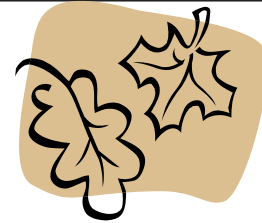


October Newsletter



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Mankato Ballet Company

Silent Auction Items Needed!

Special points of interest:

- *We DO have class on Columbus Day*
- *We DO have classes over MEA Break*
- *Next Theme Class is HALLOWEEN on October 29th!*
- *Nutcracker Tickets are on sale now!*

We are so excited to host our second **Nutcracker Gala**. This Gala will be held on Friday December 9th at MSU and your ticket to the event will get you admission to a cocktail hour, appetizers, wine tasting, and silent auction. All this will be followed by a performance of The Nutcracker.

We are asking our MBC Families to help with this Silent Auction. If you have an item, or a business you work for might donate an item

please consider asking on our behalf. **All items are tax deductible donations!**

Each Class has been given a theme, so that we can create some fun gift baskets for the auction. **Please check your class theme and begin to bring in your items this month.**

CLASS THEMES

- Creative Move—Ballerinas
- Pre-Ballet—Frozen
- Ballet 1—Winnie the Pooh

- Ballet 1A—Fun and Games
- Ballet 1B—Nutcracker
- Ballet 2A/2B—Cupcakes/Baking
- Ballet 3A/3B—Italian/Pasta
- Ballet 4A/4B—Beauty & Beast



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Classes During MEA Break and Columbus Day

We WILL have class on Columbus Day.

We will hold ALL classes during the week of MEA.

We understand that many dancers will be missing. They are encouraged to do Make Up classes for any classes they miss.

The ONE exception is Company Class and Rehearsal which will NOT be held on Saturday October 22nd.

Theme Classes

We have 2 theme classes this month. Our October Theme Classes will be held on October 8th and 29th! Dancers ages 3-8 enjoyed theme crafts, projects, dances, music and a snack.

Please look through our fun line up of Theme classes on our website. You can register for as many as you want, you won't be billed until after the class is held.

FYI: January's Frozen Frenzy is already filling up, so sign up now!

Upcoming Saturday Theme Classes:

3-5 Year Old Group 10:00-11:45

6-8 Year Old Group 12:00-1:45

Saturday October 8th: Super Mario

Saturday October 29 or November 5: Halloween

Saturday December 17: Nutty Nutcracker

Saturday January 21: Frozen Frenzy

Getting Ready for The Nutcracker

FAMILY ADS CAN BE PLACED IN OUR PROGRAMS FOR \$25. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OR ONLINE.

Rehearsals are underway. The next Large Cast Rehearsal will be Saturday October 29th. Be sure to check and

see if you are part of that rehearsal!!

We will once again allow families to place a special message to their dancer in the program. If you would like to do this download the form from the website, or pick up one in the office. Forms MUST be received by November 21st so we can complete our Program Layout.

October 29th Rehearsal Schedule

2:00-3:30	Turkish, Russian, Allsorts, Rag Dolls, Cotton Candy Angels, Ginger Candy, Party Girls/Boys/Fritz, Chinese
3:30-4:00	Peppermint Pages
4:00-5:00	Soldier Dolls, Rat Gene
5:00-6:30	Toy Soldiers, Mice, Soldier Dolls, Rat Generals, Cavalry, Rat Queen, Rat King, Drosselmayer, Clara

Kiwanis Holiday Lights

MBC is sponsoring a tree at the Holiday Lights again. We were winners for best tree two years ago, so come on out and vote on our tree again this year!!

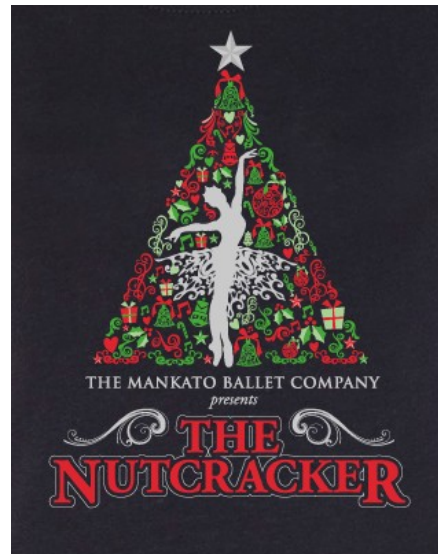
We need volunteers to help work the event. If you are interested, our scheduled work day is November 20th from 9-noon. You can volunteer any other day as well. Let them know you are with Mankato Ballet so we get credit for the hours worked!



Itty Bitty Dance Classes

We are still working hard to fill our Itty Bitty Dance Classes. Help spread the word about these Ballet and Tap classes for 2-4 year olds. They are 4 week sessions, and incorporate the parent into the dance class! Registration is now open online!

Nutcracker Shirt Design



Nutcracker DVD's, Media Packages, and T-Shirts

Nutcracker Tights, DVD's, Media Packages and T-Shirts are now on sale. Sign up at the studio for tights and T-Shirts. **All orders must be received by November 1st.**

3/4 SLEEVE SHIRTS are \$25 each

T-SHIRTS are \$20 each

To purchase DVD's or Media Packages you will need to go online to the Parent Portal.

DVD ONLY is \$25. If you want more than one DVD it will show as "Days" in our sys-

tem, select 2 Days for 2 DVDs, 3 Days for 3 DVDs etc. Deadline is December 12th.

MEDIA PACKAGE is \$40 and will include 1 DVD and 10 image downloads from the performance. Deadline is December 12th.

**NUTCRACKER
POSTERS ARE
AVAILABLE THIS
MONTH.
PLEASE HELP US
DISTRIBUTE
THESE AROUND
TOWN!**

Scheels Flash Mob

We will be doing the Scheels Flash Mob again. This will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, so be sure you are in town before signing up for that one!

EVERYONE needs to register online before they can participate in either of these events. There is a minimal fee of \$10 per event to participate. This will help cover the staff hours of rehearsals and performances time. We'll have an MBC logo item that each dancer can wear to the event and keep as a souvenir!

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Seeking MBC Board Members

January 1st marks the beginning of a new board term. Our board has open positions which can be filled by interested and committed parents, family and/or community members. If this is something you might consider, please go online to our FORMS section and complete the Board Interest Form. The form needs to be returned to the MBC office by November 1, 2016. Applicants may be interviewed by the MBC Nominating committee and new board members will be notified after the November MBC board meeting.

DETAILS:

- A term is 2 years long
- Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month
- The first meeting will be January 23, 2017
- We are a working board and are expected to fulfill various volunteer duties throughout the year as the needs of MBC dictate.

If you have any questions regarding the Mankato Ballet Board of Directors, please feel free to contact Rita Rassbach at ritarassbach@yahoo.com.

MBC Dress Code Reminders

We are really proud of our studio and how well the dancers adhere to the dress code. We feel strongly that a dress code is important for the following reasons:

1. It is designed to encourage unity and discipline.
2. It allows us to see the dancers line and we can then make better corrections to the dancers technique.
3. It minimizes distraction.

Please note that dancers should NOT wear jewelry to class. Necklaces, watches and bracelets, especially for the younger dancers, are VERY distracting.

In particular we would like to remind parents that **skirts are NOT allowed** unless the dancer is taking pointe class. We have a number of our little dancers coming in with skirts on. It often causes tears when we ask them to remove them, so teachers tend to let it go, but we now have other dancers wanting to wear skirts. Dancers can wear them to the studio, but MUST remove them before entering class. We thank our parents for helping to stay on top of this.

The final reminder is regarding hair. Buns are REQUIRED for Ballet 2A and higher. However, they are STRONGLY encouraged for dancers in Ballet 1A and 1B. We begin working on

turns and bigger jumps in these levels. Hair hanging in their face is often a huge distraction for the dancers. Please have their hair in a pony tale for class, and if you can manage a bun, it's never to early to start that fun ritual!

Girls Ballet Dress Code:

Black Leotard, Pink Footed Tights, Pink Ballet Shoes, Waist Belt

Boys Ballet Dress Code:

Black Pants/Shorts, White T-Shirt, Black Ballet Slippers.

