



The Steadfast Tin Soldier
Performer Packet
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Sept. 26, 2017

Dear Parents of “The Steadfast Tin Soldier” Dancers:

Thank you for supporting your child’s decision to be involved in “The Steadfast Tin Soldier, A Story Ballet”. Enclosed with this letter is a packet of information regarding rehearsals, costume fittings and ways that you could help from behind the scenes!

To help cover costs for rehearsal and new costumes or restoration of costumes each year, we are asking each performer to pay a \$95 performance fee. Please return this fee with signed permission slip by your student’s first rehearsal, or October 7th, whichever comes first. Thank you!

The affordable ticket price does not cover additional costs of paying guest artists, musicians and the venue. As in the past, we will be selling tickets for wonderful door prizes during that will be drawn for during intermission at the performances. If you have an item that you would like to donate for door prizes, we would greatly appreciate it!

We are very excited to begin our work and look forward to the creative process. Please call or email us at info@dancefremont.com if you have any question, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karena Birk



Ways You Can Help!

**Look for an email announcing volunteer sign-up at
SignUpGenius.com**

- Donate a Door Prize Item
- Sponsor the new Giant Fish Puppet (see page 4)
- Invite a class to the Friday school show (see Page 15-16)
- Help with costume fittings (see Page 8)
- We need a lot of help in dressing area & backstage management during rehearsal or performances!
- Help to load & unload the show
- Help to sell concession (baked goodies) at intermission
- Help to sell merchandise before & after performances & at intermission
- Help to sell tickets at door
- Two ushers for each public performance, three during Friday elementary school performance
- Purchase an ad for the STS Program (See Page 4)
- Give a gift to The Steadfast Tin Soldier Production (See Page 4)
- Buy Door Prize tickets
- Bake goodies for Bake Sale at intermissions during public performances
- Invite lots of friends to see the shows!

2017 only—help with the new Giant Fish Puppet, being created by local artist Derin Smith!

This year, a new, lighter, more maneuverable Giant Fish Puppet will make its stage debut!

Be part of its creation: come to the fish scale painting party at Dance Fremont, 1:30 on Sunday October 15th!

Be a Friend of the Fish: donate \$25 and your name or message will be written on one of the Giant Fish Puppet's scales, and your sponsorship acknowledged in the program!

Email info@dancefremont.com for information or to donate

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***Show support for your dancer and the production with an ad in the program!***

**Cost and Size of Advertisement (Wide X Tall)**

Half Page Ad (4-1/2" x 4") \$100 \_\_\_

1/4 Page Ad (vertical 2-1/2" x 4") \$50 \_\_\_

1/4 Page Ad (horizontal 4-1/2" x 2") \$50 \_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Dance Fremont! c/o STS

Ads are due by Nov. 21. Dance Fremont can provide Steadfast clipart for your ad.

Requests to create your ad or your digital ads may be mailed to [info@dancefremont.com](mailto:info@dancefremont.com)

1/4 Page Ad Example

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**Dear Natalie,  
Best Wishes For Your Last  
STS Performances!  
Love, Your Family**



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***Another Way to Give Your Support:
Friends of The Steadfast Tin Soldier***

I would like to be a Friend of The Steadfast Tin Soldier, A Story Ballet

Enclosed is my contribution of

___ \$25 Friends

___ \$50 Fans

___ \$75 Celebrities

___ \$100 and above ___ \$ Superheroes

Name to appear in program: _____

Please make checks payable to Dance Fremont c/o STS.

The Steadfast Tin Soldier, A Story Ballet

If an Act is listed as a rehearsal, please refer to this list to see if you are included in that rehearsal.

Act I (Prologue) includes the following roles:

(Caroling) Sailor School Children

Nana

Andrew

Act I (Scene I) includes the following roles:

Nana

Andrew

(THE FOLLOWING ROLES ARE TOYS)

Tin Soldiers

Graceful Swans*

Tarantella Mice*

Siamese Cats*

Cuckoo*

Harlequin *

Wind-Up Doll*

Mischievous Mouse*

Imp King

*These Toys are part of the Contredanse

Act II (Scene I) includes the following roles:

Nana

Andrew

Sailor School Children

Water

Water Rats

Little Fish Puppeteers

Sea Grass

Giant Fish Puppeteers

Act II (Scene II) includes the following roles:

All Toys (see above)

Fire & Sparks

Wind & Little Breeze

Nana & Andrew

The Steadfast Tin Soldier

The Paper Ballerina

COSTUMES FOR THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

Items in italics: dancers are responsible for providing their own.

NANA: Dress, tights, *black shoes*, Cape (hair in a low bun)

ANDREW: Knickers, blouse, vest, jacket, *white knee high stockings or tights, black slippers*, Cape

TIN SOLDIERS: Soldier uniform, hat, black leotard, *black tights, black slippers*, white gloves (hair in a high bun on top of head)

GRACEFUL SWANS: White Unitard, tutu skirt, *convertible Capezio® Ballet Pink tights Style # 18C or 18. white gloves, nude or white under garment*, head piece

TARANTELLA MICE: Dresses, *Capezio® Ballet Pink tights Style # 18C or 18.*, trunks, *pink leather slippers*, tambourines, Mice ear headpiece (hair in high buns)

SIAMESE CATS: Costume, *nude or tan tights and black ballet slippers*, cat ears, bell & collar, parasol

CUCKOO: Tutu, *Capezio® Ballet Pink tights Style # 18C or 18 & pointe shoes*, headpiece, hair in low bun

HARLEQUIN: Costume, *white tights or socks, black slippers*, hat

WIND-UP DOLL: Tutu, *Capezio® Ballet Pink tights Style # 18C or 18, pink pointe shoes*, bow (hair in high bun)

MISCHIEVOUS MOUSE: Gray leotard, red bow tie, black pants, red suspenders, *white tights, black jazz shoes*, mice ears, cane (hair in a high bun)

IMP KING: Jacket, black leggings and *black tights, black slippers*, mask, beard, black gloves

SAILOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: Blouse (*under garment if necessary*) knickers, *white tights, black slippers*, sailor hats, (Ladies: hair in high buns) Caroler Capes

WATER AND FIRE: Tops, bottoms, armbands, *girls-pink tights, boys-flesh colored tights* and leotards, *girls-pink ballet slippers, boys-white canvas ballet slippers (to be dyed)* and headpieces

WATER RATS: Gray leotard and tights, gloves, gray slippers, fur costume, mask headpiece (hair to accommodate Mask)

SEA GRASS: Unitard, eye masks and *pink canvas ballet slippers to be sewn into unitard*

SPARKS: Unitard, head piece and *pink or white or pink canvas ballet slippers to be dyed*

WIND & LITTLE BREEZE: *Capezio® Ballet Pink tights Style # 18C or 18 and pink ballet slippers*, Wind and Little Breeze dresses & headpieces

GIANT FISH: Black leotards and *tights, black ballet slippers*

LITTLE FISH PUPPETEERS: White leotards, *white tights, skirts and vests, gloves, white canvas ballet slippers, eye masks head pieces*

MAKE-UP

NANA & ANDREW: Basic stage make-up

TIN SOLDIERS: Basic stage with red cheeks

GRACEFUL SWANS: White face, black around eyes

TARANTELLA MICE: Basic stage with red or pink button nose and black whiskers

SIAMESE CATS: Cat Face

CUCKOO: Bird face

HARLEQUIN: Black diamond on one eye

WIND-UP DOLL: Basic Stage with red cheeks and exaggerated lashes

MISCHIEVOUS MOUSE: White face, pink button nose and black whiskers

WATER AND FIRE: Basic stage make up

SAILOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: Basic stage make up

SPARKS: Stage make up with red and orange flames

WIND & LITTLE BREEZE: Basic stage make-up

WATER RATS, SEAGRASS, LITTLE & GIANT FISH PUPPETEERS: none

Backstage Theater Kit

Items that make the backstage experience less chaotic and more enjoyable

**Kaboodles...colorful fishing tackle boxes are great to tote theater needs. (Write your name on box in Sharpie.)

Hair Stuff

Hairbrush
Hairspray
Hairpins & bobby pins
Hairnets
Ponytail elastics

Makeup

See specific makeup sheet for STS on page 8.

*A good source for stage makeup is Display & Costume at Northgate
www.displaycostume.com*

Ben Nye Pancake Foundation
Facial sponges
Ben Nye Facial Powder (no shine)
Ben Nye **True Red** lipstick
Black mascara
Black eyeliner
Brown eyebrow pencil
Blush (Tone that compliments skin color)
White and earth tone eye shadows

Just in case

Band-aids
Deodorant
Breath mints
Safety pins
Needle/thread
Feminine hygiene stuff
Extra tights

Bored Backstage

Playing cards
Books to read
Paper/pencil
Disposable camera
Autograph program
Comfy backstage clothes...temperature appropriate

Finished Dancing

Make-up remover
Washcloth
Toothpaste/toothbrush

For Photos, Rehearsals & Performances... The NO List

- No jewelry
- No macramé bracelets or anklets
- No shiny barrettes or hair junk
- No visible undergarments
- No bright band-aids
- No nail polish
- No visible tattoos

You may snack during the rehearsals / performances, however you must not be wearing your costume. **Do not place your costume on the counter top where make up and food may be. Spilled food on counter tops is a sure way to stain a costume. If you know the answer to this question, come to Ms. Karena to receive a prize. **Question: While eating a snack, where should my costume be?**

STS COSTUME FITTINGS

We need 1-2 parents to help with costume fitting on all days. Note: these volunteers will not be sewing costumes, just assisting with logistics.

All Toys not listed will be fitted during rehearsal or between class times.

Saturday OCT. 7

Tarantella Mice 4:00-4:30PM

Tin Soldiers 5:30-6:00PM

Parent Volunteers

Saturday OCT. 28

Water Rats, Water/Fire, & Little Breeze 5:00-5:30PM

Parent Volunteers

Saturday Nov. 4

Sailor School Children & Andrew 4:00-5:00PM

Parent Volunteers

Saturday NOV. 11

Little Fish Puppeteers 4:30-5:00PM

Parent Volunteers

**Regular class cancellations or combining of classes
due to STS rehearsals or performances in theater:**

WEDNESDAY DEC. 6TH

Cancelled

**Ballet IV & Ballet V
Modern IV and Ballet V**

THURSDAY DEC. 7TH

Cancelled

**Ballet 1B
Ballet III
Ballet VI
Modern 1
Modern III**

FRIDAY DEC. 8TH

Cancelled

**Ballet V
Ballet VI
Pointe V & VI**

SATURDAY DEC. 9TH

Cancelled

**Danceworks Company Class
Ballet II/III
Ballet IV**

STS performers excused from Prep 2 and Ballet 1 classes

MONDAY DEC. 11TH

Cancelled

**Ballet IV
Ballet VI
Pointe IV
Modern VI**

FRIDAY DEC. 15TH

Combined

**Ballet V & VI
Cancelled for Cast Party!
Pointe V & VI**

The Steadfast Tin Soldier Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals in italics are located in Studio 2

Saturday Sept. 23: STS Audition-no rehearsals

Thursday Sept. 28

7:30-9:00PM Siamese Cats, Graceful Swans

Saturday Sept. 30

2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children

3:00-4:00 Andrew

4:00-5:30 Tin Soldiers

2:30-4:00 Little Fish Puppeteers

4:00-5:00 Tarantella Mice (TTM)

5:00-6:00 Cuckoo

Thursday Oct. 5

7:30-9:00 Cats, Swans

Saturday Oct. 7

2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children

3:00-4:00 Andrew

4:00-5:30 Tin Soldiers

2:30-4:00 Little Fish Puppeteers

4:00-4:30 Tarantella Mice Costume Fitting

4:30-5:30 Tarantella Mice

5:30-6:00 Tin Soldiers Costume Fitting

5:30-6:00 Imp King

Thursday Oct. 12

7:30-9:00 *Run/work Cats, Swans*

7:30-9:00 Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo

Saturday Oct. 14

2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children and Andrew with Kathleen

3:00-4:00 Andrew and Nana

4:00-4:30 Tin Soldiers

2:30-3:30 Little Fish Puppeteers

3:30-4:30 Contredanse (Toys except Tin Soldiers)

4:30-5:00 Wind Up Doll

5:00-6:00 Imp King

*****SUNDAY Oct. 15*****

1:30-? Giant Fish Painting Party!

Dance Fremont will provide snacks, all dancers and parents welcome!

Thursday Oct. 19

7:30-9:00 *Harlequin, Mischievous Mouse*

7:30-9:00 Seagrass

Saturday Oct. 21

(DW company class 1:00-2:00)

2:30-3:30 *Water Rats*

3:30-4:30 *SSC*

4:30-5:30 *Andrew and Nana*

5:30-6:00 *Imp King*

2:00-3:30 *Water*

3:30-4:30 *All Act I Toys*

4:30-6:00 *Giant Fish Puppeteers*

Thursday Oct. 26

7:30-9:00 *Harlequin, Mischievous Mouse*

7:30-9:00 *Seagrass*

Saturday Oct. 28

3:30-4:00 *Water Rats*

2:30-3:00 *Giant Fish Puppeteers*

3:00-4:00 *Seagrass, Little Fish Puppeteers, Giant Fish Puppeteers*

4:00-5:00 *Water & Water Rats*

5:00-5:30 *Water Rats and Water/Fire costume fitting*

5:00-6:00 *Act I Toys TBA*

Thursday Nov. 2

7:30-9:00PM *Toys (NO TS or TTM) and Seagrass*

Saturday Nov. 4

2:00-4:00PM *Sailor School Children and Andrew with Kathleen Mills*

4:00-5:00 *Sailor School Children and Andrew costume fitting*

5:00-6:00 *Wind/Breeze*

2:30-3:00 *Water and Water Rats*

3:00-4:00 *Fire*

4:00-5:00 *Sparks*

5:00-6:00 *Little Fish Puppeteers, Giant Fish Puppeteers*

Thursday Nov. 9

7:30-9:00PM *Toys, TTM (no TS) & Seagrass*

Saturday Nov. 11

2:30-3:00 *Water and Water Rats*

3:00-4:30 *Sparks, Fire, Wind & Little Breeze*

4:30-5:00 *TBA as needed*

4:30-5:00 *Little Fish Puppeteers costume fitting*

5:00-6:00PM *ALL IN ACT II (see Roles Sheet in Packet) (No Toys from Act I)*

Thursday Nov. 16

7:30-9:00PM *Toys, TTM (no TS) & Seagrass*

Saturday Nov. 18

2:00-4:00 TBA

4:00-5:00PM ACT I: PROLOGUE & SCENE I

5:00-6:00PM ACT II, SCENE I & II

Thursday Nov. 23 -Thanksgiving & Saturday Nov. 25

No Rehearsal

*****SUNDAY Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Weekend No Excused Absences)*****

1:30-3:30PM ACT I: PROLOGUE & SCENE I

3:30-5:30PM ACT II, SCENE I & II (Soldier & Ballerina @ 4:30)

Thursday Nov. 30

7:30-9:00PM Toys, TTM (no TS) & Seagrass

Saturday Dec. 2 (No Excused Absences)

DW Company class 1:00-2:00

2:00-4:00PM Entire Cast 1st w/STS Ensemble Run Through

4:00-4:30PM Break (Rehearsal for Scene Change Crew)

4:30-6:00PM Entire Cast w/STS Ensemble (2nd Run Through incl. Scene Change Crew)

Sunday Dec. 3 (No Excused Absences)

2:00-6:00 TBA If Necessary

WEEK OF PERFORMANCES *No Excused Absences At Any Time*****

Directions to Shorecrest Performing Arts Center: I-5 North to exit # 175 (145th St. Exit) Turn right (heading east) at end of exit ramp onto 145th St. Continue east for approximately 2 miles, past 15th Ave NE which is a major arterial, until you get to 25th Ave. NE. There is a traffic light at this intersection. Turn left at 25th Ave. NE. The Shorecrest Performing Arts Center (15343 25th Ave. NE) is part of the Shorecrest High School. Look for the Dance Fremont! sandwich board or signage located on the street. **ALLOW EXTRA TRAVEL TIME FOR TRAFFIC!!!!**

WED. DEC. 6 TECH REHEARSAL

@ SHORECREST PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

12:00-4:00PM TECH CREW & SET-UP (No Dancers Onstage)

DANCERS ARRIVE & SIGN-IN NO LATER THAN 4:30PM

(Wear practice attire unless notified otherwise) Animal characters in make-up

5:00-7:00PM DANCERS SPACING FOR ACT II (SCENE I & II) & BOWS

Water/Fire, Little Fish Puppeteers, Water Rats, Little Breeze excused at 7:00

7:00-7:25PM DINNER BREAK

7:30-9:00PM SPACING FOR PROLOGUE & ACT I (SCENE I)

Caroling Children (Sailor School Children) excused after prologue is done

THURS. DEC. 7 DRESS REHEARSAL @ S.P.A.C.

3:00PM Backstage Doors open/ 1ST SIGN IN (All not listed in 2nd sign-in)

4:00pm 2ND SIGN-IN Andrew, Nana, Sailor School Children, Water/Fire, Water Rats,

Little Breeze, Tin Soldiers, Little Fish Puppeteers
4:00-4:45PM WARM-UP (Make up and hair ready to go)
5:00-6:45PM FIRST RUN THROUGH
6:45-7:15PM DINNER BREAK (Take costumes off and HANG them up while eating!!!) NO COSTUMES ON THE FLOOR!!!!
7:15-9:00PM SECOND RUN THROUGH
Pick up time 9:15PM

FRI. DEC. 8 @ S.P.A.C.

8:30AM BACKSTAGE DOOR OPEN & 1ST SIGN-IN (All not listed in 2nd sign-in)
9:15-10:00AM WARM-UP (Make up and hair ready to go)
9:30am 2ND SIGN-IN Andrew, Nana, Sailor School Children, Water/Fire, Water Rats, Little Breeze, Tin Soldiers, Little Fish Puppeteers
10:30AM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Pick up time 12:00PM

SAT. DEC. 9 @ S.P.A.C.

12:00-12:30PM BACKSTAGE DOOR OPEN & 1ST SIGN-IN (All not listed in 2nd sign-in)
12:45-1:30PM WARM-UP
1:00pm 2ND SIGN-IN Andrew, Nana, Sailor School Children, Water/Fire, Water Rats, Little Breeze, Tin Soldiers, Little Fish Puppeteers
1:30PM ALL TO BE DRESSED, MADE UP & READY TO PERFORM
2:00PM MATINEE PERFORMANCE
Pick up time 3:45PM

6:00PM 1ST SIGN-IN (All not listed in 2nd sign-in)
6:15-7:00PM WARM-UP
6:30pm 2ND SIGN-IN Andrew, Nana, Sailor School Children, Water/Fire, Water Rats, Little Breeze, Tin Soldiers, Little Fish Puppeteers
7:00PM ALL TO BE DRESSED, MADE UP & READY TO PERFORM
7:30PM EVENING PERFORMANCE
Pick up time 9:15PM

SUN. DEC. 10 @ S.P.A.C.

12:00-12:30PM BACKSTAGE DOOR OPEN & 1ST SIGN-IN (All not listed in 2nd sign-in)
1:00pm 2ND SIGN-IN Andrew, Nana, Sailor School Children, Water/Fire, Water Rats, Little Breeze, Tin Soldiers, Little Fish Puppeteers
12:45-1:30PM WARM-UP
1:30PM ALL TO BE DRESSED, MADE UP & READY TO PERFORM
2:00PM MATINEE PERFORMANCE
Pick up time 3:45PM

BREAKDOWN & LOAD OUT

FRIDAY DEC. 15

6:30-8:30PM CAST PARTY @ DANCE FREMONT

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THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER
CAST & PRODUCTION PARTY 2016

Dear Members of The Steadfast Tin Soldier production:

Mark your calendar! You are invited to a cast party to celebrate the success and closing of our 21st annual performances of The Steadfast Tin Soldier, A Story Ballet! Your steadfast enthusiasm and dedication during the two and a half months of rehearsals will be celebrated at this party just for YOU! We will view a performance on the big screen!

Place: Dance Fremont!

Date and Time: Friday, December 16 at 6:30-8:30PM

P.S. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Sincerely,
Ms. Karena



September 12, 2017

Dear Teachers,

We at Dance Fremont invite you to see and hear the literature of Hans Christian Andersen brought to life through **a wonderful field trip opportunity** for your students. This is one holiday show you won't want to miss.

Dance Fremont! presents **The Steadfast Tin Soldier, A Story Ballet**, now in its 21st year. Adapted from the Hans Christian Andersen tale of the same name and performed by over 50 young dancers ages 7-17, the ballet is beautifully choreographed by Vivian Little. Students will be enchanted by the dazzling costumes, artfully crafted props & sets, and a live ensemble of high school musicians performing a captivating musical score by Kathleen Mills. Verbal story narration and Signing in Exact English (S.E.E.) make the story easy to follow for even the youngest students.

A special school performance will be offered on Friday, December 8th at The Shorecrest Performing Arts Center, 15434-25th Avenue NE in Shoreline. The performance starts at 10:30am, lasting approximately 75 minutes. Tickets are \$7 per person.

Connie Spurrier, a first/second grade teacher at The Evergreen School, said this about the performance. "All my students enjoyed it. It was colorful, creative and full of action and energy. The students loved seeing other children perform. I plan to take my class again next year."

Seats fill quickly. For more information and to ensure seating at the performance of your choice, **please call Dance Fremont! at 206-633-0812 or email us at info@dancefremont.com.**

We look forward to sharing this exciting holiday production with you and your students.

Sincerely,
Karena Birk, Director
Dance Fremont!

We will attend the Friday December 8th performance of **The Steadfast Tin Soldier**
at the **Shorecrest Performing Arts Center** at 10:30am

Number of attendees (includes students, teachers, chaperones) at \$7 per person ____

Teacher(s) name, school and grade level, phone number and email

_____name

_____school and grade level

_____phone # and email

How do you plan to pay?

_____Check (payable to Dance Fremont! and enclosed)

To pay by purchase order, please
contact Dance Fremont! at 206-633-0812 or info@dancefremont.com

_____Purchase Order

Please mail form to Dance Fremont!

4015 Stone Way N.

Seattle, WA 98103

Questions? Contact us at 206-633-0812 or info@dancefremont.com

Payment must be received by November 20th or we will release your reservation
so that other students may attend. Thank you.