

MBS Training Center for the Performing Arts

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 4:30 – 8:30 p.m, Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Vision

The MBS Training Center vision is to provide quality instruction to our students providing a strong foundation in tap, ballet, jazz / hip hop and gymnastics. Improving self-confidence through achievement is our primary student goal. Our goals for the community include providing an exercise and aesthetic outlet for all ages and providing theatrical quality productions to elevate interest and enjoyment of the arts.

About MBS

Beverly and Michael Stone founded MBS Training Center in 1981. Over the past thirty or so years our enrollment has grown from eight(8) to almost one thousand students. We have highly qualified instructors who are assisted in many cases by teacher's aides. Our basic program consists of a 1-½ hour class each week that includes tap, ballet and hip hop or tap, ballet and gymnastics. We have nine (9) intense performing groups: MBS Dance Company Girls, MBS Dance Company Boys, MBS Junior Dance Company I and II, MBS Senior Performers I and II, MBS Junior Performers 1 and 2 and MBS Primettes. Most of these groups meet for 3 ½ hours a week. We also have three specialty groups: MBS Stone Tones, MBS Hip Hoppers and MBS Prima Ballerinas. All MBS companies and specialty groups perform in the Christmas Recital and in special dance events. All MBS students dance in the MBS Spring Recital, which has a different theme each year.

Goals for Basic Program Students:

1. Provide each student with a firm foundation in tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop and gymnastics and continue to present ever more stimulating instruction in each of these areas for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.
2. To teach each student to appreciate a variety of music and to show that different music and dance forms are enjoyable.
3. To provide a relaxed nurturing, safe, learning environment where young people with common interests can work together to develop their talents. Building on this talent and using teamwork, each student will participate in an elaborate production at least once per year.
4. To teach students that lofty goals can be accomplished through discipline and persistent training.
5. To build self esteem through achievement.
6. To provide dance and fitness training to adults.

Goals for Companies and Performing Groups

1. To provide a curriculum of diversified dance training of the highest professional caliber.
2. To provide performance opportunities where talents can be showcased.
3. To build self esteem through achievement.

Basic Program Classes – \$60 / payment (every 4 dance weeks)

Classes include: Beginner I, II & III, Intermediate I, II & III and Advanced classes all of which meet for 1 ½ hours and Creative 3 & 4 classes which meet for 1 hour per week.

MBS Boys Company – \$60 / payment (every 4 dance weeks) Classes meet for 2 hours per week

Girls Dance Company, Junior Dance Companies, Junior and Senior Performing Groups and Primettes -

2 ½ hour class plus a 1 hour separate pointe' class - \$126 / payment (every 4 dance weeks)
(Primettes are encouraged to take an additional pointe' class but it is not mandatory.)

MBS Girls Dance Company	Pointe' class mandatory
MBS Junior Dance Company I and II	Pointe' class mandatory
MBS Senior Performers I and II	Pointe' class mandatory
MBS Junior Performers I and II	Pointe' class mandatory
MBS Primettes	Pointe' class recommended

MBS Specialty Classes (two costumes are required for these classes)

MBS Prima Ballerinas: 1 hour class \$40 or \$48**/ 4 week payment (audition)

MBS Stone Tones: 1 hour class \$40 or \$48**/ 4 week payment (audition)

MBS Hip Hoppers 1 hour class \$40 or \$48**/ 4 week payment (audition)

Additional Non-Adult Classes

Pre Pointe' / Pointe: 1 hour class \$40 or \$48*/ 4 week payment (see schedule)

Gymnastics: 1 hour class \$40 or \$48*/ 4 week payment,

Hip Hop: 1 hour class \$40 or \$48*/ 4 week payment (see schedule)

* - Students enrolled in a basic student class only pay \$40 for additional classes

Adult Classes

Pilates (core strengthening and flexibility classes)

Tues., Thurs. & Sun. 7:30 – 8:30, all year round, drop-in fee \$5 / visit

Classes Starting Soon Ballroom, Jazz / Hip Hop (sign *Waiting List* at front desk)

Good Living Workshop (focus on fitness, nutrition and stress management)

\$20 per one hour session (call MBS for private appointment)

Costume Fees

These prices reflect cost of one costume and one pair of tights. Adult-sized costumes for students over 80 lbs. - \$60, child-sized - \$50

Basic class students will require one costume for the dance year

MBS Primettes, Junior Performers 1 and 2 – will require two (2) costumes for the dance year

One costume for the Christmas and one for the June Recital

MBS Junior Dance Company 1 and 2 and Senior Performers 1 and 2 – will require three (3) costumes for the dance year:

Christmas Recital: one costume and possibly one body stocking required

June Recital: two (2) costumes will be required

MBS Dance Company (Girls and Boys) – will require four (4) costumes for the dance year

Christmas Recital: two (2) costumes will be required

June Recital: two (2) costumes will be required; however, additional costumes and body stockings may also be necessary

MBS Operational Rules

MEDICAL CONDITIONS - Pre-existing medical conditions **MUST** be noted in writing at registration for the protection of each student. If you have a heart condition, hypertension, sugar diabetes, or are an adult over 40 pounds overweight, you must consult a physician before starting a dance or aerobics class.

PAYMENTS - Deposit payments in drop box on week #1 of a pay period. There is a \$5 late fee due if payment is made on week #3 or week #4 of a payment period. Payment #1, costume fee and a non-refundable registration fees are due at registration. We do not accept cash payments (checks or money orders only.) There will be a \$20 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds. Students owing for more than 4 weeks will not be allowed to participate.

COMPANY SELECTION - All new Company and Performing group members are referred by class instructor and Director observation from the previous year but only placed when a space is available. Moving from one performing group to another is based on student age and maturity level.

THE MBS CLASS YEAR - Classes run from September until mid June taking a week off at holidays (2 weeks at Christmas.) All students will perform in the annual dance recital held in June at the end of the dance year.. Only companies and performing groups perform in the Christmas show.

PICTURES – MBS requires students to take pictures in costume for our souvenir book. The option to purchase individual pictures at additional cost is available. This service has given many students the pleasure of photo-story collections of their years in dance. Pictures will be taken in the spring of each year.

VALUABLES - Please leave your money or valuables home and use a lock on your locker. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen money or valuables. Large earrings and jewelry may not be worn in class. We have a lost and found behind the stairway going to the 3rd level. We save lost jewelry and shoes with mates in the main office. Cell phones are not allowed in class.

SIT OUTS - We expect a good attitude for learning when in class. We use “sit out” as a discipline tool when absolutely necessary. There is absolutely no loud talking or running in the building.

SNOW DAYS – Since we can not reach all students to cancel class on snow days, we are always open for class. Students can make-up two missed classes as well as days that we declare as heavy snow days (See instructor for make-up schedule.)

VOLUNTEERS - We are always seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas show and June Recital. If you are a company or performing group member, at least one parent or guardian is asked to volunteer for one performance each year.

LATE PICK-UPS – Any student under 10 must have parental supervision while waiting for another sibling to finish a dance class. Any parent that has not picked up their child 15 minutes after the last class of the day, will be charged \$5 every 15 minutes. The late fee must be paid before the next class.

LATE DROP-OFFS – Warm-ups are important for safe training. Please arrive on time..

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – The lunchroom is located on the lower level. This is the only area where eating is allowed. Please help keep your building clean.

SICK DAYS – Each student can make up 2 sick days a year. Do not subtract money from your monthly payment for sick days. Talk to instructor or office staff for make-up time.

ATTENDANCE – When a student misses 3 classes in a roll, without calling to provide a reason they will be automatically dropped from the class.

GUESTS – Must sign in at the main office. We discourage students from inviting guests because our level of supervision is adequate for our dancers but not for extra teen-aged or younger non-students.

PARKING LOT – Please make an immediate right turn then proceed counter-clockwise through the parking lot. This allows our students maximum safety when entering and exiting cars.

REFUNDS – After we are notified of the students last attended class, unused class fees and costume fees will be returned if costumes have not been ordered.

MBS Dress Code

All MBS students wear black, skin tone, light pink and / or white leotards and tights. Leotards must fit the body snugly. (No prints, flowers, words, etc.) Black, pink or skin-tone ballet shoes and black tap shoes are used. Boys are to wear black or white shorts or sweat pants and T-shirts for dance classes (no words or pictures.) Boys wear

black hip hop shoes for hip hop and black tap shoes. Jazz shoes are not required for girls basic classes. Head coverings are not allowed in class. Ballet skirts, dance sweaters and leg warmers in dress code colors are allowed. MBS sweat shirts or dance sweaters are allowed for the first 15 minutes of class if the room is cold. MBS Company and Performing Group members refer to company rule sheet for additional dress code data..

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS INCLUDE: Water bottles, jewelry except for small earrings, food or drink, cell phones

2009 / 2010 Important Holidays and Dates

Sep. 15 th , 2009	Classes Start	April 2 nd - 8 th , 2010	Easter Break
Nov. 24 th – 29 th , 2009	Thanksgiving Break	May 29 th – May 31 st , 2010	Memorial Day Break
Dec. 20 th , 2009	Winter Recital		Last day of class
Dec. 22 nd , 2009 – Jan. 3 rd , 2010	Christmas Break	June 5 th , 2010	Senior Tea
	Winter Break	June 16 th , 2010	
Feb. 16 th – 21 st , 2009		June 12 th & 13 th , 2010	Annual Recital

2009 / 2010 Payment Schedule

Payment #	Due the week of	Payment #	Due the week of	Payment #	Due the week of
1	Registration	4	Dec. 15 th , 2009	7	March 30 th , 2010
2	Oct. 13 th , 2009	5	Jan. 25 th , 2010	8	May 4 th , 2010 for
3	Nov. 10 th , 2009	6	March 2 nd , 2010		5 weeks (Sat. students 4 weeks)

MBS Dance Supply Shop

Our MBS Dance Supply shop is located on the second level of the studio. We sell a full line of dance shoes and dance wear. We also carry accessories and gift items. Shop MBS for great prices, great service and great value.

Classes begin Tuesday, September 15th and will end in June with a grand dance recital performed by all MBS students. Write your student information below:

Name: _____ Class day/time/studio: _____

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