

Footnotes

WELCOME TO MMDA

It is time to begin our 2021-2022 year; we hope everyone had a great summer break and Welcome! to our new students. As usual for this time of year, class schedules may need some fine tuning. To ensure that each class delivers the best instruction for our students, some adjustments to the schedule and some moving around of students may be necessary. Remember that every child is different and some children will progress faster than others. Summer study also factors into a student's progression. Please respect the faculty's judgment regarding each student's placement. We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation.

NUTCRACKER 2021

Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet opens its 29th season with the holiday favorite The Nutcracker on December 4 and 5 at Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center. Set to music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, this full-length ballet is a delight to children of all ages and a traditional part of the holiday season for many families. Performances will be at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$30-35 and are available beginning October 1 at msmetroballer.com. Join us and witness the magical scenery, dazzling costumes and beautiful dancing.

Step into Clara's slippers and travel to the Land of Sweets in the Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet Land of Sweets VIP Tour, which follows our matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday. In this immersive experience, guests will have their personal passport stamped as they visit Clara, the Snow Queen, the Dewdrop Fairy, the Sugarplum Fairy, and more. Travel stops will offer character photo opportunities and souvenirs including a miniature nutcracker. The afternoon's activities will be capped with "Spanish" hot cocoa and light refreshments from Nothing Bundt Cakes. VIP Tour tickets are \$25 and are also available at msmetroballer.com. Tour tickets do not include admission to The Nutcracker performance. Performance tickets are sold separately.

THIS AND THAT

Office Hours: MMDA's secretaries are in the office at each location every afternoon when classes are going on. Generally, they leave between 6:30 and 7:00 PM daily. MMDA is closed on Fridays as we have no classes on that day. Madison phone number: **601-853-4508**, Reservoir phone number: **601-992-9016**. Ms. Jennifer can be contacted by calling the numbers above between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Holidays: A holiday schedule along with dates to remember was e-mailed out before classes began. Please refer to this calendar for all school holidays. (A copy is attached to this newsletter).

SOCIAL MEDIA

We can be found on social media at the following:

Facebook (School and Company Pages)

Mississippi Metropolitan Dance Academy
Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet

Instagram (School and Company Pages)

@msmetrodance
@msmetroballer



The
NUTCRACKER

DECEMBER 4 AND 5
JACKSON ACADEMY
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER

Tickets: 601-853-4508
or msmetroballer.com

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Please encourage your child to make every effort to attend all classes and be on time. Students cannot be taught nor can they progress if they are absent. In addition, students experience embarrassment and frustration when they get behind or they are late.
2. Ballet is a discipline art. Part of the student's training includes learning to be responsible for being well prepared for class. Students should organize their materials the night before so that they are ready to dance when they walk into class. Remember that hair must be out of the face for all students in Combo, Hip Hop, Contemporary and level 1 classes. Hair must be in a neat bun secured with a hair net for level 2B and higher ballet and jazz classes.
3. Tuition is drafted on the first of each month. There is a \$30 fee if your draft does not go through. If you signed up for the semester by check method of payment your check should have been submitted the first week of class. If you have not submitted your semester payment please do so immediately. Please write your child's name in the memo section on your check since we have several families with the same last name. This will ensure proper credit.
4. Please put your child's name in everything you bring to MMDA. Anything found will be put in our lost and found box in the lobby. You are welcome to come anytime during studio hours to look for your lost things but please do not ask the faculty to spend valuable time searching for your child's things.
5. We appreciate your concern by calling the office when your child is going to be absent. Unless they are going to be absent more than one day, it is not necessary. However, Intermediate and Advanced students must call to let your teacher know that they will be absent and why. Company members who must miss a Saturday **MUST** notify Miss Jennifer before the Saturday that they are going to be absent.

YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! THANK YOU!

SUMMER FUN @ MMDA



Descendants Camp



Princess Camp



Pop Diva Camp

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL THE MMDA STUDENTS WHO WERE CAST IN THIS YEAR'S NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES



MMB COMPANY INFORMATION

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI METROPOLITAN DANCE ACADEMY AND MISSISSIPPI METROPOLITAN BALLET

The Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet (MMB) is a nonprofit ballet pre-professional ballet company run by a board of directors. The Mississippi Metropolitan Dance Academy (MMDA) is Miss Jennifer's business. MMB is made up of select serious students who take classes at MMDA. MMB membership is determined through open auditions held each year during MMDA's summer intensive workshop. The Nutcracker and an annual spring performance are put on by MMB as part of MMB's mission is to offer serious dancers the opportunity to perform regularly. Even though the two organizations are separate (Dance School and Performing Company); they are intertwined as all MMB dancers are also part of MMDA. For more information regarding MMB (Company), please email Jennifer Beasley @ mmdajenn@aol.com

GUILD LEADERSHIP

President-Christine Bridges

Treasurer-Polly Moon

Tech Crew/Stage Assembly-LaRee Crance

Concessions-Hazel McCaughan

Gift Shop-Krista Sanders

Tickets-Lani Rausch

Hospitality-Jenny Winders

Backstage-Polly Moon

Costumes-Miranda Hamilton

Events-Ashley Lutz

Publicity/Posters-Amy Young

Slideshow-Katie Wilson

Silent Auction-Kaley Grogan

MMB GUILD

The MMB Guild is the parent organization within MMB. The parent's guild plays a pivotal role in making MMB performances both stunning and professional.

The MMB Guild has the responsibility of fundraising through Gift Shop, Concessions, Slide-Show, T-Shirt Sales, Silent Auction and our annual raffle.

The Guild also coordinates Tech Crew, Stage Assembly, Backstage, Ticket Sales, Hospitality during performances, events such as Ballet & BBQ and post-performance events such as Tea Parties for ticket holders.

Parents of MMB dancers are required to join the Guild and have volunteer hour requirements, these are necessary to make the performances spectacular.

FROM THE GUILD

Each year, the contributions of our dancers and volunteers make MMB's productions successful. This year will be no exception. Our dancers and Artistic Director are spending many hours in training and practice while our Board of Directors and members of the Parents' Guild are already ensuring plans are in place. There will still be much to do during the weeks of the performances. Even if you have not yet joined the Guild or volunteered on a Guild committee, you can still help! There are a variety of opportunities available to utilize your talents. This is also a great way to get to know other parents of dancers. Contact any committee chair or the Guild President to see how you can help. *An extra set of hands is always appreciated!*

Guild Web Address: <http://mmbguild.org>

Guild E-Mail: mmbguild@mmbguild.org

MMB RAFFLE

MMB's fall raffle fundraiser is currently underway! Proceeds go to MMB's general operating fund which helps us with expenses that go above what our performance ticket sales cover such as purchasing new costumes and sets and hiring guest choreographers and guest artists. Winners of the raffle will be awarded cash prizes in the amount of \$1,000, \$750, and \$250. Drawing will be held at our annual Ballet & BBQ family event slated for October 17th. Contact the office or visit <http://mmbguild.org> (Online Store) to purchase.

BARRE-B-QUE

Join Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet for Ballet & Barre-BQ. It's awesome food and fun for everyone (except the pig)! Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and relax to the sounds of The Red Hots while the kids play games. Enjoy fare from The Pig & Pint, including melt in your mouth barbecue and their famous desserts. Before the evening is over, we'll announce the winners of our fall fundraising raffle for cash prizes (tickets sold separately).

October 17, 2021 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Town of Livingston on the Square

Catering by The Pig & Pint Live music by The Red Hots

Barre-BQ Ticket Price: \$20 per person at msmetroballet.com

Questions: 601-853-4508

STAYING IN TOUCH

Please visit our website (<http://www.msmetroballet.com>) at least once a month and our Facebook page frequently to stay current with information regarding your child's dance class. On the website we will frequently post pertinent information on the ballet blackboard. We communicate through email so please be sure we have your correct email address in our database. You can log into our online registration system at anytime to check your balance and change any of your information. Just go to our website, click on register, and enter your email and the password you set up when you registered. Don't remember your password? Contact the office and we will reset it for you.

BALLET TERM OF THE MONTH

Pas de deux, (French: **"step for two"**), dance for two performers. The strictly classical balletic pas de deux followed a fixed pattern: a supported adagio, a solo variation for the male dancer, a solo variation for the female dancer, and a coda in which both participants displayed their virtuosity.

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Tickets:
msmetroballt.com

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2022 RECITAL INFORMATION

This year MMDA will present 6 recital performances. All recitals and dress rehearsals will be held at the Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center located on the campus of Jackson Academy, located at 4908 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 39211. Listed below are dates for recitals with classes listed, the exact times for recitals and dress rehearsals will be announced in January.

All 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 & 6/7 Combo classes will have their recital on **Saturday, May 21, 2022**. Each class will be in *ONE* of these recitals. The times for recitals are 2:30pm, 4:30pm and 6:30pm (A breakdown of classes assigned to each time will be sent out in January). *Dress Rehearsal for these recitals will be the late afternoon/evening of Friday, May 20, 2022.*

Madison Studio classes Level 1B and Older will have their recital on **Sunday, May 22, 2022**. Each class will be in *ONE* of these recitals. The times for recitals are 2:00pm and 6:30pm (A breakdown of classes assigned to each time will be sent out in January). *Dress Rehearsal for these recitals will be Saturday, May 21, 2022; beginning at 8:00am.*

Reservoir Studio classes Level 1B and Older will have their recital on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**. The time for this recital is 6:30pm. *Dress Rehearsal for this recitals will be Monday, May 23, 2022; late afternoon/evening.*

MMB SPONSORSHIP



MMB would like to thank the Mississippi Arts Commission for their continued support of our work. MMB receives a grant from MAC; which helps make our productions possible and allows us to provide community outreach to schools throughout the dance season.

DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet is now accepting donations and sponsors for our 2021-2022 season. There are sponsor/donation packages available that range in price from \$50-\$5,000. MMB is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible. All donations will help support MMB's mission of presenting excellent performances, including The Nutcracker and an additional Spring Performance, providing excellence in dance education and creating new opportunities for everyone in our community to experience the magic of dance. Every year we present complimentary performances of The Nutcracker and our Spring performance to groups like the Boys and Girls Club of Mississippi, Magnolia Speech School, and Methodist Children's Home. We also bring mini-performances and lecture demonstrations to rural and inner-city schools, and provide scholarships for dance study to low-income students). Sponsorship brochures can be obtained in the lobby at either studios, online at msmetroballet.com or contact the MMB Executive Director, Janet Shearer @ jshearer@msmetroballet.com to inquire. Donations are tax deductible.

2021-2022 CALENDAR

September

28th Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the "Barre-B-Que" @ Livingston

October

1st Nutcracker tickets go on-sale @ the MMB website (msmetroballer.com)
 15th Nutcracker T-Shirt Orders due (More information on order will be sent later)
 17th MMB Guild hosts a "Barre-B-Que" on the Square @ Livingston

November

15th-19th MMDA Parent Observation Week (During classes) *Tentative*
 22nd-26th No Classes @ either MMDA studio (Thanksgiving break)
 28th Nutcracker rehearsals (This is a Sunday instead of Saturday)

December

1st 1st MMDA Recital Costume Payment due \$70
 3rd Dress Rehearsal for Nutcracker @ Jackson Academy PAC
 4th-5th MMB presents "The Nutcracker" at Jackson Academy PAC
 22nd-Jan 4th No Classes @ either MMDA studio (Christmas break)

January

5th MMDA classes resume @ both studios
 8th *Company auditions for Spring Performance (Company dancers only)
 15th *Saturday Rehearsals being for Spring Performance (Company Dancers only)

February

1st MMDA Recital Costume Balances Due

March

1st MMDA Recital Fee Due (\$65 plus \$30 for each additional child)
 14th-18th No Classes @ either MMDA Studio (Spring Break)

April

18th No Classes @ either MMDA Studio (Easter Monday)

May

21st-24th MMDA Recitals (See Recital details on previous page)

TIME TO REVIEW

During the month of September, our faculty spend a large part of the class time reviewing proper stretching, body alignment and basic technique appropriate for each age group. In order to ensure proper class placement, teachers need to establish a base level for each class. Once they have a good understanding of the class level and chemistry, the teacher will design that classes curriculum and plan for the year. Classes will to kick into high gear this week and all our dancers will be inspired, motivated and challenged.

We encourage dancers and families to email me if you have any questions or concerns. We are honored to teach each and every dancer enrolled at MMDA and we want them all to **LOVE** dance as much as we do!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing all of our October ballerinas a very happy birthday!



Hadley Metzger	1
Charlie Wilson	2
Kate Nelms	3
Sarah Owens	3
Sarah Williamson	7
Allie Raush	8
Rivers Noone	8
Swayze Lewis	8
Eva Mosal	9
Maury McPhillips	9
Addison Foster	10
Emma Caroline Elliott	10
Sydney Sanders	10
Sydney Foster	10
Anna Kate Holly	12
Kate Sage	13

Maris Turner	13
Hazel Bruno	14
Libba Cantrell	14
Nora Rhodes	15
Pryor Mosby	16
Ella Bourne Colbert	17
Southern Callahan	17
Charlotte Sanders	18
Jenna Tang	18
Allie Legate	19
Elizabeth Markow	19
Holland Spruill	19
Camille Golson	20
Anne Avery Ingram	22
Mary McCarty Robbins	22
Olivia Trim	22

Annalyse Binkley	23
Kate McIntosh	23
Hadley Harvey	24
Erin Randall	25
Greer McCaskill	25
Linley Zivic	25
Mary Ellis Steed	25
Elle Smith	27
Grace Gardner	27
Olivia Bain	27
Kaylee Anne Hurley	28
Nora Grace Rushing	28
Gray Lauderdale	29
Charlotte Schipper	30
Parks Kimball	30



TOP 10 HEALTH BENEFITS OF BALLET

- BETTER POSTURE
- BOOSTS CONFIDENCE
- IMPROVES FLEXIBILITY
- BUILDS MUSCLE AND AGILITY
- BURNS CALORIES
- IMPROVES MEMORY
- IMPROVES SENSORIMOTOR PERFORMANCE
- SHARPENS COGNITIVE FUNCTION
- RELIEVES STRESS
- BUILDS SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

BENEFITS OF TAKING 2 OR MORE DANCE CLASSES PER WEEK

