

# MISSISSAUGA



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## BALLET NEWS

### WELCOME NEW DANCERS!

The Mississauga Ballet Association was founded in 1980 and is a non-profit organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors and facilitated by parent volunteers.

MBA offers a recreational dance program for children ages 3 and up (K-Dance, Pre-Ballet and Classical Ballet). We also offer Jazz (7-9 years old) and Modern (9 years and older) for students who are interested in other dance forms. *Please note that Jazz and Modern are considered secondary classes. Children **must** be enrolled in a ballet class at MBA in order to register for any other dance form.*

Older students may be asked to join the Enrichment class, which is a second ballet class focusing on pre-pointe, pointe and choreography. Unique opportunities are also available to be involved in our leadership training program. Older students are invited to volunteer their time on a weekly basis to assist with younger classes and learn valuable leadership skills. Please give me a call if you think this program is suitable for your child.

Classes are held at the Living Arts Centre, 4141 Living Arts Drive, in the dance studio (third floor) or the staging room (second floor). Both locations feature sprung wood floors, ballet barres, mirrors and an acoustic piano as all of our classes are accompanied by a pianist.

All of the students at MBA will take part in our annual Winter Open House in December and our Spring Recital in May. A costume wardrobe maintained by MBA is used for both events at no extra cost to you!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the fall. Parent/caregiver attendance is required, or a proxy is mandatory.

If you turn to the 2006-2007 schedule of classes you will notice that in most cases I have highlighted the level of ballet and the secondary options that are most appropriate for your dancer. If we have not discussed the age or experience of your child please call me for class placement. Be sure to read the registration options and procedures carefully. To reserve a spot, mail in your completed forms and post-dated cheques as soon as possible OR attend our registration night on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 and 8:30pm, in the dance studio at the Living Art Centre. **Registration is done on a first come first served basis.** If you wait until September to register there may not be space in your preferred class/classes. If you pre-register by mail our Parent Handbook with uniform information, start dates and policies will be mailed to you before the end of August.

**Students in K-Dance I and K-Dance II will be fitted for their custom made tutu on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the dance studio.**

Thank you for your interest in MBA. If you have any further question, do not hesitate to call me at **(416) 410-9947** or you may refer to our website for more information at [www.mississaugaballet.com](http://www.mississaugaballet.com). I am looking forward to meeting you in September!

Yours in Dance,

Eilleen Thomson  
Artistic Director