The Steadfast Tin Soldier
Performer Packet
Table of Contents: page 1

Dear Parents: Page 2
Ways You Can Help: Page 3
Ads & Gifts: Page 4
The Steadfast Tin Soldier Roles: Page 5
Costume Requirements: Page 6
Backstage Theater Kit: Page 7
Costume Fitting Schedule: Page 8
Regular Class Cancellations: Page 9
Rehearsal Schedule: Pgs. 10-14
Cast Party: Page 15
Letter for School Teachers: Page 16
Sept. 25, 2019

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”. This packet contains a lot of important information regarding rehearsals, costume fittings and ways that you can help from behind the scenes!

One key volunteer position that we are looking for: Costume Coordinator. You would be responsible for upgrading and/or repairing costumes, helping with costume fittings, making alterations, and recruiting additional help as needed for these tasks (we don’t expect you to do everything by yourself)! If you think you might be able to this vital position, please contact us! We have a Signup Genius for the remaining volunteer positions: https://tinyurl.com/sts2019volunteers

Please remember to return your performer’s signed permission slip by their first rehearsal, or October 5th, whichever comes first. You can include payment with the slip, or pay on Dance Studio Pro. Please contact us at info@dancefremont.com if you need another permission slip, or have questions.

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!

- Sign up to volunteer at [https://tinyurl.com/sts2019volunteers](https://tinyurl.com/sts2019volunteers)
- Invite lots of friends to see the shows!
- Donate a Door Prize Item
- 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 the 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
- Does your employer match donations and/or volunteer hours? Let them know about how you’ve helped, and double your impact!
Advertise your business or 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. 23. 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

¼ Page Ad Example

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

---

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.
Steadfast Tin Soldier Roles

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  
Seagrass  
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

Dancers are responsible for providing the items in italics, as well as appropriate undergarments.

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, pointe shoes, convertible Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916. white gloves, nude or white under garment, head piece

TARANTELLA MICE: Dresses, Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916, trunks, pink leather slippers, tambourines, Mice ear headpiece (hair in high buns)

CURIOUS CATS: Kimono, unitard, tan tights or stocking white shoes to be dyed, cat ears, parasol

CUCKOO: Tutu, Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916 & pointe shoes, headpiece, hair in low bun

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

WIND-UP DOLL: Tutu, Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916, 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 pants and black tights, black slippers, mask, red 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- Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916, class leotard, 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 painted

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

WIND & LITTLE BREEZE: Capezio® tights in Ballet Pink or dancer’s skin tone, style #1916C or #1916 and pink ballet slippers, Wind and Little Breeze dresses & headpieces

GIANT FISH: Black leotards and tights, black ballet slippers

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

MAKE-UP: Dance Fremont provides Ben Nye True Red lipstick and q-tips for individual application, and the specialized colors for Tin Soldier cheeks, Toys, and Sparks.

Dancers are responsible for the remainder.

ANDREW: Foundation/matte powder, lipstick, mascara

TIN SOLDIERS: Foundation/matte powder, lipstick, mascara, red cheeks

GRACEFUL SWANS: White face, black around eyes

TARANTELLA MICE: Basic stage make-up 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 make-up with red cheeks and exaggerated lashes

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

WATER AND FIRE: Lipstick
SAILORE SCHOOL CHILDREN: Foundation/matte powder, lipstick
SPARKS: Stage make up with red and orange flames
WIND: Basic stage make-up
LITTLE BREEZE: Lipstick
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*

- 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

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

**Finished Dancing**
- Make-up remover
- Moisturizing lotion
- 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

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

**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. When you are not wearing it, your costume should be hung up!**
STS COSTUME FITTINGS

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

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

**Saturday Sept 28**
Tarantella Mice 3:00-3:30
Tin Soldiers 5:30-6:00

**Saturday Oct 26**
Water Rats and Water/Fire, 4:30-5:00

**Saturday Nov. 2**
Sailor School Children & Andrew 4:00-5:00PM

**Saturday Nov 9**
Little Fish Puppeteers 4:30-5:00PM

If you are not able to be at any of the costume fittings, but can assist with costume alterations, repairs, and/or construction, please contact info@dancefremont.com!
Regular class cancellations or combining of classes due to STS rehearsals or performances in theater:

WEDNESDAY DEC. 11TH
Cancelled
Ballet IV & Ballet V
Modern IV and Modern V

THURSDAY DEC. 12TH
Cancelled
Ballet 1B
Ballet III
Ballet VI
Modern 1
Modern III

FRIDAY DEC. 13TH
Cancelled
Ballet V
Ballet VI
Pointe V & VI

SATURDAY DEC. 14TH
Cancelled
Prep 2
Ballet 1A
Ballet II/III
Ballet IV

MONDAY DEC. 16TH
Cancelled
Ballet IV
Ballet VI
Pointe IV
Modern VI

FRIDAY DEC. 20TH
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

“TBD” rehearsals will be posted at the studio and emailed out by the Monday before rehearsal. Parents should be sure to add info@dancefremont.com to their trusted senders, and check their junk folder regularly to ensure that they do not miss important announcements. Dancers should be sure to check the posted rehearsal schedule every time they come to the studio.

Thursday Sept. 26
7:30-9:00PM Cats, Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo

Saturday Sept. 28
2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children (SSC)
3:00-4:00 Andrew
4:00-5:30 Tin Soldiers (TS)
5:30-6:00 Tin Soldiers Costume fitting
1:30-3:00 Little Fish Puppeteers (LFP)
3:00-3:30 Tarantella Mouse Costume fitting
3:30-4:30 Tarantella Mice (TTM)
4:30-6:30 Swans

Thursday Oct. 3
7:30-9:00 Cats, Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo

Saturday Oct. 5
2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children
3:00-4:00 Andrew
4:00-5:00 Tin Soldiers
1:00-2:00 Ballerina and Soldier Pas
2:00-3:30 Little Fish Puppeteers
3:30-4:30 Tarantella Mice
4:30-5:30 Imp King

Thursday Oct. 10
7:30-9:00 Run/work Cats, Swans, Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo, Imp King

Saturday Oct. 12
2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children with Kathleen Mills
3:00-4:00 Andrew and Nana
4:00-4:30 Imp King and Water Rat with Kathleen Mills
2:00-3:00 Tin Soldiers
3:00-4:00 Tarantella Mice
4:00-5:00 Little Fish Puppeteers
5:00-6:00 TBD

Thursday Oct. 17
7:30-9:00 Imp King, Swans, Cats, Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo
7:30-9:00 Harlequin, Mischievous Mouse
Saturday Oct. 19
1:45-2:30 Water Rats (Water Rat and Baby Rat)
2:30-3:30 SSC
3:30-4:30 Andrew and Nana
4:30-5:30 Imp King, Harlequin, Mischievous Mouse
1:00-2:30 Water
2:30-3:15 Seagrass
3:15-4:00 Contredanse (Act I Toys except for Imp King and Toy Soldiers)
4:00-5:00 Tarantella Mice
5:00-6:00 Giant Fish Puppeteers (GFP)

Thursday Oct. 24
7:30-9:00 Imp King, Swans, Cats, Wind Up Doll, Cuckoo,
7:30-9:00 Harlequin, Mischievous Mouse, Seagrass

Saturday Oct. 26
2:00-3:00 Tin Soldiers
3:00-3:30 Water Rats
4:00-4:45 Water Rats and Water/Fire costume fitting
1:00-2:00 Little Fish Puppeteers
2:00-3:00 Tarantella Mice
3:00-3:30 Water
3:30-4:00 Water & Water Rats
4:00-4:45 Giant Fish Puppeteers
4:45-6:00 Act I Toys TBA

Thursday Oct. 31
7:30-9:00 Toys (except TTM and TS), Seagrass

Saturday Nov. 2
2:00-4:00PM Sailor School Children and Andrew with Nana
4:00-5:00 Sailor School Children and Andrew costume fitting
1:00-1:30 Water and Water Rats
1:30-2:30 Fire
2:30-3:15 Wind/Breeze
3:15-4:45 Sparks
4:45-6:00 Little Fish Puppeteers, Giant Fish Puppeteers, Seagrass

Thursday Nov. 7
7:30-9:00 Toys (except TTM and TS), Seagrass

Saturday Nov. 9
2:00-3:00 Tin Soldiers
3:00-4:00 Sparks and Wind; Little Breeze 3:30-4:00
4:30-5:00 Little Fish Puppeteers costume fitting
1:30-2:00 Tarantella Mice
2:00-3:00 Sailor School Children
3:00-3:30 Water and Water Rats
3:30-4:00 Fire
4:00-4:30 Fire, Sparks, Wind, and Little Breeze
Thursday Nov. 14
7:30-9:00 Toys (except TTM and TS), Seagrass

Saturday Nov. 16
2:00-2:30 Wind and Little Breeze
3:00-4:00 Tin Soldiers
1:30-2:00 Little Fish Puppeteers
2:00-2:30 Little Fish Puppeteers and Big Fish Puppeteers
2:30-3:00 Water and Water Rats
3:00-4:00 Fire, Sparks, Wind, and Little Breeze
4:00-5:00 All in Act II (except Toys)
5:00-6:00 TBD

Thursday Nov. 21
7:30-9:00 Toys (except TTM and TS), Seagrass

Saturday Nov. 24
2:00-3:00 TBD
3:00-4:00 Sailor School Children
1:00-2:00 TBD
2:00-2:30 Water and Water Rats
2:30-3:00 Fire, Sparks, Wind, and Little Breeze
3:00-4:00 Act 1 Toys
4:00-5:00 TBD
5:00-6:00 Scene Change Crew (Dancers TBD)

Thursday Nov. 28 and Saturday Nov. 30: Thanksgiving, no rehearsal

***SUNDAY Dec. 1 (Thanksgiving Weekend - No Absences)***
1:30-3:30PM ACT I: PROLOGUE & SCENE I
3:30-5:30PM ACT II, SCENE I & II

Saturday Dec. 7 (No Absences)
2:00-4:00 Entire Cast w/STS Ensemble 1
4:00-4:30 Break
4:30-6:00 Entire Cast w/STS Ensemble 2

*Sunday Dec. 8 (No Absences)*
2:00-6:00 TBD—Only If Necessary

WEEK OF PERFORMANCES ***No 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. 11 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. 12 DRESS REHEARSAL @ S.P.A.C.
3:00PM Backstage Doors open/ 1ST SIGN IN (All roles 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 FOR ALL ROLES IN 1ST SIGN-IN (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. 13 @ S.P.A.C.
8:30AM BACKSTAGE DOOR OPEN & 1ST SIGN-IN (All roles not listed in 2nd sign-in)
9:15-10:00AM WARM-UP FOR ALL ROLES IN 1ST SIGN-IN (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. 14 @ S.P.A.C.
12:00-12:30PM BACKSTAGE DOOR OPEN & 1ST SIGN-IN (All roles not listed in 2nd
sign-in)
12:45-1:30PM WARM-UP FOR ALL ROLES IN 1ST SIGN-IN
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

THEATER CLOSED 3:45-5:15PM

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. 15 @ 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. 20
6:30-8:30PM CAST PARTY @ DANCE FREMONT

*** *** ***
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 23rd 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 20, 6:30-8:30PM
P.S. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Sincerely,
Ms. Karena
September 16, 2019

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 23rd year. The performance is an enriching arts experience, exploring storytelling through the fusion of dance, music, acting, and visual arts. Each year, school groups dance their way out of the theater, inspired by the accomplishments of the youth performers who are their peers. As an additional highlight, the narration of Hans Christian Andersen’s beloved fable is simultaneously performed aloud and in Signing in Exact English.

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.”

**A special school performance will be offered on Friday, December 13th 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.**

To order your tickets, just fill out our quick request form at [https://tinyurl.com/sts2019schoolshow](https://tinyurl.com/sts2019schoolshow)

Seats fill quickly. For more information, please call Dance Fremont! at 206-633-0812 or email us at info@dancefremont.com. Enjoy our preview video here: [https://tinyurl.com/dfstsvideo](https://tinyurl.com/dfstsvideo)

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

Sincerely,
Karena Birk, Director
Dance Fremont!