

# Makeup Instructions

**MAKEUP:** All dancers must wear some makeup. The amount of makeup may be applied at your discretion for children under age 12, however, under the bright lights, facial features wash out and makeup helps the audience to see the dancer's faces more clearly. Good stage makeup will look very exaggerated, dramatic and bold. We suggest:

- 1) **BASE:** (foundation) is not necessary for most very young children, however, if you use it yourself and are comfortable applying a light cover, you may. Just be careful when putting a costume on, it is easy to soil it with foundation, etc. Use foundation only if you are comfortable with it. **FOR ALL TEENS/ADULTS:** Please apply a foundation as a base for your makeup. Use hypoallergenic if necessary. Base is necessary for mature students to even out the skin tone on the face. Apply on full face down to the neck area. Let dry thoroughly before proceeding:
- 2) **EYE SHADOW:** Use neutral colored eye shadow only. Grays or Browns are preferred start with a darker shade on the lid and highlight the brow area with a light color white is the best.
- 3) **EYELINER:** Please use a dark brown/black pencil liner along lower lid of eye just below where the lashes grow on lower lid, just above lashes on upper lid. If the child is too young to handle this application, you may omit it. For all children age 6-older, please be certain to have eyes lined.
- 4) **MASCARA:** Please apply thick layer of heavy black mascara to upper and lower lids, however, very young students may not tolerate this and you may get by with just liner. **TEEN/ADULT STUDENTS** should apply false eyelashes for maximum effect on stage. Simply buy thick black lashes with adhesive, trim to fit and follow instructions. It is best to practice before the day of the show.
- 5) **BLUSH:** Apply rose or coral blush to hollow of cheek only - NOT over the cheekbone itself: Have dancer suck in cheeks and apply blush to area of the cheek that concaves. Enough blush should be applied to bring color to shadowed soft part of the cheek leaving the area over the cheekbone light and not colored at all.
- 6) **LIPSTICK:** Dark red lipstick is the only real color that is appropriate on stage.