

BARRE FACTS

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GREETINGS FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome back members and Parents of Michigan Ballet Theatre. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are now looking forward to the cooler, and hopefully drier, months ahead. This marks MBT's 28th season and promises to be a year filled with exciting events and opportunities for our dancers as we prepare for our upcoming performance of "Coppélia" slated for March 24, and 25. The MBT Board and Guild are working behind the scenes to plan for this delightful, full length production, and we invite you all to join us. There will be many opportunities for you to become part of our organization to help make this our finest accomplishment!

TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

Michigan Ballet Theatre is a non-profit organization that serves as a stepping stone for dancers interested in pursuing a professional career or earning a degree in dance, physical therapy or arts administration. MBT provides exceptional performing opportunities for dancers as well as in-house sessions where they are able to interface with and learn from leading professionals in their field. The company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by a Board of Directors and a volunteer Guild that meets once a month to plan fund raisers, and promote our activities. We hope you will all consider becoming part of our family to help promote and develop our young artists. The time commitment is small and the rewards are great. Interested parties may contact: Ann Yanick, Guild President at (248) 652-3117.

MBT GUILD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

We look forward to new ideas and fundraisers from our newly elected Guild Officers as we plan our 2011/12 season. Welcome:

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COMPANY NEWS

AUDITIONS

MBT Auditions were held on Saturday, August 27. Congratulations new members! If you missed this audition, second auditions will be held on:

Thurs., Sept. 22 for the Main and 2nd Co.

Sun., Sept. 25 for the Junior 1st and 2nd Co.

See postings in the RSD Office and on the MBT Bulletin Board.

MBT ANNOUNCES NEW WARDROBE MISTRESS

Jeri Altenberger has accepted the post of Wardrobe Mistress and will be responsible for the overseeing of the great care given to MBT's costume collection. Welcome Jeri!

DANCE APPRECIATION:

Welcome Amy Dwelle, Physical Therapist. Thursday, Oct. 13 session will address injury prevention.

MBT FUNDRAISERS

Watch for Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Rochester School of Dance and Cornelia's School of Dance Spiritwear and Bags.
T-Shirts, Warm Ups and Dance Bags with RSD and CSD logos will be available during Master Classes and during fall registration.
- Harvest Masquerade
Join us Saturday, October 29 for an evening filled with fun for the whole family with costumes, prizes, and lots of treats. Tickets sold in the studio offices.
- Achatz Holiday Pies
These pies were a great success last year and are returning again this year in time for Thanksgiving. Look for order forms in Oct./Nov.
- Poinsettia and Wreath Sale
These beautiful plants make wonderful gifts for teachers, family, and friends during the holidays. Look for order forms in early November.
- Millionaires Party
Held at the Big Beaver Tavern 9/15-9/18 and at Doc's Sports Bar on the following dates.....
Oct. 4-7, Nov. 9-12, and March 13-16
- Scrips/Kroger/Hiller's Cards
Shop for groceries, gas, gifts and items from your favorite stores. A percentage of your sales will benefit MBT. See RSD office for details. Scrips cards will be available after the first Guild Meeting in the fall.

MBT Guild Membership:

Anyone interested in joining the MBT Guild, or learning more about our performing companies may contact us: Rochester School of Dance, *Home of MBT*
1800 S. Livernois
Rochester, MI 48307
248.652.3117

Or visit our website:
www.michiganballettheatre.org

MBT TO PRESENT COPPÉLIA

MBT will present the full length COPPÉLIA at AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER on March 24 & 25.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can "adopt-a-costume" Have your (or your daughter's) name permanently sewn in one of MBT's costumes as a proud donator, to be seen by future dancers for years to come. Donations range in prices from \$50-200. \$50 allows your name to be seen in a bodice, \$100 in a Romantic tutu and \$200 in a Classical tutu. Contact Pam or see school office for details.

Amazon.com is allowing us an effortless way to support non-profit organizations like MBT. Here is how it works: For every purchase by *any* shopper who uses the link from the Rochester School of Dance or Michigan Ballet Theatre's website to buy Amazon products, Michigan Ballet Theatre will receive 10% back on those purchases from Amazon. It's that simple - no strings attached. (all merchandize sold by other people and companies - i.e. discount dance via MBT's Amazon link also qualifies for this fundraising program.)

Michigan Ballet Theatre is now registered for GoodSearch and GoodShop. GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and the donations will add up for MBT!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Michigan Ballet Theatre as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

STUDIO NEWS

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Welcome Denise Caston, Jazz and Tap instructor. Ms. Caston is a former Radio City Rockette. Her credits include film, television, and performing and touring with national dance companies. She currently is the director of the Detroit Tap Repertory Co.

RSD COMPETITION TEAM

Welcome Jennifer Ojala as our newly appointed RSD Competition Team Director.
1st Competition: Pulse, December 3-4, Chicago, IL