



AUDITION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

SIERRA NEVADA BALLET ACADEMY

500 East Moana Lane, Reno NV 89502

All students must be enrolled in at least 1 ballet class per week

Ages 3-6 from 10:30-11:30 and Ages 7-Up from 11:00-1:30

Performance Dates are Nov. 29 and 30 in Reno Dec. 4 and 5 in Carson City

PICK UP PACKETS AT SNB AS OF MONDAY, 9/14/2026 BETWEEN 3:00PM AND

6:00PM MON-FRI. OR

CHECK WEBSITE TO PRINT PACKETS AS OF MONDAY 9/14/2026

SIERRA NEVADA BALLET

SNB

ROSINE BENA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TO: Students/Parents

RE: Rules and Information regarding Sierra Nevada Ballet

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR SNB FAMILY!!!

As most of you know- Sierra Nevada Ballet is the non-profit professional ballet company for northern Nevada. Each year the company presents performances and offers student dancers in the community the opportunity to perform on stage with the SNB professional dancers and perform for members of the community and over 4,000 school age children.

Our annual Peanutcracker -The Story In A Nutshell is our most popular production and it has a large number of roles for male and female student dancers-age 3 thru adult.

***Peanutcracker Performance dates and times are:**

Nov. 29 (2 PM and 5 PM), Nov. 30 (10 AM and 12 PM) at the Pioneer Center in Reno and Dec. 4(10 AM and 12 PM) and Dec. 5 (2PM and 4 PM) at the Carson City Community Center

*Rehearsals for student dancers will be held mainly on Saturdays between 10:30AM and 1:30 PM in Oct. and between 2:00 PM and 5:30 PM in November with some rehearsals on Friday evenings and an occasional Wednesday evening if and as needed.

Rehearsals take place at the SNB Academy, 500 East Moana Lane, Reno NV 89509.

Please be certain to note all CONFLICTS in writing on your application form and give to the office on day of audition. This will help us to determine casting.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

* Students age 3 and up are required to be enrolled in at least one ballet class per week in a local school to be eligible to perform.

*There is a \$50 performance/costume fee for non SNBA students and a \$35 fee for SNBA students (\$25 for Pages) which is due no later than Nov. 3, 2026. Checks should be made payable to Sierra Nevada Ballet and given to Ms. Julie in the SNB office. ***TIME IS SHORT – ALL CAST MEMEBERS MUST ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS UNLESS there is an emergency or they are ILL!!** If a cast member is ill, please TEXT (no calls) or email SNBA prior to rehearsal at (775)360-8663, hello@sierranevadaballet.org.

* Students will *only* be excused from rehearsals on the dates written on their conflict information sheet or for illness or emergency. Those who do not notify SNB prior to missing rehearsals or who miss more than three rehearsals may be asked to drop from the cast.

*Parents are requested to offer some volunteer production assistance. Please see Volunteer Information Sheet.

* All cast members are requested to behave in a respectful manner and conduct themselves professionally in rehearsals, and performances. All cast members (regardless of age or experience) are part of a professional production and represent SNB. All cast members are requested to act accordingly.

- *All cast members are required to provide their own tights, shoes, make up (in the case of soldiers and mice)-gloves.
- *All cast members should come to performance at appropriate call times in make up with hair neatly done –girls in a bun. Call times will be posted 2 weeks prior to performance.
- *Parents of student cast members will be asked to assist with costume changes and (poss.) costume construction or crew.
- *During the performances, there shall be a minimal amount of talking in the wings-and only when necessary to the production.
- *No running or playing in the theatre during rehearsals or performance
- *No standing in the wings unless it has to do with the production.
- *Conduct in rehearsals shall be professional –no playing or rough housing will be permitted. It is always important to be respectful of one another and other cast members. Unnecessary talking during rehearsal distracts dancers and is disrespectful to the Director.
- * SNB is a family of ballet artists. Cast members acting in an unprofessional or disrespectful manner in rehearsal or performance will be dropped from the cast.
- *Student dancers will need to be absent from school on Nov. 29 and Dec. 4 since the performances are during school hours. Student School Excused absence letter shall be provided if and as needed.

Student dancers who do not respect these rules shall be dropped from performance.

PLEASE-students and parents are encouraged to tell all their elementary schools about the Nov. 29 and Dec. 4 performances during school hours. Tickets for school shows are \$5 each. We would like to expose children in the community to the art of ballet and have this production performed for packed houses.

*Please contact Julie Anders with any questions or concerns. (775) 360-8663.

This is an exciting year! We are so happy to be able to share this wonderful production with you and look forward to having you as part of our SNB Family!!!

Sincerely,
 Rosine Bena, SNB Founding Artistic Director
 Ananda Bena-Weber, Associate Artistic Director
 Julie Anders, SNB Administrator

Sierra Nevada Ballet Company and Academy
Hold harmless/Medical Liability Release Form

Dancer Number

Dancers Name: _____ Age _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Primary Contact: _____ Relationship to dancer: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work/Cell#: _____

Are there any handicap or current injuries that limit physical activity: Yes, _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____

Dancer's Size:

Shirt Size

Child: _____

Adult: _____

Pant Size

Child: _____

Adult: _____

Leotard Size

Child: _____

Adult: _____

Please List any dates that will conflict with rehearsals or performance schedules:

Current Ballet School: _____

Years of Study: _____

Classes per week: _____

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless and blameless Sierra Nevada Ballet Company, its officers, employees, or agents and equipment from any and all liability from damages, loss or injuries, to person or properties while engaged in dance classes, rehearsals, performances and all related activities in connection with Sierra Nevada Ballet Company, including but not limited to the misuse of equipment and/or the students physical condition or limitations. I acknowledge and understand that participation in dance class, rehearsals, performances and all related activities are entirely and strictly voluntary. I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators, waive and release all rights and claims of any nature I may have against Sierra Nevada Ballet Company and any organization connected with these activities and classes, their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any nature which myself/child(ren) may suffer while taking part in any activities connected with Sierra Nevada Ballet Company. I hereby represent that the above named dancer is (are) of sound health and physically able to participate in Sierra Nevada Ballet Company activities. By signing this agreement you authorize the above dancer to receive emergency medical treatment.

By signing below you are stating that you have read and fully understand the rules and guidelines of the above stated release of liability.

Dancer/Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

PeanutCracker Volunteering Rules and Information

ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE CAST OF PEANUTCRAKER THIS YEAR. ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND A BREAKDOWN OF EXPECTATIONS FOR CHAPERONES. BELOW IS A SHORT LIST OF OTHER DUTIES THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS. PARENTS THAT ARE TOO BUSY FOR VOLUNTEERING MAY MAKE A DONATION TO SNB COMPANY OF DANCER'S. PLEASE LET JULIE KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AT 775-360-8663 OR HELLO@SIERRANEVADABALLET.ORG. WE APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR DANCER'S PARTICIPATING WITH SNBA, SNB AND WITH THE PEANUTCRAKER PERFORMANCE!

JOBS VOLUNTEERS CAN POSSIBLY HELP WITH, CHECK YOUR INTERESTS. NO GUARANTEES ON SELECTIONS.

PERFORMANCE CHAPERONES_____

TRANSPORTATION_____

PROPS AND STAGE SUPPORT_____

COSTUME SUPPORT_____

COSTUME MOVERS_____

COSTUME WASHING/IRONING OR MENDING_____

BACK STAGE CLEANING OR SET UP_____

WORKING IN QUICK CHANGE AREA'S_____

SUPPORTING SURVEY COLLECTIONS_____

MONITOR'S FOR BACK STAGE ENTRANCE_____

DANCER'S NAME_____

PARENT'S NAME_____

PARENT'S PHONE NUMBER_____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS_____

THANK YOU,

SNB TEAM

SIERRA NEVADA BALLET ACADEMY

BACKSTAGE PARENT VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES

We always appreciate parent helpers who volunteer their time to help manage our students backstage. *This is a monitoring position that will require parents to largely remain in the dressing room with students, as watching from the wings is not allowed in any capacity.*

Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will entail the following responsibilities/expectations:

- Encouraging proper backstage etiquette for students in the dressing room and near the stage:
 - Using quiet voices at all times during the show and behaving appropriately (no loud games/toys, rough-housing, arguing, bullying, etc.).
 - Keeping the floor and walkways clear and accessible for others to pass through. *This includes the wings of the stage - no watching backstage is permitted.*
 - Following the direction of the artistic director and stage managers promptly.
 - Ensuring that no food/drinks (besides water) are consumed while in costume.
 - Remaining in designated student areas.
 - Reminding students to keep their costumes and accessories off the floor and properly hung up.
 - Cleaning up personal areas and items after the show is complete (including dance supplies, any toys/books, and costumes).
- Monitoring the progress of the show to inform students of the proper time to get in costume and ready to dance.
- Helping students move quietly and in an organized manner to/from the stage area and dressing room.
- Swiftly communicating with SNB staff in the case of any issues or emergencies.
- If there are communicated restrictions due to food allergies, we ask that chaperones ensure restrictions are followed for student safety.
- Helping students with quick changes, if any (Note: in the instance of a quick change, we will assign an aid to the student prior to showtime).

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to follow these responsibilities/expectations can result in not being allowed to volunteer for future performances. So please be aware of your responsibilities and what is expected of backstage volunteers.

This position requires chaperones to arrive on time and remain with the students in the dressing room for the duration of the show, including intermission. Parents who are selected for these shows will be given further instruction prior to the performances. We discourage parents from signing up backstage for every show, as we want you to have an opportunity to see your students perform.

If your student has special considerations, such as food allergies, please let us know in advance so we can work with you to best accommodate them.

If you are interested in this role, or have any questions, please contact us at info@sierranevadaballet.org or (775)-360-8663. Thank you very much!