

COSTUMES & MAKEUP – 2023 Rocky Mountain Revels

We all want to look our best on stage, so here is some important information you will need.

COSTUME CARE:

Costumes are cleaned before storage. The Medieval costumes this year have delicate and dry clean only fabric, so please do not launder them. Men's shirts and other wrinkly costumes should be ironed. Keep all of your costume items together in the dress bag and shopping bag so it's in one place and ready to go. HANG UP your costume when you take it off. No costumes on the floor to be stepped on, please!

MAKEUP

We will be using Ben Nye Creme Personal Kit makeup again this year. If you were in Revels in the past, the kit you have will probably still be usable—check it now, while there's still time to replace it if necessary.

Ben Nye is professional stage makeup. Everyday makeup is a different formula and will not look right under the lights. The Ben Nye kits come in several tones, so you will be able to match your skin pretty well.

If you need to obtain Ben Nye, you can find a store near you at this link: <https://www.bennye.com/store-locator/>

If you cannot find Ben Nye, everything except eye and lip makeup can be shared so find someone with your skin tone and ask!

LIPSTICK: We all need to wear the same lipstick that is a natural color. We will use the same as last year: Revlon Rum Raisin 008. Gentleman can use the darkest red in the Ben Nye kit for their lips.



Women also need mascara & eyeliner. Whatever you have on hand, black or brown, is fine.

There are makeup tutorials on the Rocky Mountain Revels YouTube Channel at these links:

Men's makeup: <https://youtu.be/rGJFPRdjJQE>

Women's & Teens Makeup: <https://youtu.be/drUncwLP7X0>

Kiddos: Just a light foundation and a light touch of the blush on the apples of your cheeks. No lipstick please!

There is a separate PDF that is a step-by-step guide for applying the Ben Nye makeup. Be sure to print it out and have it at the ready for the show.

HAIR:

Women's hair: Pull your hair up in a bun, braids or whatever you have to do to get it tucked up under your veil. Use bobby pins to secure your headpiece and veil if needed. I recommend the premium roller pins available from Sally Beauty Supply.

Teen's and Kiddos' hair: Style in a half-ponytail or other style that will keep your hair from falling forward over your face. The sides and back can be kept long. Use hair-colored or clear tie-backs, no clips or bows. You can add satin ribbon that matches the colors in your costume if you wish.

Men's hair: whatever you've been doing at rehearsals is fine for stage. Everyone has a hat to wear with your costume.

EYEGASSES: If you have contacts, please wear them for the performance. If you can function without your glasses, please do not wear them on stage. If you absolutely need your glasses, wear them!



SHOES:

*****The Diary will charge us for damaging their stage floor, so please wear street shoes into the theatre and change to your stage shoes once inside. Tiny pebbles and grit from the winter sidewalks does horrible things to the Marley stage covering!*****

Below are examples of the style of shoe we are aiming for. We don't expect you to spend a lot of money buying new shoes. Thrift stores are a good place to start if you don't have something on hand. Get as close as you can. The idea is to not draw attention to your feet. Black socks/tights and black shoes go a long way towards that.

Shoes for Females

MaryJanes, flats and character shoes are all fine. NO heels higher than 2" and no thick soles with treads like tennis shoes or boots. Prefer black or matching the skirt of your costume.



Shoes for Males

Loafers or other solid black or brown shoes without a high shine. No clunky soles like tennis shoes or hiking boots. Medieval shoes were pointy, so rounded or pointy toes are both okay.



WOMEN'S UNDERGARMENTS

Stage lights are bright and will shine through skirts. The opaque tights or black leggings and knee socks we are all wearing only go so far. Please plan to wear a slip that goes at least to your knees (the longer the better) to prevent having a silhouette of your lower torso on display.

PRIOR TO REHEARSAL WEEK

Gather your costume items; put them all together in your dress bag. Double check you have everything.

Practice putting on your costume

Especially if you have a costume change during the performance!
It is important to wear your full costume, including hairdo and headgear, underthings, socks & shoes and makeup at both Tech & Dress rehearsals so you get used to moving in them, and so we can troubleshoot any last minute problems.

AFTER THE LAST SHOW

Wear or bring a change of clothes to the last show. Place all Revels costume items and the shopping bag in the dress bag and hang it on the rack in the central area back stage. We will take the costumes home for cleaning. Please take home any items you supplied yourself.

THANK YOU FOR REVELING WITH US!

WELCOME, YULE!