Academy of Classical Ballet Presents AWINTER WONDERLAND

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Academy of Classical Ballet-CA

Presents

A Winter Wonderland

Original Concept, Design & Choreography: Crystal Petzel

Music: Adolphe Adam, Boris Assafieff, Léo Delibes, Alexander Glazunov, Abel Korzeniowski, Johannes Meyerbeer, Wolfgang Mozart, Sergei Prokofiev, Manuel Rosenthal, Dmitri Shostakovich, Johann Strauss II, Greorgy Sviridov, Shigeru Umebayashi, Giuseppe Verdi, Emile Waldteufel

Costume Design: Maria Delegeane, Mai Hashimoto, Erin Meschke, Susan Petzel

Set, Prop, Tiara Design and Construction: Kathryn and Mike Dean

Additional Choreography: Shannon Adams, Daniel Simmons

The Story of A Winter Wonderland

Deep in the woods, on the cusp of autumn's transition to a glorious winter, the Winter Fairy, along with her Snowflakes and Ice Sprites, blanket the land with snow and turn the lake into ice. The children from the village are drawn to the lake at the first sign of winter excited to experience the icy wonders.

They decide to make it a day of fun and games, with some children eager to skate and others ready for a spirited game of hockey. Among them is Béatrice, who is told to test the ice's stability. However, much to the amusement of her friends, Béatrice doesn't quite master the art of skating, resulting in laughter and teasing.

The boys from the town opt for a hockey match rather than the graceful twirls on the ice. Amid the game, one of the players scores a spectacular goal, triggering an infectious joy that brings the children together. They set aside their differences, and soon, everyone is laughing and skating, creating joyous patterns on the fresh snow.

As the day starts to wane and the children head back to the village to warm up, Béatrice finds herself lost in the woods. Cold, scared, and alone on her sled, tears well up until she is comforted by the shimmering lights of the Aurora Borealis above. Baby Polar Bears and other Woodland Creatures emerge from the shadows to keep her company.

Suddenly, Varg, the Alpha Wolf, and her Wolf Pack appear, surrounding Béatrice. Intrigued by the girl, Varg wants to keep her for herself and orders the wolves to capture her. Béatrice's cries for help reach the Winter Fairy, who swiftly arrives, ready to protect her. A fierce battle ensues, and the Winter Fairy's magic prevails, sending Varg and her wolves retreating to their caves.

With Béatrice safe, the Winter Fairy leads her to the magical Winter Wonderland. The Mistletoe Maiden and Peppermint Princess welcome Béatrice with open arms, inviting her to join the enchanted citizens in a joyful dance. Jack Frost teaches her the art of skating, and together they twirl through Winter Wonderland. The night continues with laughter, music, and the spirit of winter, as the Winter Fairy watches over the festivities, content to see the joy in the hearts of both friends and mystical creatures alike.



ACT 1 <u>Prologue: Winter Arrives</u>

Winter Fairy Joelle Wong Snowflakes Natalie Ko, Sia Min, Mariah Morris

Ice Sprites Sasha Bryner, Laetitia Byun, Emily Fan, Sharon Jung, Karen Kim

<u>First Skate of Winter</u>

Béatrice Emma Nguyen

Village Skaters Madi Hahs, Natalie Ko, Sia Min, Mariah Morris, Fiona Rosch, Taelyn Salera, Kendall Talbert

> Hockey Players Olivia Hashimoto, Skylar Reed

Lost in the Woods

Aurora Borealis Grace France, Meghna Mangam, Leela Motiram, Leila Ramos

> Baby Polar Bears Livia Hsiang, Allison Ko, Luciana Rodriguez

> > Reindeer

Isabel Aneesh, Emily Bridges, Christine Jung, Tiffany Martinez, Victoria Romero Pérez, Kanon Sakata, Amy Skinnemoen, Davina Tang, Gitalia Wang, Emily Wu

> **Penguins** Sasha Bryner, Laetitia Byun, Emily Fan, Sharon Jung, Karen Kim

Varg the Alpha Wolf Madi Hahs

Wolves Olivia Hashimoto, Natalie Ko, Sia Min, Mariah Morris, Skylar Reed, Fiona Rosch, Taelyn Salera, Kendall Talbert

20 Minute Intermission

ACT 2

<u>Béatrice is Welcomed in Wonderland</u>

Winter Fairy Joelle Wong Béatrice Emma Nguyen Jack Frost Sia Min Peppermint Princess Kendall Talbert Mistletoe Maiden Taelyn Salera

Candy Cane Companions Grace France, Meghna Mangam, Leela Motiram, Leila Ramos

Jingle Bells Victoria Romero Pérez, Amy Skinnemoen, Davina Tang

Enchanted Elves

Sasha Bryner, Laetitia Byun, Emily Fan, Livia Hsiang, Sharon Jung, Karen Kim, Allison Ko, Luciana Rodriguez

> Holly Waltz Madi Hahs, Olivia Hashimoto, Natalie Ko, Mariah Morris, Skylar Reed, Fiona Rosch

Holly Boughs Isabel Aneesh, Emily Bridges, Christine Jung, Tiffany Martinez, Kanon Sakata, Gitalia Wang, Emily Wu



Production Staff

The success of this performance is due, in no small part, to the assistance of all our dancers' families and many volunteers. From building props to helping with last minute costume adjustments, this production is possible because of their support. We greatly appreciate their dedicated hours of planning, coordination, and preparation.

Stage Manager: Sierra Bech Rehearsal Assistant: Sandra Hahs Photography: Amy Drake, Stan Olszewski, Tim Nguyen

Committee Chairpersons Volunteer Coordinator: Deahna Rosch Costuming: Kumiko Honda, Mai Hashimoto Outreach: Kathryn Dean Boutique: Melissa Salera, Queenie Yau Security: Nicole Reed Dressing Rooms: Wendy Talbert, Deena Motiram Stage Crew: Tim Nguyen



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Artistic Director- Crystal Petzel



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