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FROM TAP DANCING REINDEER TO
TWIRLING SNOWFLAKES, JOIN US AS
WE CELEBRATE OUR FAVORITE
THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

**CELEBRATION
OF
CHRISTMAS**
2023



TICKETS



\$10 GENERAL
ADMISSION

DECEMBER 16
4PM



**CDO HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

DOORS OPEN 3:30PM

25 W CALLE CONCORDIA
ORO VALLEY, AZ 85704

Welcome to our 3rd Annual Christmas Show!

Please refer to this guide for important dates, rehearsal schedules, costume/accessory information, ticket purchasing, and more.

Stage/Tech Rehearsal @ CDO High School

Friday, December 15 between 5pm-9pm

Show Time @ CDO High School

Saturday, December 16 @ 4pm

Call Time 3:15pm

Theater

Canyon Del Oro High School

25 W Calle Concordia

Tucson, AZ 85704



Timeline

Ticket Sales Open Online: November 24

Costume Fittings during Rehearsal: late-November

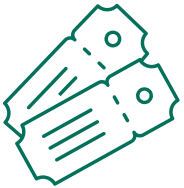
DDC Christmas T-Shirt Distribution: early December

Dress Rehearsal: December 15

Show Day: December 16



Costumes: All stage costumes are rentals and will be checked in and out backstage at the show. All costumes have dancers' names in each piece. Dancers may not leave with any costumes, accessories, or props from the show- any missing costumes will result in a \$100 charge to that dancer's account. Dancers are responsible for providing their own shoes and tights.



Tickets: Tickets will be available for purchase online beginning November 24. Tickets are \$10 each (including fees & taxes) and may be sold at the door if tickets are still available.



Photos & Video: Any pictures taken during dress rehearsal will be free to download! A video link of the show will be sent out to families after the performance. A hard copy USB will also be available for purchase for \$10 each.



Merch: Clothing, socks, ornaments, and more will be available for purchase in the theater lobby. Baked goods will be available for purchase by Bina Bakes and snacks will be available for purchase by the DDC Booster Club!

We will have recital staff and a few parent volunteers backstage- only approved volunteers will be permitted backstage during the show. If you are interested in assisting backstage, please email us at

info@desertdancecollective.com

Assisting backstage can include helping with costume changes, hanging up costumes, double checking accessories before students go onstage, keeping students in their groups, going on restroom runs, and keeping littles entertained.



Ticket Sales: Opens 11/24

Every seat requires a ticket. All seats are general admission.
Children who can sit on laps do not require a ticket.

Purchase Online: \$10

All tickets are virtual for this recital. All fees and taxes are included.
Be sure to have your tickets ready to scan when doors open.



Order tickets here!

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/35273156/celebration-of-christmas-2023>

Purchase at the Door: \$15

Unless the show is sold out, tickets may be purchased in the theater lobby with cash or card.

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Dress Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

Canyon Del Oro High School Auditorium

Check-In & Costume Time	Stage Time	Dance & Class Time
5:15PM	5:45PM	Reindeer & Elves (Sat 10AM)
5:45PM	6:15PM	You Make Everyday (Tap) & This Christmas (Hip Hop)
6:00PM	6:30PM	Snowflakes & Candy Canes (Sat 10:45AM)
6:30PM	7:00PM	Gingerbread (Mon 6PM) & Grinch (Mon 6:45PM)
7:00PM	7:20PM	DDC Green, Gold, Comp Teams
7:15PM	7:45PM	Winterlude (Tue 8pm) & Sleigh Ride (Mon 5PM)
7:30PM	8:00PM	Around the World (Th 6PM)
	8:30PM	Reset for Show Day

At rehearsal, dancers should arrive wearing:

- Correct color tights & skin-toned undergarments (check next page)
- Hair and make-up already stage-ready (check next page)

Dancers should bring:

- Correct dance shoes (check next page)
- Water bottle

Full hair and makeup are required for this rehearsal as photos will be taken.

Check out our tutorials for hair/makeup towards the end of this packet if you need assistance! There is limited dressing room space backstage, so it is best to arrive ready for the stage.

At check-in, dancers will be given their costume to put on backstage. We have a backstage team who will help, but one parent will also be allowed backstage to help their dancer change before and after rehearsal. All non-dancers may sit in the audience during rehearsal. **Photos and videos are permitted at rehearsal but not at the show.**

Dancers are expected to be at rehearsal for the duration of their routine(s). Once your dancer has finished running their routine(s), they are welcome to stay and watch from the audience or leave. We understand this can be a late evening for littles and appreciate your commitment to this show!



Checklist & Show Order

1. Pentatonix Christmas

Green, Gold, & Competition Teams

Shoes: Tan Jazz Shoes

Tights: Tan

Hair: Half Up Half Down

2. Elves

Saturdays @ 10am

Shoes: Black or White Tennis Shoes

Tights: None

Hair: Half Up Half Down

3. Winterlude

Tuesdays @ 8pm

Shoes: None

Tights: Tan

Hair: Half Up Half Down

4. Mr. Grinch

Mondays @ 6:45pm

Shoes: Tan Jazz Shoes

Tights: Tan

Hair: Half Up Half Down

5. Snowflakes

Saturdays @ 10:45am

Shoes: Pink Ballet Shoes

Tights: Pink

Hair: Half Up Half Down

6. Candy Canes

Saturdays @ 10:45am

Shoes: None

Tights: None

Hair: Half Up Half Down

7. Sleigh Ride

Mondays @ 5pm

Shoes: Pink Ballet Shoes

Tights: Pink

Hair: Half Up Half Down

8. Reindeer

Saturdays @ 10am

Shoes: Black Tap Shoes

Tights: Tan

Hair: Half Up Half Down

9. This Christmas

Cris' Hip Hop

Shoes: Black or White Tennis Shoes

Tights: None

Hair: Half Up Half Down

10. Gingerbread

Mondays @ 6pm

Shoes: Tan Jazz Shoes

Tights: Tan

Hair: Half Up Half Down

11. You Make Everyday

Lindsay's Tap

Shoes: Black Tap Shoes

Tights: Tan Tights

Hair: Half Up Half Down

12. Around the World

Thursdays @ 6pm

Shoes: Tan Jazz Shoes

Tights: Tan Tights

Hair: Half Up Half Down

13. Finale

All Dancers

Shoes: Jazz, Tennis Shoes, or Barefoot

Attire: Green DDC Christmas T-Shirt, any shorts, skirts, or pants

Christmas accessories also welcome (headpieces, necklace, socks, etc)



Show Day

Saturday, December 16

Canyon Del Oro High School Auditorium

3:00PM-3:15PM	Dancers Check-In
3:30PM	Doors Open
4:00PM	Show Begins
5:20PM	Show Ends, Dancers Check-Out

CHECK IN: Parents may drop off or head backstage with their dancer between 3:00-3:15pm to get them settled in and changed into costume. All hair and makeup should be finished and costumes should be on by 3:30pm, we recommend doing hair & makeup at home. At 3:30pm, all non-dancers will be asked to head into the theater lobby unless they are wearing a DDC backstage volunteer name tag. Interested being a backstage volunteer? Email us: info@desertdancecollective.com

We recommend taking photos in costume at dress rehearsal or before the show!

SHOWTIME: The show runs about 1 hour and 15 minutes with no intermission. **Parents will not be allowed backstage during the show.** This is a short show, so we ask that you and your guests stay for the entire duration of the show and then pick up backstage afterwards.

CHECK OUT: After the finale, dancers will head back to their dressing room and collect their personal items. We ask that you designate one pick-up person to collect your dancer this as there is limited room backstage. Our check-out team will check off each dancer as they exit to ensure that all dancers are leaving with their designated adult.

Recital Bag Checklist:

- Correct shoes and tights
- Optional undergarments:
 - Dance bras must be skin colored with clear or matching straps
 - Underwear must be skin colored and completely discreet
- Green DDC Christmas shirt and bottoms for the finale (write name in shirt)
- Water & mess-free snacks (no nuts)
- Hair pins, hairspray, gel, comb
- Lip stain, any touch-up makeup



Hair & Makeup

It is very common for dancers to have slightly exaggerated make-up onstage to prevent being washed out by the bright stage lights. All students (even boys!) benefit from having a bit of makeup onstage, and parents may use their discretion for what will work best for their student. Boys hair should be styled and secured appropriately.

Suggested Stage Makeup

Juniors, Teens, & Seniors (Ages 9-18)

1. Foundation to even skin tone
2. Eyeshadow
 - a. Skin-tone shadow all over eyelids
 - b. Light brown shadow on just the lid itself
 - c. Dark brown shadow on the outside corners of eyelids
 - d. Light or gold-tone shadow on inside corners of the eyelids
3. Small amount of eyeliner on top lid
4. Mascara or false eyelashes
5. Bronzer & blush on cheek bones
6. Bright red lip stain (we prefer Maybelline 118 "Dancer")
7. Setting spray

Little Movers & Minis (Ages 3-8)

1. Small amount of mascara on top & bottom lashes
2. Gold eye shadow on just the lid
3. Pink blush on cheek bones
4. Bright red lip stain (we prefer Maybelline 118 "Dancer")

Half Up Half Down Hair Tutorial

1. Either parting the hair or combing straight back, use gel to comb your dancer's hair from the top of the ears up into a ponytail at the crown of the head. Make sure that the ponytail is tight and doesn't become loose when shaking the head.
2. Make sure the hair that is down is combed and smoothed out. Spray down any flyaways and secure loose sections with bobby pins. Hair may be straight, wavy, or curled.

Video Tutorials



Makeup



**Half Up Half
Down Hair**

FAQS

How do I purchase tickets?

Tickets may be purchased online for \$10 or at the door for \$15. All tickets are virtual.



Will we receive any complimentary tickets?

Unlike spring recital, complimentary tickets are unavailable for the Christmas show as they were not included in the performance fee.

Does my student get to keep their costume?

Our Christmas show costumes are rentals and will not go home with your student.

What do I need to buy for my student's costume?

Shoes and tights do not come with your student's costume rental and will need to be purchased separately. Please refer to your recital packet to see what your student needs to have for their specific routine.

I can't do hair/makeup... will someone be there to help?

You can do it! Check out our video tutorials for hair and makeup and don't be afraid to practice. Please ask Ms. Lauren if you have hair and/or makeup questions that are specific to your student's needs. Our recital team will not be able to assist with much more than touch ups backstage.



How long is the show?

This show is about 1 hour 20 minutes with no intermission.

Can my student watch the show, or can I go backstage during the show?

Once checked in, all students will be backstage for the entirety of the show. No students will be allowed to leave the backstage area until after the show. Except for designated backstage helpers, no family or friends will be allowed backstage during the show.

What is my responsibility for tech rehearsal and show?

For rehearsal, please ensure that your student is at the theater ready to dance with full hair, makeup, tights, shoes, water, and anything else they need no later than their routine's check-in time. For show day, please ensure that your dancer is at the theater in full hair and makeup with all of their items no later than 3:15pm.

Can I take pictures/videos?

Personal pictures and videos are permitted at rehearsal but not at the show. We will be able to upload a video of the show unlisted to YouTube, and families who would like a USB of the show may purchase one after the show for \$10.

Where do we park?

CDO High School is located off Calle Concordia & Oracle. Patrons will follow the DDC signs to the appropriate parking lot, and then they'll see DDC signs directing towards the auditorium.