



# JULY NEWSLETTER



## MBC Summer Camp Inspired Reg Week Shirts



## STUDIO REMINDERS

**JULY 13: FALL CLASS  
REGISTRATION OPENS**

**AUGUST 23-29:  
REGISTRATION WEEK**

**AUGUST 29: LAST DAY TO  
COMPLETE NUTCRACKER  
PERFORMANCE  
AGREEMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 14: FIRST DAY  
OF FALL CLASSES**

## Registration Week

Registration Week shirts are shown above. You will be able to select from 3 different Tie-Dye patterns/colors.

**ALL shirts MUST be pre-ordered online by July 31st in order to receive them during Registration Week.**

**We have moved the ENTIRE registration process online this year. Please do the following starting July 13th:**

- Register for Fall Classes
- Notify us if you want to Pay in Full
- Sign up for a Reg Week Shirt
- Place your Dress Code order
- Sign up for *The Nutcracker* (1A & higher)

Ideally, we are able to process your orders and apply tuition discounts by August 23rd so you can schedule a time to come into the new facility to pick up your items, pay tuition, and see the new space.



## DANCE SPOTLIGHT

In an effort to bring more awareness to dance styles, the art of dance, and some of the famous dancers of the past and present we will have a monthly Dance Spotlight.

This month is the perfect opportunity to spotlight George Balanchine's iconic ballet *Stars and Stripes*. This energetic ballet features an enormous cast and is set to a Hershey Kay's classic Americana music.

George Balanchine was an American ballet choreographer who was one of the most influential 20th-century choreographers. Styled as the father of American ballet, he co-founded the New York City Ballet and remained its Artistic Director for more than 35 years.

The dance world has embraced dancers of all races and ethnicity and one of the most dynamic dancers to perform in *Stars and Stripes* was Arthur Mitchell. Arthur Mitchell became the first black principal in the history of New York City Ballet and in 1963 he partnered Suki Schorer in *Stars and Stripes*.

# YouTube It!

Want to watch  
Stars and  
Stripes?

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Dress Code Reminder

MBC adheres to a strict dress code. This allows us to see formations better when setting choreography and also helps reduce distractions for the dancers during class.

Below is an overview of ALL dress codes at MBC.

**Girls Ballet Dress Code:** Correct color level leotard, pink tights free of runs and holes, pink leather ballet slippers. Dancers in 2A and higher may purchase canvas. ALL dancers should have hair pulled back in a pony or a bun. Dancers in Ballet 1B or higher should ALWAYS have their hair in a tidy bun.

**Boys Ballet Dress Code:** Black tights/pants, black socks and ballet slippers, white shirt. If hair is long, it should be secured away from face.

**Supplementary Dress Code:** Black leggings or shorts, black leotard or tank top. Very dark colors or class leos are also acceptable. Dancers MUST have appropriate footwear for class. ALL dancers should have hair pulled back in a pony or bun. No overly baggy clothes. Boys dress code is the same.



## Be a Board Member

Mankato Ballet Company is accepting applications for new board members. This is a wonderful way to be involved in our organization and we welcome anyone interested to apply. We encourage community members and outside individuals as well, so if you know someone who might be a good fit who is looking for a non-profit volunteer opportunity please share this with them!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and download the form

## Be Part of... *The Nutcracker*

Dancers may begin submitting their Performance Agreements electronically. We will ONLY accept electronic versions of the agreement this year. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the online form.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Dancers MUST be entering Ballet 1A and higher this fall
- Dancers MUST be enrolled as a full-time BALLETT student and attending all classes
- Dancers MUST complete the performance agreement
- Dancers MUST be available for scheduled rehearsals and performances

## MBC Family Tree Campaign

This is the last month you can join the MBC Family Tree Campaign. We only need to bring in **\$2,600** more to meet our goal. By making a donation to the campaign you get waived registration fees, complimentary performance tickets and access to ALL summer classes we are holding. **Make your DONATION soon to take advantage of the summer classes while you still can!**



## COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR FALL

Our Board of Directors is working hard to analyze CDC and Minnesota State standards for our reopening this fall. Please know, that your child's safety is important and our utmost priority. We are looking into best practices of similar organizations to ours. This fall you may anticipate:

- Nightly Cleaning of the entire facility
- Cleaning of shared surfaces between each class
- Limited class sizes to allow 6 foot distancing
- Temperature checks upon entering facility
- Required masks when entering and exit studio
- Possible mask usage during class if state mandated

Full details and final rules will be posted on our website and communicated to families prior to classes beginning on September 14th.

## SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY

We want to hear from you about how virtual classes went, what it was like to learn at home, how your kids engaged with their instructors on a virtual platform, as well as gather some info about next fall and how everyone is feeling about safety standards we intend to implement.

**Please watch for a survey to be emailed out.**

We'd love your feedback and it should take 5 minutes to complete!

