

Mankato Ballet Company August Newsletter



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August Registration Day... Come One Come All

Our annual August Registration Day is **Friday the 28th from 10am to 3pm**. You can stop in that day any time that is convenient for you! Why is it important to come to the Registration Day? Having as many students pre-registered as possible allows us to take a look at class sizes and determine if we need to add classes to maintain ideal class size. It also allows the students to be as prepared as possible for classes on their first day because not only are you able to register for classes, but you can put in your attire orders for leotards, shoes, and tights. The waist elastics are available that day, so you will be able to go home with one. We can't wait to see you all again and meet any new dancers!! Our 2009-2010 season will be fantastic thanks to our wonderful students!

Nutcracker Auditions

Yes, that's right everyone. It is time for Nutcracker auditions already. Auditions are this month on the same day as registration. Having auditions in August allows us to have the performance cast and ready to begin rehearsal right away in September. Dancers will be notified of their parts the first week of classes. If your dancer would like a part please try to make the auditions. If you know ahead of time that you are unable to attend the audition please download a Performance Agreement from the website, complete it, and mail it to the studio by August 28th. We encourage dancers to attend if at all possible as it allows us to see the dancers together and makes it easier to cast for roles. Performance Agreements must be turned in the day of the audition in order for the dancers to be cast. Audition times are:

11:30-12:00noon Ages 7-12 Non Pointe

12:00-1:00pm Ages 11+ Pointe

Last years Nutcracker was a smashing success, we can't wait to start working with this

Calendar of Events 2009-2010

First Day of Session 1	September 14
Thanksgiving Break	November 26-29
Nutcracker Dress Rehears	December 18
Nutcracker Performances	December 19, 20
End of Session 1	December 19
Holiday Break	December 21- January 10
First Day of Session 2	January 11
Spring Break	March 29- April 3
Observation Week	May 10-15
End of Session 2	May 22
Spring Concert	Weekend of May 21, 22, 23 exact dates and times TBD

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Dress Code - Attire Orders

As mentioned in the article about the August Registration Day, you will be able to order dance attire that day should you need it. If you order that day your items will be here for your first class in September. You don't have to order your items through us as long as you purchase items that fit our dress code requirements. Our Dress Code is:

Girls: Black leotard with no glitter, rhinestones, or tutu attached. Pink footed tights and pink leather ballet slippers. Waist elastic in appropriate level color.

Boys: Black tights, shorts, or work out pants, black socks, black ballet slippers, and white T-Shirt.

Adult/Teen: Form fitting clothes that are comfortable and easy to move in. Ballet slippers are highly recommended.

Please Note: You will need to purchase your waist elastics through us to be sure you get the correct color for your level. These will be in stock and available at Registration Day as well as the first weeks of classes.

New Teacher - Mr. Tre Searles

We would like to welcome Mr. Tre our newest instructor. He will be teaching a brand new class for us this year.

For the first time we will be offering a class just for young men ages 9-20. This class will teach them the basics of ballet, as well as introduce them to other types of dance like Modern and Jazz.

This is the perfect fit for boys that may need to gain strength, flexibility, and balance for sports like football, hockey, and soccer. It will allow them to learn dance in the company of other boys from a teacher that is familiar with how best to teach and instruct young men.

This class will begin on Tuesday October 6, 2009. The class will be weekly for one hour from 4:15-5:15pm. If you have a child who might be interested in this class you can register anytime between now and October.

Please note that if you have a boy ages 4-8 we put them into Creative Movement or Pre-Ballet as those are the best ages and classes to begin learning dance.

To the Pointe...

Several dancers received fall placements for level 3A this year!! This means they will get to fulfill every little ballerina's biggest dream of getting their first pair of pointe shoes.

Congratulations to:

Emily Kjeer

Arianna Lopez

Emma Kearney

Montanna Michels

Mary Ellen Raverty

Ali Sandquist

Julia Schneller

Kendra Shoemaker



Ballet 4A Class

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MBC Office Hours... New Administrative Assistant

We are very pleased to announce that MBC has been able to hire a part-time office assistant. Beginning this September we will have a part-time office assistant with set office hours. This is going to be extremely beneficial for us as a school and you as parents. If you have a question, want to order dance attire, turn in tuition payments etc. you will now be able to reach a live person. As a school we will be able to be more prompt at returning calls and following up with potential students.

MBC's Office Hours will be:

Monday: 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday: 3:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm

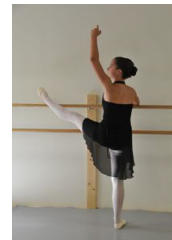
New Barres and Mirrors

You may notice some fun and exciting updates and improvements to the studio when you come in for Registration Day. Take a peek into Studio A and see the new mirrors that have been installed!! Mr. Michels was kind enough to donate his time to hang the mirrors, fix the floor boards, and retape the ballet floor. Additionally, new portable barres have been assembled by Mr. Michlitsch and will be in use this fall for classes! Many of you noticed some of the new pictures hanging up at the end of the spring, but more photo's now grace the waiting area thanks to Mr. Zallek's brilliant photography of the Spring Concert in May. And last but not least, be sure to stop in and look at the dancers dressing room. Several of our advanced students volunteered their time to give it a fresh new look.

Photo & DVD Orders

All Photo and DVD order have been placed in your files at the studio. You can stop in to pick those up in August.

Because our summer intensive program begins on August 10th the studio will be open 5 days a week from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Stop in to get your photos and DVD's they are absolutely adorable!!



Megan Westermayer
Photo By Mark Zallek

August Intensive

The August Intensive program begins on August 10th. This program is for dancers in level 2A or above. We are offering a variety of outstanding classes this summer!! The dancers will get to take Ballet of course, but will also get, Pointe Prep, Repertoire, Jazz, Modern, Acting, Flamenco, and Hip-Hop. Register your dancers anytime between now and the first day of classes. Dancers can take all three weeks or choose to take the weeks individually.