



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Mankato Ballet Company

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Mankato Ballet Presents *The Nutcracker*

This performance is for everyone!! We hope that all of our supportive families will attend our annual performances of *The Nutcracker*. It is such a great way to instill the love of dance in your little ones. Our MBC dancers who aren't old enough to participate in *The Nutcracker* will still thoroughly enjoy attending the performance. We hope everyone will make this part of their holiday traditions! Tickets are selling out quickly, so reserve them today.



Special points of interest:

- *Tickets on sale NOW for The Nutcracker*
- *Performances December 9, 10 and 11.*
- *Last Day of Classes is December 7th.*
- *Modern Make Up Class—Wed Dec. 13th*
- *Classes Resume January 2nd.*
- *December tuition is still the full tuition amount. We take the annual tuition amount and divide it by 9 months so you can make even monthly payments.*

MSU Box Office ~ 507-389-6661 ~ www.msutheatre.com

Open 4:00-6:00pm Monday-Friday

\$20 Adult, \$15 Senior/Student/Military, \$12 Child

Tickets are non-refundable

Holiday Break Dates

There will be NO classes

December 11th through January 1st.

Classes resume on TUESDAY January 2nd.

Please note that we WILL hold class on Thursday December 7th except the following levels as they will be involved in Dress Rehearsal:

Ballet 2A, Ballet 2B, Ballet 3A, Ballet 3B, Ballet 4A, Ballet 4B, Ballet 5
Dancers not involved in *The Nutcracker* are welcome to do a make up class between now and December 7th.

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Nutcracker Reminders

VOLUNTEERS

You should be contacted soon to confirm your duties.

PERFORMANCE TIGHTS

If you ordered tights they are in. Please pick them up in the office. This week.

INFO PACKET

The info packets about the theatre arrival times has been emailed please review it.

EPOSTERS

Please forward these to your friends and family members. We'd love to sell out every show this year!

DVD's

Order these online as well! You have until December 14th.

DRESS REHEARSAL

December 7th we will be at the theater. We MUST start Dress Rehearsal at 5:00pm.

Recital Information

We have a number of siblings that dance and we did our VERY best to get as many of you in the same set of performances as possible.

However, there are a few families that have siblings on different days. If you would like to make sure your dancers are in the same performance one dancer may have to change class days. Feel free to contact our office over break and we can help to see if we can find a different class for you.

LOST and FOUND

The Lost and Found is getting full again. Please be sure to check the dressing room EVERY time you leave. Everything left over Holiday Break will be donated to Good Will.



Mankato Ballet Company is assigned December 20th as our day to work at the Holiday Lights. We need volunteers to help work which in turn helps raise funds for MBC!

You are welcome to work then entire event from 4:40 to around 9:15 and includes dinner or you can work a shift that runs from 4:40pm to 7pm (includes dinner) or from 6:45 to around 9:15. A sign up sheet will be posted to ensure we have the volunteers needed or you can contact Anne Broskoff by text at 507-317-3664 or email at Tabroskoff@charter.net.

Reminders for Starting Back in January

Please note, that our classes are set up to run from September through May. We assume that you will be joining us again once classes start up in January.

If for any reason you won't be returning please contact our office so that we can stop monthly billing. Dancers will begin learning their spring recital dances at the end of January or beginning of February.

This is a exciting time and we look forward to working with them on their fun dances. Class attendance is important so that they know their dance well. There is no performance or costume fee for being in the recital. That has all been factored into the cost of tuition.

If you have a sibling, friend or neighbor who has been interested in beginning ballet please encourage them to start up with us in January. It's a great time for new students to join!



Spring Recital Information

Your dancers will be performing in *Poppins* for the Spring Recital.

We have been working hard since last spring to put together an all new production. We will be incorporating ALL Mankato Ballet classes into the telling of Mary's time with the Banks family. Ballet, modern, jazz, tap and world fusion will all be intertwined to create an amazing story told through dance.

The entire concert should run about 2 hours with intermission.

Performances held at: Saint Peter High School Auditorium

Dress Rehearsal: Friday May 18th at 4:30pm

Performance dates: Saturday and Sunday May 19th and 20th at 1pm and 5pm

Because we are doing 4 performances we WILL split performances. Dancers in Tap 1 and 2, Jazz 1 and 2, Modern 2, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet and Ballet 1 will ONLY perform on Saturday OR Sunday. Please see below for your performance day.



<u>Class Dance</u>	<u>Class Level/Day</u>	<u>Performance Day</u>
Beagles/Fox	CM1 Mon&Tues /CM1 Thurs	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Pigeons	CM2 Mon&Tues/CM2 Thurs	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Robins	PB1 Tues 5:45/PB1 Thurs	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Smoke	PB1 Tues 3:45	SATURDAY ONLY
Barnyard Animals	PB2 Tues/PB2 Thurs	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Tuppence	Ballet 1/PB2 Thurs 3:15	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Fire Crackers	Ballet 1A	ALL 4
Dolls	Ballet 1B	ALL 4
Mini Marys/Berts	Ballet 2A	ALL 4
Jockeys	Ballet 2B	ALL 4
Carousel Horses	Ballet 3A	ALL 4
Laughter	Ballet 3B	ALL 4
Kite Flyers	Ballet 4A	ALL 4
Baby Penguins	Pre-Tap	SUNDAY ONLY
Penguins	Tap 1 Tues 3:30/Tap 1 Tues 5:00	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Penguin Waiters	Tap 2 Mon/Tap 2 Wed	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Chimney Sweeps	Tap 3	ALL 4
Chimney Sweeps	Tap 4	ALL 4
Chimney Sweeps	Tap 5	ALL 4
Smoke	Modern 2	SUNDAY ONLY
Bird Ladies	Modern 3	ALL 4
Street Musicians	Jazz 1 Mon/Jazz 1 Tues	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Nannies	Jazz 2 Mon/Jazz 2 Tues	Saturday Shows/Sunday Shows
Bank Executives	Jazz 3 Monday	ALL 4
Marionettes	Jazz 3 Tuesday	ALL 4
Bank Tellers	Jazz 4	ALL 4
Crowd/Bank	Jazz 5	ALL 4
Chalk Drawing Picture	World Fusion	ALL 4

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SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSES

If your dancer has considered joining a supplementary class now is a great time to join! Some classes are subject to the instructors approval before joining so contact our office over break to be sure we can get you into class.

The instructors will be starting dances towards the end of January, so we will not accept any more students into supplementary classes after February 1st.

All supplementary classes will perform in the Spring Recital.

Dancers also need to be in attendance for more than 60% of their classes to perform in the recital. Dancers with too many unexcused absences may be held from the recital.

December Billing Reminder

Please note that your December billing will be for the normal monthly amount. Even through we don't have a lot of classes in the month of December, our tuition is set up so that we evenly divide our annual tuition cost by 9 months for even monthly payments.

We will be running our December billing on December 11th. This will allow us to capture any additional things that have been added to your accounts such as dance attire, Nutcracker related items, or logo wear.

