

Soldiers / Little Drummer 2024

Sign in and Out

Soldiers/Drummers are some of our youngest dancers. Safety is most important for them in a large facility such as Merrill Auditorium. We ask that one adult be assigned to bring them to the backstage area and sign in with our volunteer staff. Upon sign-in, you will be issued a backstage pass for pickup following performances. Security will only admit adults that have that pass after the show to maintain safety.

Hair

Hair must be slicked back into a high bun (no bangs) on the top of their heads to fit under their provided soldier hat.

Makeup

MSB volunteer staff will apply Soldier/Drummer makeup. Please bring baby wipes or other makeup remover to remove red cheeks after performing.

Costume

Dancers are asked to wear (under the provided costume):

- A black short-sleeve leotard
- Black socks or black tights
- Black jazz shoes or black ballet slippers or plain black socks (with no markings)

Come to the theater with your leotard and tights on, there is no changing area in the rehearsal hall. Costumes are worn over leotard and tights.

Can Soldiers who are performing watch the performance?

Soldiers are allowed to watch the performance in the audience during Act 2. If any Soldiers are going to be in the audience, they must have a purchased ticket and remove makeup. Use your sign out pass to pick up and sign out your dancer at intermission.

Please remove nail polish and all other jewelry, remove eyeglasses on stage if possible. Leave valuables at home.

