

MBS Training Center Newsletter - August, 2009



Note from the director:

Fall is a great time for a fresh start. Let's all start out this season with good habits. As a student of dance it is helpful when you develop a passion for it. Our staff can teach and inspire you but our job is so much easier when students dance because they want to. Here are tips that will place you ahead as a student of dance and increase your love for dance: 1. Attend your classes regularly, 2. Pay attention to corrections in class, 3. Take good care of your body, 4. Discipline yourself – focus in class, don't socialize and follow school rules, 5, Visit the theatre and view other dancers.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND – What a tea party!! The MBS staff and students made it happen. Thank you for your outstanding performance. DVDs will be available for pick-up at early registration in September.

Sincerely, Beverly Stone

Fall Registration - fall classes begin on Tuesday, September 15th. Classes are available for ages 3 to adult, boys and girls. Early registration will take place at MBS Training Center on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9th – 10th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, September 12th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Mail-in registration for current students ends August 31st)

2009 / 2010 Important Holidays and Dates

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| 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 | June 5 th , 2010 | Last day of class |
| Dec. 22 nd , 2009 – Jan. 3 rd , 2010 | Christmas Break | June 16 th , 2010 | Senior Tea |
| Feb. 16 th – 21 st , 2009 | Winter Break | 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 |
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| 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) |

The 2009/2010 - payment schedule is listed above. Though each payment is due during the week shown above, we allow a 2-week grace period. Payments made later than two weeks beyond the due date, will be assessed a \$5 late fee. If payment is not made within 4 weeks of the due date, student will have to sit out of class. If extenuating circumstances exist, please talk to Beverly Stone. Students are entitled to two make-up classes for absences. If student misses a class, do not deduct monies from tuition payments, ask at the office to schedule a make-up class.

Refer a Friend - Tell a friend about dance classes at MBS and earn a \$25 credit. They must give your name at registration.

Pilates for Adults – is a great way to tone your body and lose inches. Come out to our drop-in classes and pay \$5 per session. Drop-in classes will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The King and I Ballroom Dance – We have a great pair of ballroom dance instructors and they are ready to put you on the road to becoming proficient in this style. Classes will begin in September; sign up at the front desk.

Extra Classes for Basic Students – All students may enroll in the classes listed below. If the student is in a basic or company class already, an extra fee of \$40 per month is charged, if the student is not taking any other classes, the monthly fee is \$48 per month. The classes available are: Hip Hop and Pre Pointe.

Looking for Teacher's Aides – We are looking for Performing Group students 13 years or older that likes working with children and have reliable transportation to work as teacher assistants. If you are interested and have been in a Performing Group for 2 or more years, call 248.968.5885 and leave the following information: name, phone#, days and time available to work. Mrs. Breedlove will return your call.

Specialty Companies

| Company or Class | Audition date / time | Eligibility |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| MBS Stone Tones (Tap Company) | Saturday, Sept. 19 th , 26 th 12:30 – 1:30 pm | 10 – 18 years |
| MBS Hip Hop Company | Saturday, Sept. 19 th & 26 th 2 – 3 pm | 12 – 18 years |
| MBS Prima Ballerinas | Tuesday, Sept. 15 th and 22 nd 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | 12 – 18 years |

Each group will need a costume for the Christmas show and the June Recital (\$60 each.) All groups above will be considered for competitions and outside performances. Cost of class is \$40 per payment if you are enrolled in another class.

Mandatory Company and Performing Groups Pre-Season Tech. Classes – All Performing Group and Company students except MBS Primettes are required to attend our pre-session classes. Students will attend either on September 3rd or September 4th based on the schedule below:

| Company Name | Scheduled Class Day | Scheduled Class Time |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MBS Senior Performers 2 | Wednesday, September 9, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Dance Company Girls | Wednesday, September 9, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Junior Company 2 | Wednesday, September 9, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Junior Company 1 | Wednesday, September 9, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Senior Performers 1 | Thursday, September 10, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Primettes | Thursday, September 10, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Junior Performers 2 | Thursday, September 10, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |
| MBS Junior Performers 1 | Thursday, September 10, 2009 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. |

Regular Fall Classes begin Tuesday, September 15, 2009

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