Soldiers / Little Drummer

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 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 very limited 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.