

# MBC MARCH NEWSLETTER



March 1, 2018

MANKATO BALLET COMPANY

## SWAN LAKE CONCERT

March 10th is right around the corner and our Performing Company dancers have been rehearsing hard since BEFORE *The Nutcracker*.

Swan Lake is one of the oldest ballets originating in Russia and based on old folklore about a princess who is turned into a swan.

When the ballet was originally presented with Tchaikovsky's new score it was not well received.

However, today it is considered one of the most classic, most romantic, and most difficult ballets to perform.

Our dancers have risen to the challenge of this rigorous choreography and we hope everyone at MBC as well as the Mankato community will embrace the chance to see this amazing and elegant ballet.

Tickets are available online and at the door.

SWAN  
LAKE

Saturday  
March 10, 2018

at  
West High School Auditorium - 5:00pm



REMEMBER, your ticket also includes complimentary beverages and cookies as well as a chance to bid on amazing silent auction items.

## SPRING BREAK DATES

Spring Break will be Monday March 26th through Saturday March 31st.  
**Classes WILL resume on Monday April 3rd**

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### In the Know

- Spring Break—March 26th-31st
- Summer Class Registration—April 1st
- Poppins Tickets Go on Sale—April 2nd
- Costume Deadline—April 16
- Picture Week—Week of April 30th

## Poppins Performance Info

Our performance of *Poppins* is getting close! Now is the time when we start releasing important information. Here are some things that are happening this month regarding *Poppins*:

1. DVDs are available online and are \$30 each. Just add them to our account like you would add another class.
2. T-Shirts are available for \$20 each. Sign up in the Lobby of either studio.
3. Tights are available for \$8 a pair. Sign up on the sheet at the studio and stock up for the performance.
4. Costume volunteers should sign up and take home their projects as they become available. Leila is leaving samples and detailed instructions with each class so that their costumes can be completed in time for picture day in April.
5. Performance volunteers should also sign up this month so we can be sure we have enough people backstage and helping with concessions at each performance. Do this online through SignUp.com



**Performances and Dress Rehearsal will take place at Saint Peter High School.**

**Tickets will be available April 2nd through the MBC website. We will have assigned seating this year, so purchase tickets early to be sure you get great seats.**

### Studio Pet Policy

**MBC would like to ask that people refrain from bringing pets inside the studio. We LOVE animals and are so glad so many of you have great pets, but we do have several dancers with strong dog allergies, dogs have (at times) been a distraction to dancers taking class, and simply from a liability standpoint, if a dog were to bite a dancer it would be really unfortunate. Thank you for understanding!**

## SUPPORT MBC

*Mankato Ballet Company is a register non-profit 501©(3) organization.*

Did you know that many employers will match an employee's donation to a non profit 501©(3) organization?

Tax season is upon us and now is a great time to research your employers charitable giving policies.

A donation made by you to MBC could potentially be matched by your employer. Check your companies intranet site and see what you can find out. Some may simply give a donation at the request of an employee.

# MBC SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

Mankato Ballet Company has a lot to offer this summer. We have all the great programs and camps we've had in the past, and added some new things for dancers of all levels. Check online for Intensives, Itty Bitty and Theme Classes.

## June Ballet Classes (weeks of June 4th and 11th)

Classes will be taught by Mr. Riley on Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Challenge Class** 4:00-5:00pm \$50 (for 2A, 2B, 3A)

**Tricks of the Trade Class** 5:00-6:30pm \$75 (for 3B, 4A, 4B, 5)

**Moms and Dads Dance Class** 6:30-7:30pm \$50 for every mom (or dad) who's watched their kid dance! Come see what it's all about!

## June Jazz Classes (weeks of June 4th and 11th)

Classes will be taught by Miss Abby on Tuesdays and Thursday

**Beginning Jazz** 5:15-6:00pm \$50 (For dancers who were in Jazz 1)

**Intermediate Jazz** 4:00-5:00pm \$60 (For dancers who were in Jazz 2 or 3)

**Advanced Jazz** 6:30-7:30pm \$60 (For dancers who were in Jazz 4 or 5)

## July Ballet Classes (begins Thursday July 12th)

- **Creative Movement 1** (ages 3-4) 11:15-11:45 or 5:00-5:30pm \$40
- **Creative Movement 2** (ages 4-5) 11:45-12:30 or 5:30-6:15pm \$45
- **Pre-Ballet** (ages 5-6) 12:30-1:15 or 6:15-7:00pm \$50
- **Ballet 1**(ages 6-7) 1:15-2:00 \$50
- **Ballet 1A/1B** (ages 7-8) 2:00-3:00 \$60
- **Ballet 2A/2B** (ages 9-11) 4:00-5:00 \$60
- **Beginning Ballet Teens** 5:00-6:00pm \$50
- **Beginning Ballet Adults** 7:30-8:30 pm \$50
- **Advanced Ballet** for Teens and Adults 6:00-7:30pm \$75

## July Tap Classes (begins Tuesday July 10th)

**Beginning Tap** 4:30-5:15pm \$50 (For dancers who were in Tap 1)

**Intermediate Tap** 5:15-6:15pm \$60 (For dancers who were in Tap 2/3)

**Advanced Tap** 6:15-7:15pm \$60 (For dancers who were in Tap 4/5)



*Summer  
Registration:  
April 1st*

## PERFORMING COMPANY AUDITIONS

2018-2019 Performing Company auditions will be held on Saturday May 5, 2018 from Noon until 2:00pm. Dancers who are interested in joining the Mankato Ballet Performing Company for the fall of 2018 and meet all of the requirement are invited to audition. Dancers must complete an application packet prior to the audition date. Applications/Info Packets are available online under the FORMS section or the Performing Company Page.

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The Mankato Ballet Company Board of Directors now has an e-mail address. We would like to welcome our families to direct any comments, suggestions, ideas and/or concerns to us at:

[mankatoballetcompanyboard@gmail.com](mailto:mankatoballetcompanyboard@gmail.com)

We are honored to serve our Mankato Ballet Company families.

## PREPARING FOR PICTURE WEEK

All classes will have pictures during their normally scheduled class time. **This will take place the week of April 30th.** This is a week later than usual due to scheduling issues.

- Please arrive on time
- Your dancer's hair MUST be in a bun for ALL ballet class levels
- Girls MUST have on pink tights and ballet slippers with a leotard
- Boys MUST have black pants or tights with black socks and black ballet slippers
- Dancers will get into costume once they arrive
- Dancers will be posed in an individual and group picture
- Dancers MUST leave their costume at the studio after pictures
- We often finish before the class time would normally end, so please be prepared to take your child home once they are done
- Pictures are available online through [www.KPixFoto.com](http://www.KPixFoto.com)
- All orders are placed through KPix Fotos. MBC does not manage or profit from the sale of these pictures. Orders, questions or payment info should all be directed to Karen of KPix Fotos.