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October Newsletter

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Silent Auction Information

The Mankato Ballet Company silent auction will be held next month. Our second annual event "An Evening at the Ballet" is going to be a splendid evening for all in attendance.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday November 20th at 6:30pm**

for this event. Tickets are on sale in the office as of October 1st. The cost is \$5 for MBC families and \$10 for non MBC families. To reserve tickets please fill out an order form and drop it in the payment box at the studio. Tickets will be placed in your file at the

studio.

The evening will feature live performances by MBC dancers as well as other local vocalists and musicians. Desserts, and beverages will be available for you to enjoy while you bid on silent auction items.

Billing Questions..?

If you have questions about your bill please send inquiries directly to our accountant. If you send them to the studio email they will get forwarded to our accountant, but you will get a swifter response if you contact her directly.

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Nutcracker Facts

- *The Nutcracker will be performed December 11th at 1pm and 5pm and December 12th at 1pm.*
- *The Nutcracker will be performed on the campus of MSU in the Ted Paul Theater*
- *Tickets will be on sale November 1st.*

Nutcracker Reminders

Nutcracker casting is now finalized, so please refer to the posted cast list to make sure you know which parts your dancer will be performing.

The current rehearsal schedule is posted at the studio, posted online, and copies are available for you to take in the office. Please be sure to take a schedule if you have a part being rehearsed this month.

Because Miss Eryn is on maternity leave for several weeks and because the performance is a week earlier than usual this year we have VERY limited time to get everything rehearsed. If you miss a rehearsal you may be missing one of the only rehearsals for your part, so please try to be available at the scheduled time for your parts. Rehearsal schedules are posted one month in advance so that should give everyone plenty of time to plan around scheduled rehearsals.



Picture By Mark Zallek

Silent Auction Items

Silent auction items are trickling in. If you have an item or service you or your business would like to donate please bring it to the studio and place it in the office. If you are bringing your item for the class basket there are now boxes marked for each class. When you bring your class item please place it in the appropriate box. Remember these items should all be under \$20 and if you and another student want to

combine to purchase a larger item that is absolutely great!

Please bring your item to the studio by October 31st so we may begin compiling the baskets for the auction.

Thank you for your donations. Fundraisers like this allow us to keep our tuition rates reasonable which benefits all of our families!

*MBC Silent Auction
Saturday November 20, 2010
6:30 Doors Open
7:00 Bidding Starts*

Class Theme Baskets for Silent Auction

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BASKET THEME</u>
Creative Movement	Mickey Mouse Basket
Pre-Ballet Monday	Movie Night Basket (Movies, gift cards to Blockbuster, candy, popcorn)
Pre-Ballet Saturday	Animal Safari Basket (Stuffed animals, books about animals etc)
Ballet 1	Ballerina Basket (Anything that has to do with ballet)
Ballet 1A 4:45 Class	Rainy Day Basket (Board Games, Crafts, Card Games etc)
Ballet 1A 5:45 Class	Bookworm Basket (Great kids books, bookmarks etc)
Ballet 1B	Chocolate Lovers Basket (Chocolate bread mix, cakes, cookies, candy bars, hot cocoa)
Ballet 2A	Coffee Lovers Basket (Anything that has coffee flavor, Caribou giftcards, Coffee Grinder)
Ballet 2B	Purse/Scarf Basket (Fun purses, wallets, coin purses, scarves of all shapes and sizes)
Ballet 3A/3B	Chefs Basket (Cooking utensils, mixes, bowls etc)
Ballet 4A/4B	Pamper Yourself Basket (Spa related items)
Teen/Adult	Wine Lovers Basket

Modern and Jazz Classes...Plus a Great New Instructor

If your dancer is 8 year of age or older she can participate in Modern or Jazz classes. You get 20% off your Modern or Jazz class tuition as long as you are enrolled in ballet classes, so these classes are not only fun but affordable.

We've also got a great instructor that is starting with

us this year. Her name is Dani Friedman and she is very excited to be teaching with MBC.

Miss Dani has over a decade of teaching experience in both Modern and Jazz. She is a graduate of MSU with a degree in Early Childhood Education.



If you are interested in adding Modern or Jazz classes for your dancer simply let the our accountant know.

3A Class Gets Demi Pointe Shoes

Congratulations to our 3A dancers who have all gotten their Demi Pointe shoes. These special shoes allow them to develop the strength necessary to begin pointe work. Our 3A dancers will get pointe shoes in Session 2.

Demi pointe shoes are pointe shoes without the shank in them. The shank provides support for standing on your toes.

Costume Help

Anyone interested in helping with small costume projects for The Nutcracker is encouraged to check out the projects the Costume Mistresses have left.

The small room off the lobby is stocked with costume projects and instructions on what needs to be done.

Thank you for your help!!

MBC Hosts Birthday Parties!!!!

Looking for something different to do for your daughter's birthday? Does your daughter have a winter birthday where you are limited to staying inside? Well, MBC has a great option for you. MBC rents out its studio space for birthday parties. Any weekday before 3 pm, Saturdays after 6pm and Sunday any time, the studio is available for birthday parties.

MBC will have a teacher present to give a mini-class. The Lobby may be used

for treats and cake and then the girls can open presents and dance their hearts out in the studio.

If this is something you might be interested in setting up please contact us through the studio email and provide us with your preferred date. There is a small rental fee for the space.

Miss Katharine Davis recently celebrated her birthday at MBC. Here are some pictures from her fun day.



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Record Enrollment!!

MBC is enjoying record enrollment this year. Word of mouth is still our best marketing, so thank you everyone who recommended MBC to friends and family!

Drum Roll Please.....

Miss Eryn had a baby girl!!!

She delivered baby Myla Alyssa Michlitsch on Tuesday September 28th, 2010 at 7:57am.

Baby Myla weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. She had just a little bit of dark hair and was perfectly healthy!!

Thanks for all the well wishes from everyone. I can't wait to be back in a few weeks!!

-Miss Eryn