



February Newsletter

Important Dates:

- Feb 1st—Costume sign up sheets are posted and costume projects available.
- Feb 20th—Presidents Day, there ARE classes!!
- March 27th through 31st—MBC Spring Break
- April 15th—Costume tubs due back
- April 23rd—Best of Ballet Concert
- April 24th through 28th—Class Picture Week
- May 8th—Beginning of Class Observation Week

Ready, Set, Costume!!

Costume Class Volunteers are now posted. If you are interested in helping your dancer's class get their costumes ready please sign up this month!

Starting this month Costume tubs will be available for anyone who is interested in helping with recital costumes. Each class will have a tub with one completed costume and instructions and supplies to complete the rest of the costumes for that class.

Costume projects are all simple and don't involve a lot of sewing or difficult work. Most of it is simply completing headpieces or embellishing an existing cos-

tume.

Once all the required alterations are made return the tub to the office or your instructor. **Tubs should be returned by April 15th.**

If you have questions while working on the costumes please ask your instructor or send an email to info@mankatoballet.org and we will forward it to the head costumer to answer for you.



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Class Reminders

There WILL be classes held on Monday February 20th.

If District 77 closes for a snow or weather related issue at any time during the day there will NOT be classes held at MBC that day. To double check you can go to our website, check our Facebook Page, or check your email.

Box Office and Ticket Info

MBC has two amazing concerts coming up this spring.

April 23rd at 1pm and 5pm the BEST OF BALLET Concert.

ALL dancers with MBC will receive a free ticket to this event with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are \$9 each or \$10 at the door.

Tickets for BEAUTY will be available March 27th. We will offer assigned seating this year, so purchase tickets early to select your seats!

Ticket Prices: \$12 Adult \$9 Child

(Children 2 and under are free, but will need to sit on a lap.)

Tickets may be purchased through the Mankato Ballet Office.

Mankato Ballet Box Office Hours:

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

Cash, Check, Visa, MC, Discover all tickets are non refundable.



Shoe Notes

While we don't require you to purchase your dance attire through MBC, we do encourage you to do so. Many of the ballet slippers offered at Payless and Target are hard leather and make it difficult for the dancers to point their feet. Our ballet slippers are comparable in price and a great quality! We carry all sizes in stock, so see our office staff for assistance if you need new shoes before recital time.



Shoe Preparations

Just an FYI to parents. Starting this month your instructor will take a day to check ballet slippers. On this day your dancer's shoes will have their name put in them, have the drawstrings cut and then taped under so they don't come out. We do this in preparation for the May performances so that everyone's shoes are ready for the stage.

Dress Code Reminder

Just a reminder that we do need the dancers in dress code.

- Black leotard with NO skirt
- Pink footed tights
- Pink leather ballet slippers
- Class belt
- **Hair in a bun for Levels 2A** and higher and a Pony for all other levels
- No jewelry other than small earrings.

Especially in the lower levels the dancers get very easily distracted by necklaces and bracelets, even headbands or barrettes that fall off. The dress code allows us, as instructors, to fix their body alignment; but it is also in place to help the dancer have as few distractions as possible while they are in class.



Recital Information

Location: Nicollet High School, Nicollet MN

Dress Rehearsal: Friday May 19th (beginning at 5pm)

Performance Dates: Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st.

Performance Times: 1:00pm and 5:00pm both days.

Dancers in the Pre-Tap, Tap 1, Tap 2, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet and Ballet 1 levels will ONLY perform in one set of shows. They will EITHER be in BOTH Saturday shows or BOTH Sunday Shows. See the last page of the newsletter to know when you dancer is performing.

DVD's & Media Packages: DVD's will be \$25 and Media Packages will be \$40. These will be available online for you to add to your account beginning March 1st. Media Packages include 1 DVD and 10 Pictures to download from the performance.

Volunteers: Volunteer sheets for help with class costumes as well as backstage duties will be posted this month. Please sign up, your help is appreciated!

New MBC Logo Wear

We will be doing another order of MBC Logo wear soon! Samples and order forms will be available in the office in the next couple of weeks and we will place the order at the beginning of March. We've got some great new items for youth and adult sizes!!



Like us on Facebook!!

We make a big effort to have fun pictures and posts on this site, so please go to our Facebook page and like us. It is another way to get updates when we have school closures or performance information.

We'd also love some positive reviews and ratings, if you have a great MBC experience to share!



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Beauty Recital Dance Themes and Performance Dates

<u>Class Dance</u>	<u>Class Level/Day</u>	<u>Performance Day</u>
Rabbits	CM1 Tues /CM1 Th	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Chickens	CM2 Mon/CM2 Wed/Th	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Blue Birds	PB1 Monday/PB1 Tues	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Tea Lights	PB2 Monday/PB2 Tues	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Dust Bunnies	Ballet 1 Mon/Ballet 1 Wed	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Clocks	Ballet 1A	ALL 4
Dancing Cakes	Ballet 1B	ALL 4
Teacups	Ballet 2A	ALL 4
Roses	Ballet 2B/3A	ALL 4
Drapes	Ballet 3B	ALL 4
Vines	Ballet 4A	ALL 4
Dancing Jewelry	Tap 1/Pre-Tap	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
School Children	Tap 2 Mon/Tap 2 Tues	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Knights Armor	Tap 3	ALL 4
Dancing Silverware	Tap 4	ALL 4
Pictures	Tap 5	ALL 4
Fire	Modern 1	ALL 4
Wolves	Modern 2	ALL 4
Dancing Candy	Jazz 1	Only Sunday Shows
Jailhouse	Jazz 2 Wed/Jazz 2 Th	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Snowdrifts	Jazz 3	ALL 4
Statues	Jazz 4	ALL 4
Mirrors	Jazz 5	ALL 4
Candelabras	World Fusion 2	ALL 4
Feather Dusters	Rakettes	ALL 4
Flowers	ATS	ALL 4