

October Newsletter

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Newsletter Date

Mankato Ballet Company



Special points of interest:

- Questions about holidays and days off can be answered by going to our website and looking at the Class Calendar.
- Nutcracker schedules are also available on the website.
- Classes will be cancelled for weather if District 77 closes for school.

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Tap Away

We would like to welcome our new Tap instructor Ms. Kelsey Chester. She is teaching two tap classes for us on Monday afternoons. Tap 1, at 3:45pm, is for dancers in 1B, 2A and 2B. It is a beginning class that introduces the dancers to the concepts and steps of tap. Tap 2, at 4:45pm, is for dancers in 3A or higher. These

dancers are also beginning, but move at a more aggressive rate. We



look forward to seeing these classes in the spring concert and enjoying what the dancers learn

throughout the year.

There is still space in both classes, so if your dancers is interested in tapping the day away you can simply add this class to your schedule. We'll prorate the classes so you only pay for what you take. And don't forget, if you are already taking ballet you get 20% off of your tap classes!

Billing Questions

Please direct all billing questions directly to our accountant Joan Untiedt. If you send an email to the studio email it will get forwarded to her, but you will receive a swifter response if you contact her directly.

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Nutcracker Notes



The October Rehearsal Schedule has been published. Make sure you get copies at the studio to take home. You can also access it on our website. It is extremely important that dancers know what parts they are, attend the scheduled rehearsals, and arrive on time. We run an extremely tight schedule for getting all these rehearsals in. We

lose one weekend for MEA's since I only rehears the advanced dancers that weekend, one weekend for Thanksgiving, and one weekend because we are performing a weekend earlier than we have done most of the years past. All this adds up to lots of things to do and not a lot of time to do it in. Between now and the performance we only

have 8 weeks of rehearsals!!! If you have questions about your dancers parts or rehearsal times PLEASE ask Miss Eryn. She would love to help you be sure you know when to attend!!

INTERESTING FACT:

The average ballet dancer's professional dance career lasts until their mid 30's...about 15 years total.

Email Notifications

If you are not getting the Newsletters by email then you are also missing out on other important reminders that MBC sends out. We use email to do billings, notifications on weather/school closures, performance reminders, and other important dates. Please leave a note in the office or send an email to info@mankatoballet.com if you do not get our emails so we can double check the email address we have on file for you. You may also want to check your computer settings. Sometimes emails from us go into your junk folder until you change your settings.

Nutcracker Volunteers



It won't be too long and Volunteer sheets will be going up for "The Nutcracker". We really need all parents who have dancers involved in the performance to volunteer for one task, for one performance.

You may certainly do more, but if everyone does one thing for one show we'll be certain to have enough help. We have a great set of parent volunteers who are streamlining the backstage/green room process. You'll

be hearing from them if you volunteer in this area. We try to grow and learn from year to year and this year we hope to have a really organized process that will help parents, dancer, and audience members enjoy the per-

Tuition Policies

We often get questions about how our tuition policies work.

Here's what's important to know:

Tuition is based on an ANNUAL rate. We then take the annual rate and divide it by nine months (September through May) to allow you to pay in monthly installments.

Some months will have only 3 classes in them and other will have 5, but it is all factored in under the annual tuition rate, so that you can pay the same installment each month.

If you start mid month we do prorate the tuition, but it isn't necessarily a portion of a monthly installment it is a portion of the entire annual rate.



Ad Space for Programs

We are selling ad space for our 2011-2012 Season programs. Depending on the size of the ad, these run from \$35-\$125 and are seen by more than 2000 people each year. If you own a business, or know someone who does, this is a great

opportunity for advertising space. There are packets available at the studio for you to take, we can also email out information to anyone interested.

We would like all ad space sold by the beginning of November so we can begin working on program lay-

out, so get your ad space requests in soon!

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their orders for ad space. This is a great way to sponsor the school and show your support for arts in the community.

FUN FACT:

A male dancer lifts over 1.5 tons worth of ballerinas during performances.

MEA Week

MEA is this month. There is always a questions about if we hold classes or not and the answer is **YES**. We understand that attendance may be poor those days. You may do make-up classes if you are out of town. However, dancers in classes on those days would be shorted a class if we did not hold classes during MEA. Safe travels if you are leaving town! If not, we'll see in class.



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We are enjoying record enrollment this fall. Word of mouth is still the best way for us to advertise, so thank you to everyone who recommended us to friends or family members!

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