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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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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 purchases from Amazon. It's that simple - no strings attached. (all merchandise 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