



November Newsletter

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Mankato Ballet Company

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Nutty Facts:

- * Nutcracker Information meeting November 13th at 4pm at the studio
- * This is MBC's 25th year of performing The Nutcracker.
- * We have a cast of 64 dancers participating this year.
- * This is our first year performing at MSU in the Ted Paul Theater.

"The Nutcracker" is Right Around the Corner!

Everyone is headed into the busy holiday season. Thanksgiving is right around the corner followed quickly by Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanza. These are times to spend with families and establish exciting family traditions.



Each year we are told by numerous attendees that the Mankato Ballet Nut-

cracker has become part of their family tradition. We are honored to hear that each and every time. We hope that you will all consider making the Nutcracker part of your family tradition. Our dancers spend an enormous number of hours rehearsing to make this a professional and beautiful production that everyone can enjoy. It is perfect for the young and the young at heart.

The Nutcracker

Saturday December 11

Matinee 2:00pm

Evening 7:00pm

Sunday December 12

Matinee 2:00pm

All concerts are held at MSU Ted Paul Theatre.

Reserved seating is offered this year, so purchase your tickets ahead of time to select seats!!!
Tickets available online: www.MSUTheatre.com

Adults: \$17*

Student/Seniors: \$14*

Children: \$10* (12 or under)

*\$1.50 ticketing surcharge applies to online orders only.

Tickets available at the door one hour before show times, or during MSU Box Office hours. Mon-Fri 4-6pm.

MBC Silent Auction—"An Evening at the Ballet"

Be sure to get your ticket orders in or plan on arriving at the auction a little early to purchase tickets. The silent auction is coming up and will be a delightful evening of fun and ballet. We hope to see you there!!

Saturday November 20, 2010

Viewing begins at 6:30pm

Bidding/Performances begins at 7:00pm

St Peter Yoga and Dance Studio

112 Grace Street—Saint Peter, MN

Live entertainment, assorted beverages and desserts for your enjoyment throughout the event.

Z99 Parade and Tree Lighting

For the past two years we have participated in the Z99 Holiday Tree Lighting. This year a parade has been added to the weekend events and we will have a float in the parade!!

We are looking for dancers to walk in the parade and hand out candy and flyers about our studio. If your dancer



is a Nutcracker cast member then he/she is eligible to participate in the parade. A sign up sheet is at the studio for those who are interested in joining the parade. Dancers will walk in their costumes, but will still need to bring warm socks, comfy walking shoes, hats and mittens.

The Parade and Tree Lighting are on November 19th. Dancers will need to line up at 5:30pm for the parade and the parade begins at 6:30pm.

At the end of the parade route there will be booths, games, and food as well as the Tree Lighting. Selected MBC dancers will be performing excerpts from the Nutcracker at 7pm.

Thanksgiving Break

MBC will be closed for classes on Thursday November 25th through Sunday November 28th.



Classes resume again on Monday November 29th. You may do

make-up classes for the days we have off if you wish. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families and loved ones!!

Nutcracker E-Posters

MBC has found great success with our eposters in the past. With your help if all of our students email out eposters to their address books and those people forwarded them on to others, we reached an incredible number of individuals.

Due to the past success we will be sending out eposters every 2 weeks between now and the performance. We appreciate the help of all of our families even if your dancer isn't participating in The Nutcracker.

Please help us by forwarding these on to anyone you know who may be interested in attending and then ask them to send it on to others. The success of our Nutcracker is incredibly important to the success of our school. Your help is VERY appreciated.

Silent Auction Donations

The deadline for Silent Auction items was October 31st, but we will still take items through the first week of November. So if you have a donation for a class basket, or simply want to donate a service or item you may still do that!

Remember that this auction is a fundraiser that will assist MBC in keeping tuition rates low and prevent the need to raise rates in the future. Your help in bringing in donations is greatly appreciated!



Accounting Questions..?

If you have accounting questions you may send them directly to our accountant Joan Untiedt.

When she sends your statement each month it comes from her work

email address so you can hit reply to that email and ask her about any questions you have on your statement.

untiedt@hickorytech.net

Session 1 of
dance classes ends
December 18th.
Please notify the
accountant before
January 9th if
you intend to drop
before Session 2.

Nutcracker Rehearsals

We can't stress how important it is to attend your rehearsals for the Nutcracker. We have a very limited number of weeks before the production this year and many parts are only be worked on one time. If you miss



2009 Nutcracker
Photo By Mark Zallek

your initial rehearsal it is very difficult to schedule time to go back and teach it to your dancer. So please try to attend every scheduled rehearsal for your part. Rehearsal schedules are available online as well as posted at the studio.

Nut Volunteers

Nutcracker volunteers will be needed to help out with many things. If you can help with costumes continue to check for projects left by our head costumes. Information and sign up sheets for poster distribution, backstage volunteers, and ushers will be available at the Informational Meeting on November 13th at 4pm.

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Winter Weather Information

Just a reminder that MBC will close for classes if District 77 has closed their schools at any point during the day. If District 77 has not canceled but you are concerned about the drive in, please leave a message at the studio so that we know you and your dancer are safe, but won't be attending. You may then bring your dancer in for a Make-Up class sometime later in the next few weeks.

Something that some of our new families may not know is that Miss Eryn commutes from the Twin Cities. Occasionally, the weather may be alright in Mankato, but not drivable in the Cities. Should this happen Miss Eryn will try to arrange for a substitute teacher. On the rare occasion that no substitute can be arranged, you will be called individually to be notified of the class cancellation.

Make Up Classes

Dancers are encouraged to take Make Up classes if they have missed a lesson. These are not mandatory, but encouraged especially if they have missed a number of classes. If you want to participate in a Make Up class you don't need to call ahead, just come to the class and mention to the in-

structor of the class that you are there for a Make Up class. If you aren't sure what class your dancer should attend to do a Make Up class you can either ask your dancer's teacher or send an email to the studio email and Miss Eryn will tell you what the best option is.

Nutcracker Meeting

A Nutcracker Informational Meeting will be held this month at the studio on Saturday November 13th. The meeting will begin at 4pm and be about 30 minutes long. Please plan on attending this meeting as important information will be handed out about the performance, what time to arrive, where to park, how dress rehearsal works etc. If a parent cannot attend please be sure your dancer brings home the information!!