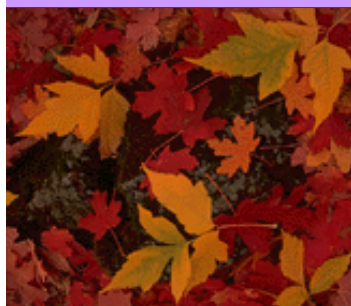


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MANKATO BALLET COMPANY

September Newsletter

Fantastic Fall

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our dancers and meeting many of our new students. All the instructors are anxious and excited to see the students back in the studio.

We had a very successful set of summer sessions with nice full classes and that trend has continued into our fall registration. Most of our classes are at capacity and we even had to add a

few classes to accommodate the number of dancers wishing to take classes. With such amazing enrollment we are thrilled to say that we have not raised tuition costs in 5 years.

By now most of you have gotten registered but there is still time if you need to enroll your dancer for classes.



Remember that you can access your Parent Portal account at anytime through our website. If you want to add a class mid-year you can also do this

through your portal. We'll automatically be notified of a new student

and can let the instructor know.

Supply Donations

We greatly appreciate the donation of items that get frequently used at the studio. Kindly drop off any of the following items in the office if you wish to:

- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Office supplies: pens, white copy paper, scotch tape etc.

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Dress Code Reminders:

- Ballet dancers should all wear a black leotard with NO skirt attached.
- Ballet dancers should have pink tights and pink ballet slippers.
- Ballet dancers should wear class belts.
- Ballet dancers should all have hair in a pony. Level 2A an up is REQUIRED to have a bun .

Supplementary Classes

Many of our supplementary classes are full or nearly full! We are so thrilled that our ballet students are taking advantage of these great classes. Supplementary classes include:

Jazz

Tap

Modern

World Fusion

Yogalates

If you are interested in adding a supplementary class you can still do so through your portal. Everyone en-



rolled in ballet will also get 20% off of their supplementary classes.

Most of our supplementary classes are for dancers ages 7 and up. But we are pleased to offer Tap and Jazz for dancers age 5 and older.

MBC Logo Wear

For the month of September we will be taking orders for SELECTED Logo Wear items. Examples are in the office for you to try on and order forms are in the office. By doing a bulk order we are able to offer these items at a lower price. We have shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets available in YOUTH, WOMENS and MENs sizes.

These items and many others are available online. To check out the other items available in our online Logo Wear store and place an order follow these steps:

1. Go to www.mankatoballet.org
2. Click on the SUPPORT tab
3. Click on ONLINE STORE

Nutcracker Information

Casting is complete and will be posted at the studio on the bulletin board Wednesday September 7th. Please check the bulletin board to find your parts and then refer to the rehearsal schedule so you know when you need to be at rehearsals. Rehearsal schedules are available in the office and online so you can easily reference them at any time.

We would like to remind people that it is common to be cast in the same part multiple times. If you are cast as something that you were in previous years it is not a mistake. Sometimes the costumes sizes and other factors mean we have to cast a dancer in the same part several years in a row.



Open Classes—for the dancer in all of us!

MBC is very excited to offer a full array of Open Classes this fall. These are great classes for our parents to take! All Open Classes are on a punch card system. Sign up for the class you think you will attend most frequently, but once you have a punch card you can attend any class listed as an Open Class. When your punch card runs out you can purchase another one. Punch cards never expire, so come join us today!

OPEN CLASS SCHEDULE Fall 2016-17:

Open **Tap** - Miss Kelsey, Monday Nights from 7:00-8:00pm

Open **Advanced Ballet** - Mr. Riley, Monday Nights from 6:30-8:00pm

Open **Yogalates** - Miss Katie, Wednesday 9:00-10:00am or Thursday Nights from 5:00-6:00pm

Nutcracker Silent Auction Gala

Last year we held our first annual Silent Auction Gala and Fundraiser. We were able to raise funds to offset the costs of our amazing performance of Dorothy. We will once again be holding this Silent Auction on December 9th. There are many ways you can support the MBC and the Gala. We hope everyone will consider attending. Tickets will be \$50 and the evening will include the Silent Auctions, Cocktail Hour, Wine Tasting and a live performance of The Nutcracker. Another way is to donate an item to your class basket. Each class has a theme and you can purchase an item that will be made into an amazing gift basket that we will have at the Silent Auction. Class themes are posted at the studio.

Boys Classes

Classes for boys in 1B and lower are still free this year. Please consider this for young men in your family or friends you know. Dance is a great compliment to Martial Arts, Gymnastics and many other athletics!!!

Our goal is to encourage young men to consider dance as an option for exercise and to get rid of the stigma that is sometimes attached to entering the field of dance.

Dance Attire

Still need dance attire? Did your dancer outgrow her ballet slippers? We've got you covered.

If you ordered items at Registration Day they will be in the office Wednesday September 7th. If you still need items, we've got plenty in stock.





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MBC OFFICE HOURS

Beginning September 1st

Monday through Thursday from 9:30-5:30pm

Our Office Assistant is Miss Kelsey and evening hours will be overseen by Miss Julie.

Please feel free to stop in during these times to ask questions, order attire, or drop off tuition. Julie is new to MBC and is excited to meet everyone and is happy to assist you in any way.

Welcome Back to Dance Class!



Training self-confident
young people in the art
of dance!