. The Volunteer Deposit is structured as follows:
 - First cast member \$75 (a minimum of 3 volunteerhours)
 - Second cast member in the same family \$50 (a minimum of 2 volunteer hours)
 - Third cast member in the same family \$25 (a minimum of 1 volunteerhour)
- Volunteer Deposits are earned by progressively, starting with the lowest volunteer hour requirement.
 - Third Cast Member in the same family: \$25 deposit, earned back with 1 volunteer hour.
 - Second Cast Member in the same family: \$50 deposit, earned back with 2 additional volunteer hours (3 hours total for the family).
 - First Cast Member: \$75 deposit, earned back with 3 additional volunteer hours (6 hours total for the family).
 - This encourages family participation and ensures all volunteer requirements are met to support the production.
- If a family does not participate in and <u>properly report</u> volunteer activities, or a costume is mistreated, NPD will not return the Volunteer Deposit at the conclusion of the performances.
- If a family does participate in volunteer activities, reports them correctly and costumes are well maintained, NPD will return the deposit(s) at the conclusion of the performances.
- If a cast member is removed from the production for any reason other than severe illness with doctor's note or extreme circumstances, the Volunteer Deposit and Production Fee will be forfeited.
- Dancers receiving advanced who are not members of the Student Company will be required to pay \$238 for required warm-up classes that are prior to rehearsals and during Production Week.

REQUIRED ITEMS, PERFORMANCE ADD-ONS, AND HOW TO ORDER

Order forms for all the items listed below are available online at www.northernplaisndance.org/cinderellacast. All order due dates are listed in Important Dates. Orders made past the due date but will be subject to a late fee.

Dancewear	Required item that must be ordered through NPD	See page 8 for details
Cast T-shirts	Optional add-on	See online form for details
Hair Kit	Required item that <u>can</u> be ordered through NPD	See page 7 for details
Make up Kit	Required item that <u>can</u> be ordered through NPD	See page 6 for details
Theater Bag with cast member's name	Required item that <u>can</u> be ordered through NPD	See page 7 for details
1-quart Ziploc with cast member's name & role	Required item that can be ordered through NPD	See page 7 for details
6-qt plastic bin with lid	Required item that can be ordered through NPD	See page 7 for details
Cast Party tickets	Optional add-on	See online form for details
Performance Video	Optional add-on	See online form for details
Cast photos	Optional add-on	See online form for details



VOLUNTEERING

Along with the rehearsal schedule, NPD will post weekly volunteer jobs at should take at http://www.northernplainsdance.org/volunteer. Follow the instructions to access your Volunteer Portal. Volunteer opportunities are varied and usually do not require previous knowledge of the activity. Typical volunteer jobs include painting props and sets, steaming costumes, ironing, embellishing costumes, minor alterations, hanging posters, and assisting in costume fittings. Credit will only be given for the time listed in the original job post (i.e. a 45-minute ironing shift will be awarded 45-minutes of volunteer time even if the volunteer works for 50 minutes). We appreciate any additional efforts that volunteers put into complete tasks. Volunteer opportunities will be taken down each week on Friday at 5:00pm. Each time you complete a volunteer activity, return to your volunteer portal and use the "Volunteer Hours" tab to report your completed hours. You will also be able to use this portal to see which hours have been accurately reported. If you do not show up for a volunteer activity that you have signed up for with less than 24 hours' notice, you will automatically forfeit your entire Volunteer Deposit. If you do not record your hours by Monday, May 12, you will not receive credit for them, and your deposit will be kept. Volunteer hours are required of all cast families and compensation of any kind for additional volunteer time will not be provided.

COMPLIMENTARY CAST TICKETS

Each cast member receives two (2) complimentary Level D tickets to the performance of their choice. If a cast member wishes to upgrade their complimentary tickets to a different price level, the cast member is required to pay the price difference. The casting agreement, production fee, and volunteer deposit are required to receive complimentary tickets. Complimentary cast tickets are available in person at NPD starting Monday, March 3 during regular office hours only. If a staff member is available during Saturday rehearsals, office hours will be listed on the rehearsal schedule highlighted in red.

CAST PARTY

All cast members and their families (even Grandma and Grandpa who are in town just to see the performance) are invited to celebrate the close of the performances of *Cinderella* on Sunday, May 11. Following the performance, join your fellow cast members at NPD to celebrate a job well done. Dinner will be served with a free will donation (suggested donation is \$10 for adults/\$7 for children). Reservations are required and can be made on the Video/Photo order form due Saturday, April 12.

MANDATORY DATES AND COSTUME FITTINGS

Mandatory rehearsals, listed on the audition form and in the important dates below, must be attended by ALL cast members. The cast meeting must be attended by ALL cast members and a parent/guardian. Costume fittings listed in this packet are scheduled according to dates listed on the audition form to ensure that all members of the group are in attendance. Costume fitting dates are mandatory. Failure to attend any mandatory dates, including cast meeting, rehearsals and costume fittings, will result in immediate dismissal from the production and forfeit of all fees.

UNDERSTUDIES

An understudy is a person who learns another's role to be able to act as a replacement at short notice. The understudy is required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and know the parts in which they are cast. Understudies are not required to attend the costume fitting for the role that they are understudying.

EXCUSED VERSUS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absences are those listed on your audition form. Any absence other than those listed on the audition form will be unexcused and will result in dismissal from the production and forfeit of all fees.

REHEARSAL TIME VERSUS CALL TIME

Up until Studio Dress Rehearsal, all the times listed on the weekly schedules are known as "rehearsal times". Dancers are expected to be in the building, dressed, ready to dance, and waiting in the lobby <u>prior</u> to the start time listed on the schedule. It is the parent's responsibility to supervise their dancers in the common areas. Starting on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 26</u>, you will notice the addition of "call times" on the schedule. This is the specific time that dancers are expected to arrive at the designated location. Once 'call times' appear, there is time built into the schedule for NPD's staff and volunteers to help dancers get into costume. It is important to recognize this distinction as once "call times" appear on the schedule, NPD will provide supervision.



SECURITY PROCEDURES

NPD Studios

- Once cast members are in the building for rehearsal, they must wait quietly in the lobby until their rehearsal starts. They are to remain in their scheduled rehearsal room until released by a staff member.
- Late Clause: if a parent or guardian is late picking up their cast member from the scheduled rehearsal end time, a late fee will be assessed at \$1 per minute late and must be paid in full prior to the cast member's next rehearsal.

Belle Mehus (see map below)

- There will be a backstage tour for new cast members and parents during production week.
- All cast members must sign in and out for all rehearsals and performances. This is how we keep track of who has entered and exited the building.
- If a parent wishes to get a message or item to one of the cast members in a dressing room, the Door Security and/or Dressing Room Attendant will take care of getting it to the appropriate person.
- NPD Staff will have a list of parents' cell phone numbers so that they may be contacted if needed.
- At the end of rehearsals and performances at which cast members must remain in their dressing rooms, all dancers must sign out at their assigned pick-up area.
- NO PARENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS OR GUESTS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS OR DRESSING ROOM AREAS.
- During theater rehearsals in which the cast members are not in costume (i.e. spacing); there will not be Door Security or Dressing Room Attendants present. Parents and cast members should wait in the lower atrium until they are called for rehearsal. Parents are not permitted to watch rehearsals. Cast members and parents should exit through the front atrium door when their rehearsal is completed.
- During dress rehearsals at the theater, there will be Door Security and Dressing Room Attendants present. Cast members are to always remain backstage. Parents are not permitted to watch dress rehearsals.
- During performances at the theater, there will be Door Security and Dressing Room Attendants present. Cast members are to always remain backstage. Parents must have a ticket to enter the theater.
- During all rehearsals at the Belle, including dress rehearsal, the front doors of the theater are locked unless otherwise indicated. The only access into the theater is through the performer's backstage door. Only one parent or chaperone per family is permitted at rehearsal.
- Late Clause: if a parent or guardian is late picking up their cast member from the scheduled rehearsal end time, a late fee will be assessed at \$1 per minute late and must be paid in full prior to the cast member's next rehearsal.
- Early Clause: if a parent or guardian is early dropping off their cast member from the scheduled rehearsal start time, an early fee will be assessed at \$1 per minute and must be paid in full prior to the cast member's next rehearsal.
- All cast members must check out at the assigned location.
 - o Monday, May 5- All cast members will check themselves out at the front atrium doors.
 - o Tuesday, May 6- All cast members will check themselves out at the front atrium doors.

Wednesday, May 7

- Check out by a parent in the upper atrium: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies, Chameleons, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Coachmen, Heralds, Cobblers
- Check out by a parent in the lower atrium: Squires, Merchants, Musicians, White Horses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Fairy Dust, Maids
- Check out by a staff member in the Auditorium: Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Cinderella, Modiste, Dancing Master, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Jester, Valet, Ball Guests, Princesses

Thursday, May 8

- Check out by a parent in the upper atrium: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies, Chameleons, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Coachmen, Heralds, Cobblers
- · Check out by a parent in the lower atrium: Squires, Merchants, Musicians, White Horses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Fairy Dust, Maids
- Check out by a staff member in the Auditorium: Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Cinderella, Modiste, Dancing Master, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Jester, Valet, Ball Guests, Princesses

• Friday, May 9

- Check out by a parent in the upper atrium: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies, Chameleons, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Coachmen, Heralds, Cobblers
- Check out by a parent in the lower atrium: Squires, Merchants, Musicians, White Horses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Fairy Dust, Maids
- Check out by a staff member in the Auditorium: Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Cinderella, Modiste, Dancing Master, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Jester, Valet, Ball Guests, Princesses

Saturday, May 10

- Check out by a parent in the upper atrium: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies, Chameleons, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Coachmen, Heralds, Cobblers
- · Check out by a parent in the lower atrium: Squires, Merchants, Musicians, White Horses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Fairy Dust, Maids
- Check out by a staff member in the Auditorium: Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Cinderella, Modiste, Dancing Master, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Jester, Valet, Ball Guests, Princesses

Sunday, May 11

- Check out by a parent in the upper atrium: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies, Chameleons, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Coachmen, Heralds, Cobblers
- · Check out by a parent in the lower atrium: Squires, Merchants, Musicians, White Horses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Fairy Dust, Maids
- Check out by a staff member in the Auditorium: Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Cinderella, Modiste, Dancing Master, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy. Summer Fairy. Autumn Fairy. Winter Fairy. Jester. Valet, Ball Guests. Princesses



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Thursday, February 27	All Cast Paperwork and Fees due	By 5:30
Thursday, February 27	Mandatory Costume Fitting Season Fairies, Fairy Godmother	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 1	Mandatory Costume Fitting Fairy Dust	see schedule for times
Monday, March 3	Cast Comp tickets available in the office	see schedule for times
Thursday, March 6	Mandatory Costume Fitting Musicians	see schedule for times
Thursday, March 6	Mandatory Costume Fitting Horses	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 8	Mandatory Costume Fitting Clock Elves	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 8	Mandatory Costume Fitting Merchants	see schedule for times
Sunday, March 9	Advanced Role Rehearsal	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 15	Mandatory Costume Fitting Maids	see schedule for times
Thursday, March 20	Mandatory Costume Fitting Princesses	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 22	Mandatory Costume Fitting White Mice	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 22	Mandatory Costume Fitting Ball Guests	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 22	Mandatory Costume Fitting Heralds	see schedule for times
March 22, 2025	Ages 3-6 Rehearsals Begin	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 22	Dancewear & Cast T-shirt Order Due	By 6:00
Saturday, March 29	Mandatory Costume Fitting Squires	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 29	Mandatory Costume Fitting Coachmen	see schedule for times
Saturday, March 29	Mandatory Costume Fitting Valet	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 5	Mandatory Costume Fitting Cobblers	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 5	Mandatory Costume Fitting Dragonflies	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 5	Mandatory Costume Fitting Grasshoppers	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 12	Mandatory Costume Fitting Chameleons	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 12	Mandatory Costume Fitting Season Pixies	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 12	Mandatory Cast Meeting & Mandatory Rehearsal	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 12	Makeup and hair lesson *Must have hair/makeup kits with you	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 12	Video & Photo orders due	By 6:00
Saturday, April 12	Cast Party RSVP Due	By 6:00
Thursday, April 17	Mandatory Costume Fitting Night Fairies	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 19	Easter – NO REHEARSAL	see schedule for times
Saturday, May 3	Mandatory Rehearsal	
Saturday, April 26	Studio Dress Rehearsal	see schedule for times
Saturday, April 26	Cast Pictures	see schedule for times
Sunday, May 4	Move-in to the Belle Mehus Auditorium	see schedule for times
5/5-5/11	Production Week – No absences allowed	see schedule for times
Monday, May 12	Volunteer Hours Due	By 6:00

^{*}Young cast roles don't start rehearsal until March 22, 2025.



PERFORMANCE & OUTREACH SCHEDULE

*Additional performances/outreach opportunities may arise, please see posted weekly schedule

Event	Date	Time	Performers
Sensory-Friendly Performance	Saturday, May 10	10:00am	Cinderella, Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Modiste, Merchants, Night Faires, Clock Elves, Fairy Godmother, Season Fairies, Horses, Valet, Ball Guests (specifics TBA), Princesses, Prince
Public Performance #1	Friday, May 9	7:00pm	CAST A
Public Performance #2	Saturday, May 10	2:00pm	CAST A
Public Performance #3	Saturday, May 10	7:00pm	CAST B
Public Performance #4	Sunday, May 11	2:00pm	CAST B

SCENE BY SCENE BREAKDOWN

Act I			
Scene 1	The Kitchen	Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Fairy Godmother, White Mice, Cinderella, Squires	
Scene 2	Preparing for the Ball	Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Cinderella, Dancing Master, Modiste, Musicians, Merchants	
Scene 3	The Garden	Fairy Godmother, Cinderella, Spring Fairy, Spring Pixies, Summer Fairy, Summer Pixies, Dragonflies, Grasshoppers, Chameleons, Autumn Fairy, Autumn Pixies, Winter Fairy, Winter Pixies, Fairy Dust	
Scene 4	The Transformation	Night Fairies, Clock Elves, White Mice, Horses, Coachmen, Cinderella, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Chameleons	
Act 2			
Scene 1	The Ball	Jester, Valet, Prince, Ball Guests, Princesses, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Cinderella, Fairy Godmother, Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Harolds, Coachmen, Maids	
Scene 2	Searching	Cobblers, Princesses, Prince, Jester, Valet, Squires	
Scene 3	Back at the House	Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Valet, Prince, Squires, Cinderella	
Scene 4	Happily Ever After	Fairy Godmother, Cinderella, Prince, Fairy Dust	
Matiness Bows		All	
Evening Bows		Stepmother, Lucinda, Florinda, Cinderella, Fairy Godmother, Squires, Dancing Master, Musicians, Modiste, Merchants, Night Fairies, Clock Elves, Horses, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Valet, Jester, Prince, Ball Guests, Heralds, Princesses, Maids, Cobblers, Fairy Dust	



COSTUME REQUIREMENTS

Any cast member not wearing the correct undergarments and shoes will not be allowed on stage – this includes the absence of regular underwear. All performance undergarments and shoes must be in good repair (i.e. no holes in tights, shoes clean, sewn and with drawstrings intact) and be purchased through NPD. There is no jewelry allowed on stage unless provided by NPD. There is no nail polish allowed.

• NPD offers resale flesh tone leotards and ballet shoes that fulfill the costume requirement.

Eyeglasses are not permitted on stage or for Studio Dress Rehearsal. NPD Staff suggests that children who require glasses do not wear them to <u>any</u> rehearsal to get used to dancing without them.

Underwear is not to be worn under tights and leotards. This rule is not specific to performance but will be strongly enforced during Studio Dress and performances.

Please note that once a dancer has auditioned, the way the Director sees their outward appearance, that is how the cast member is expected to look on stage. Cast members are not to make any drastic changes to their outward appearance (ex. hair color/length) after auditioning. Female cast members whose hair is chin length or shorter are asked to refrain from cutting or trimming their hair until after the performances. Before making any changes to your appearance talk to the Director.

MAKEUP

Each cast member is required to have their own makeup kit that contains the following items. These can be purchased through NPD via the Dancewear order form found at www.northernplaisndance.org/cinderellacast (NPD makeup kits do not include foundation/base or black mascara). If you wish to purchase your own items, all makeup should be matte. Makeup with shimmer does not show up under stage lights. There is no body or hair glitter permitted on stage.



Makeup Kits	Advanced Role Makeup Kits		
Foundation/Base*	Foundation/Base*		
1 shade darker than actual skin tone	1 shade darker than actual skin tone		
Loose Translucent Powder	Loose Translucent Powder		
Pink Blush	Pink Blush		
Red Lipstick	Red Lipstick		
Brown Eyeshadow	Brown Eyeshadow		
Light Taupe Eyeshadow	Black Mascara*		
Black Mascara*	White Eyeshadow & White Eye Pencil		
	Black Eye Pencil		
	Fake Eyelashes & Eyelash Glue		
*not included in NPD Makeup kits	Pencil Sharpener		
*All items must be purchased and brought to the Hair and Makeup Lesson			

HAIR

Each cast member is required have their own hair kit that contains the following items. These can be purchased through NPD via the Dancewear order form at www.northernplaisndance.org/cinderellacast. Hair style requirements for each role are listed below. No additional decorations are permitted.



Female Hair Kits	Male Hair Kits
Soft Bristled Brush	Soft Bristled Brush
Hair Spray	Hair Spray
Hair Gel	
Hair Elastic the matches hair color	
Hair Net the matches hair color	
(if required to have a bun)	
Bobby Pins	

*All items must be purchased and brought to the Hair and Makeup Lesson on www.northernplaisndance.org/cinderellacast.



BAGS/BINS

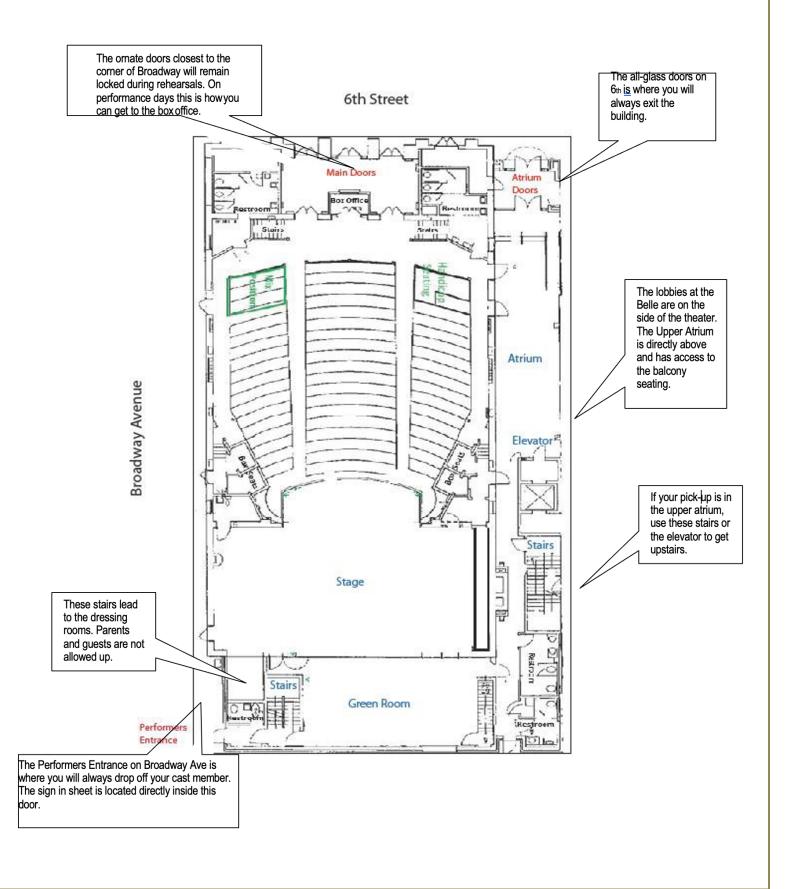
Each cast member is required to have 3 items to contain their personal belongings at the theater. You may provide these on your own or purchase them through the dancewear order form:

- 1. A <u>1-quart Ziploc bag</u> containing their red performance lipstick and, if female, 20-25 bobby pins. This bag will be turned in at the front desk at check in for Studio Dress Rehearsal and will remain in NPD's possession for the run of performances. Each cast member must have their own bag, their own lipstick, and their own bobby pins. Siblings may not share.
- 2. A <u>6-quart plastic container with lid</u> that will hold their headpiece and costume pieces that may not hang nicely on a hanger. The bin will be turned in at costume fitting and will remain in NPD's possession for the rest of the production period. Each cast member must have their own bin. Siblings may not share.
- 3. A <u>theater bag</u> that zips or buckles shut. When your child arrives at the theater, they will put their street clothes in this bag and immediately put on their ballet shoes. When they change out of costume, their ballet shoes will go back into the bag.

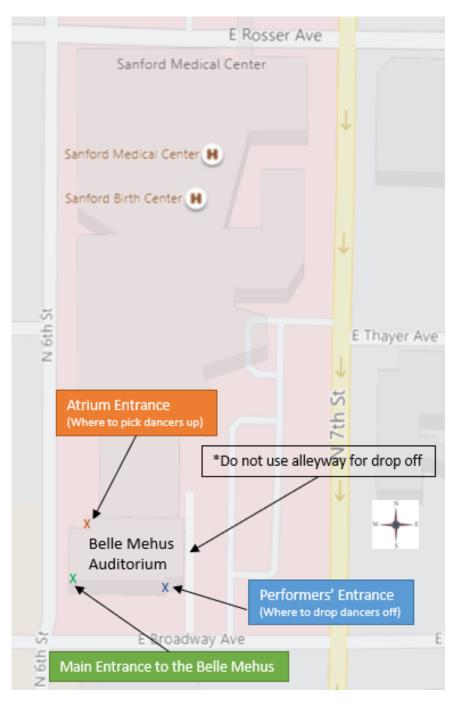


ROLE *items that must be purchased	UNDERGARMENT	LEGS	SHOES	HAIR
through NPD Lucinda, Florinda, Stepmother, Fairy Godmother, Spring Fairy, Summer Fairy, Autumn Fairy, Winter Fairy, Princesses, Ball Guests, Modiste	Flesh-tone leotard*, pink trunks*	Pink tights*	Pointe Shoes (pancaked)	See Hollis
Cinderella	Flesh-tone leotard*, pink trunks*	Pink tights*	Pointe Shoes (pancaked), Ballet shoes (color TBA)	See Hollis
Musicians	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pointe Shoes (pancaked)	See Hollis
Jester, Dancing Master	Flesh-tone leotard*, pink trunks*	Pink tights*	Ballet shoes (color TBA)	See Hollis
Merchants	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	Low Bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have note done this hair style for a performance before
MALE: White Mice, Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies	Dance belt*	White tights*	Provided by NPD	Neatly trimmed and combed
FEMALE: Spring Pixies, Summer Pixies, Autumn Pixies, Winter Pixies	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	High Bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have not done this hair style for a performance before
Chameleons, Grasshoppers, White Horses, Herald, Clock Elves, White Mice	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	Low bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have not done this hair style for a performance before
Dragonflies	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	High bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have not done this hair style for a performance before
FEMALE: Coachmen, Squires, Cobblers, Maids	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	Low bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have not done this hair style for a performance before
MALE: Coachmen, Valet, Cobblers, Squire	Dance belt*	White tights*	Black ballet shoes with white elastic	Neatly trimmed and combed
Night Fairies, Fairy Dust	Flesh-tone leotard*	Pink tights*	Pink Ballet Shoes*	High bun Attend hair workshop following the cast meeting if you have not done this hair style for a performance before











HOW TO READ THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

If you have questions on how to read this schedule, please ask a staff member for further assistance.

