



# Spring Concert Tickets on Sale NOW!

Tickets for the Spring Concert are now on sale through Twin Rivers Arts Center. You can purchase tickets online, by phone, or by going to their offices anytime between now and 10am Saturday May 21st.

Here's how to get them:

Online: [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

Phone: 507-387-1008

Office: MTWF 12pm-4pm  
Th 4-8pm

Tickets will also be available to purchase at the theater one hour before each performance.

**So why buy tickets in advance?** Several good reasons....

Our tickets for the Spring Concert are general admission seats, so if you have a ticket in hand you can walk right in and pick the best seats available.

But the biggest reason to purchase tickets ahead of time is to be sure you can attend the show and time that you want. We have sold out all three shows for the last 2 years. We have even had to turn people away, **so if there is a specific day and time you want to attend be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time!!**

## MBC Students Accepted to Prestigious Summer Programs

Mankato Ballet would like to acknowledge our dancers who auditioned for summer intensive programs this year. These dancers audition by attending large classes with other dancers from area schools or submitted video auditions. It is a great honor to be accepted into these programs as the criteria is very selective.

Lauren Mead: Kirov Ballet Academy, D.C. and Gelsey Kirkland, NY

Amy Poburka: Evergreen City Ballet, WA

Ariana Lopez: Milwaukee Ballet, WI

Montanna Michels: Kansas City Ballet, MO

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### Special points of interest:

*Can't remember when picture week is, what time to attend rehearsal, or when observation week will be..?*

*All this information is available on our website. Simply go to [www.mankatoballet.com](http://www.mankatoballet.com) and click on the "Upcoming Events" tab on the left hand side. It will take you through all the important studio events and times.*

## Observation Week Schedule

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Please attend class with your dancer the week of May 9th. We encourage parents, grandparents, and other family members to come watch class and see what your dancer has learned over the course of the year.

This is an opportunity to take pictures of your dancer as well as video the class if you wish. You will also get a little preview of their performance piece.

At the end of class your instructor will hand out a VERY important information packet that

has all the necessary information for the performance, your dancer's placement for next fall, summer class information, and several other items. If you cannot attend your dancer's class please try to have another family member, babysitter etc. attend to receive this information.

**We do not recommend doing make up classes during this week as your dancer may feel out of place.**

Please check for your dancer's observation class and time.

### Monday May 9th

CM	4:00-4:45
PB	3:15-4:00
Ballet 1B	4:00-5:00
Ballet 1A	5:00-6:00
Ballet 3A/3B/4A	6:00-7:30

### Wednesday May 11th

CM	2:45-3:30
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All modern, jazz, and teen/adult classes are open for observation.

### Thursday May 12th

Ballet 3A	6:00-7:00
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### Saturday May 13th

PB	9:45-10:30
Ballet 1	10:30-11:15
Ballet 2A/2B	11:15-12:30

## Picture Week Info

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Picture week is the week of April 25th. Angi Dedinsky-Doell will be taking the picture this year and she will have order forms available soon. Forms will be placed in your mailboxes, so please check regularly. Forms need to be filled out prior to picture week and can be turned in ahead of time or the day of. Payment must accompany the order form. Dancers will take a class photos and individual shots in their costumes for the spring concert.

Pictures will be held during your dancer's regularly schedule class for the week of April 25th. Dancers that take more than one class a week, see your picture day below.

Ballet 2A/2B/3A Tuesday April 26th

(2A/2B dancers take group photo at 5:30)

Ballet 3B/4A/4B Monday April 25th

(3A dancers don't attend the Monday class, come on Saturday instead)

## Volunteers...Are you ready, willing and able?

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We need a large number of volunteers to pull off our spring productions. Each Dress Rehearsal and Performance needs approximately 20 volunteers, so we



can really use your help. Also keep in mind that **ONLY** volunteers will be allowed backstage, so if you want to accompany your dancers backstage you will need to volunteer. Sign up soon at the studio.

Opportunities include:

- Concessions
- Ushers
- Backstage Runner
- Dressingroom Monitor

# Summer Class Schedule Now Available

Looking ahead to summer..?  
We've got summer classes that are perfect to help keep your dancer busy.

We do take the month of June off so everyone can have a little break, take trips, play in the sun...but beginning on July 7th we will begin a 4 week session of classes for all levels. Dancers attend once a week for 4 weeks. Classes, levels, times and prices are:

## 4 Week July Session-Thursdays July 7, 14, 22, 28

Creative Movement	1:45-2:30	\$45
Pre-Ballet/Ballet 1	2:30-3:15	\$50
Ballet 1A/1B	3:15-4:15	\$55
Ballet 2A/2B	4:15-5:30	\$65
Ballet 3A/3B/4A	5:30-7:00	\$80

### Can't attend all 4 weeks..?

**We'll prorate the tuition rate for the number of classes you can attend.**

We will also be offering a 2 week August Intensive for dancers in 2A and 2B. These dancers will come M,T,W and attend classes from 11:30-3:30. They get to take classes such as, Jazz, Modern, Tap, and Ballet.

For our more advanced dancers we offer our 3 week August Intensive that runs Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 3:30pm. These dancers will get to take classes such as Modern, Jazz, Lyrical, Pointe, Tap, Musical Theater, and Ballet.

Check out the full detailed schedules online at:  
[www.mankato-ballet.com](http://www.mankato-ballet.com)

# Performance Tights and other necessary items

A sign up sheet is posted for parents to order performance tights and anything else their dancer may need for the Spring Concert. Tights are priced at \$9 for child sizes and \$10 for adult sizes. Our accountant will bill you for these items unless you prefer to pay in advance. Place payments in the drop box and write

paid next to your name on the sign up sheet.

Please note that these tights are the preferred kind for performances as they are high quality and more flattering to the dancer than other types. If you have your own tights be sure they are pink footed tights and have no holes in them!

*Easter Weekend Class Reminders: We do not have class on Friday, April 22nd, but we DO have classes as normally scheduled on Saturday, April 23rd.*

# Classroom Etiquette...

Please refer to you school handbook and review classroom etiquette with your dancer from time to time. A few reminders include:

- Dancers should never come into the studio with gum!
- Dancers in 2A and above MUST have their hair in a bun for class.
- Dancers arriving late to class should

wait until the class in progress has finished a combination before entering the studio, so they cause as little disruption as possible.

- Dancers should have on their class belt in the appropriate color when they come into class.
- Dress code is Leotard and Tights with belt and shoes...NOTHING ELSE.

- Skirts can be worn in pointe class.





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*Make Up Class Day*

Due to the enormous number of weather related class cancellations we would like to offer a Make Up Day. This would be a day where you may bring your dancer to get an extra class, in order to offset the number of cancelled classes we have had. You may also use it for classes missed due to illness etc.

**Friday April 8th**

- 3:15-4:00 CM Studio B Miss Dani
- 3:15-4:00 Pre-Ballet Studio A Miss Eryn
- 4:00-5:00 Supplementary Miss Dani
- 4:00-5:00 Ballet 1, 1A, 1B Miss Eryn
- 5:00-6:00 Ballet 2A, 2B Miss Eryn
- 6:00-7:30 Ballet 3A, 3B, 4A Miss Eryn
- 7:30-8:30 Ballet 3B, 4A, 4B Pointe Miss Eryn

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**Posters and E-Posters**

Posters are now available at the studio. If you have a place you would like to hang some we would love your help distributing them around town. Please take **ONLY** as many as you need and write your name and where you will be hanging them on the sheet that is sitting with the posters.

Great places to hang posters include, places of work,



churches, daycares, gyms and any local businesses that are will-

ing to hang our posters.

E-posters will also be finding their way to your emails soon. You are our greatest promoters, so if you can forward the E-posters to family members and friends who might like to attend our production we would really appreciate your help!!