



Below you will find all of the audition information for Ballet Sioux, if you have any further questions please contact us at balletsioux@gmail.com

Why should my dancer(s) audition for Ballet Sioux?

Ballet Sioux provides an environment for dancers to meet, grow, and improve their ballet technique. Dancers should audition for just those reasons: to meet other dancers, to learn the principles and traditions of ballet technique, to experience classes from a different individual to further their knowledge and understanding of ballet. For dancers interested in dance careers, it also looks great on a resume.

Who can audition for Ballet Sioux?

Any dancer above the age of 9 years as of the audition date with at least 2 years of ballet experience.

When are auditions?

Auditions will be hosted at 5678! Dance Studio on August 23rd & 30th.

Junior Company (ages 9-12) will be from 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Senior Company (ages 13 - up) will be from 4:00-5:30pm

Dancers only need to attend one audition time, we are offering multiple dates, as well as, the ability to audition via ZOOM, or video. If dancers would like to audition via ZOOM or video please contact us at balletsioux@gmail.com

Masks are not required for auditions, but dancers are encouraged to wear them if they would like!

WHAT TO BRING: Completed audition form, audition fee of \$20

WHAT TO WEAR (female): Leotard, tights, shorts or skirt optional, ballet shoes, hair in bun - dancers wishing to audition en pointe bring pointe shoes as well.

WHAT TO WEAR (male): Tight fitting t shirt, shorts, or tights, and ballet shoes. Hair pulled or slicked back and out of face

If my Dancer is placed in a company, what are the requirements of company members?

Dancers must have a minimum of 2 years of ballet experience

Company members will be required to take a minimum of two ballet classes a week. 1 class at their home studio and their company class on Sunday with Rebecca.

Company classes will be hosted on Sundays:

Junior Company (ages 9-12) will be from 2:30-3:45 pm

Senior Company (ages 13-up) will be from 12:30-2:15 pm

Classes will begin September 13 and run thru May 16 with no class November 29, December 26, January 3, and April 4.

Company members will be allowed 3 unexcused absences. Excused absences must be notified to Rebecca, and approved.

COVID protocols - Rebecca will be teaching all classes wearing a mask to be able to assist in correcting dancers, and will sanitize often. Dancers are not required to wear a mask in class, but are encouraged to do so if it makes them more comfortable. Company class sizes will be limited to allow for social distancing during class.

Dancers are asked to wear a mask when in public spaces at the studio (i.e. the lobby and bathrooms) and to sanitize or wash their hands before and after class. If dancers are ill they will automatically be excused from classes.

The lobby of the studio will remain closed to parents, if parents need to meet with Rebecca for any reason, please email prior to class time and a time can be set up to meet.

If a dancer in company tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify all parents and ask that all dancers in that company level ZOOM into class for 10-14 days (1-2 class times).

What is the cost?

That's always the big question. Siouxland Civic Dance to continue to provide the area with premier dance performances requires a company fee of \$300 for the year. This fee is to cover company classes (less than \$8.50 per class).

Besides class what else do company members do? Are there performances? Are all members required to participate?

Ballet Sioux will present shows and community performances throughout the year. Each show/performance will have its own audition. Meaning, if a company member knows they will have multiple weekends that they will need to be gone for other commitments they don't audition for that show. Company members are encouraged to audition for every show, but Rebecca

understands and encourages dancers to pursue other avenues of performance so if dance competition, theater, show choir, etc. would conflict with that performance's rehearsal time frame dancers have the option of whether or not to audition. This year we are hoping to produce The Nutcracker, and another smaller show in the spring. Dependent upon theatre availability due to current global circumstances, that will vary when show dates will be.

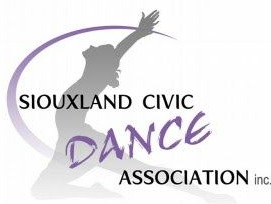
When will show rehearsals be?

Rehearsal schedules will vary from show to show, dependent upon the size of cast and rehearsal needs. Most rehearsals will happen on weekends, the majority of rehearsals will be hosted at 5678! Dance Studio.

This past year we had dancers from 9 different studios around Siouxland participate in our company. We also had 4 different studio hosts workshops in our Summer Series and dancers from 11 different studios participate in those workshops. It is our goal to continue to provide an environment that brings dancers together to celebrate ballet!

If you have any other questions, please reach out to us!

**Rebecca McNamara
Artistic Director
Siouxland Civic Dance
Ballet Sioux**



Number : _____
Audition Date: _____

Ballet Sioux Audition Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Years of Ballet Training: _____ Pointe: _____ Studio of Study: _____

Have you participated in Ballet Sioux previously? _____

Previous dance performance experience (please list, recent roles, performance participation)

Will you be available for Sunday Company classes? (If no, please explain) _____

Please list any conflicts you know you may have _____

Would you be interested in auditioning for a performance happening in December 2020? _____

Would you be interested in auditioning for a performance happening in June 2021? _____

Did you participate in any workshops of our Summer Series? _____

How did you hear about Siouxland Civic Dance/Ballet Sioux? _____