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Coppélia

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Music Written by Léo Delibes

Based on E.T.A Hoffman's short story *The Sandman*

Artistic Director ~ Teresa Taylor

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Vacaville Performin Arts Theater

Benicia Ballet Theatre supports and encourages local artists to develop their talents by providing non-discriminatory performance opportunities within the Benicia, Vallejo, North and East Bay communities. All auditions are equal opportunity. Inspiring dance productions serve the local communities by making quality cultural activities open, affordable, and accessible to all residents and visitors to the area. The purpose of the organization is to provide public charitable and educational programs with no political involvement.

Letter From Artistic Director

Thank you for attending our production of Coppélia. It is a great pleasure to have this show on stage. We count our many blessings as this is the production we were rehearsing when the world as we knew it changed 3 years ago in March of 2020. I am so proud of the incredible support our dancers, families, volunteers, faculty, Board of Directors, staff, City of Benicia, City of Vacaville and you our patrons have invested into keeping Benicia Ballet Theatre alive through difficult times. Enabling the organization to continue into the future offering not only ballet, tap and contemporary classes among others but these professional quality performing opportunities. We aspire to support and develop local artists. This year we are particularly proud of our graduating seniors Ella Kohls and Kennedy Plummer. They have graced our stage for many years and have grown into wonderful citizens of the world. We wish them well as they move forward.

Our faculty collaborated to bring this ballet to life. It is a blend of tradition and new choreography. You may notice a few twists in the traditional story line. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did creating it!

I am honored to have your support and belief in me and our artistic team. We, as an organization can not thank you enough for showing your support while facing challenges of your own. We sincerely could not have done it without you. It takes all of us! I want to thank my own family who continue to be my biggest supporters as the magic of live theatre makes it ways to the stage. Sit back and relax, I'm sure you will be enchanted by the magic the dancers from the youngest to our Seniors have worked together to bring for you to enjoy.

Warm wishes for a lovely Spring,

Teresa Taylor

Artistic Director Benicia Ballet Theatre

Coppelia Synopsis

PRELUDE

Village Square

Every morning Dr. Coppelius and his quiet, book-toting daughter Coppelia take a morning stroll. Frantz, a shy young man with a penchant for reading, is interested in the mysterious Coppélia. He would like to get to know her because of their shared interest in books. The problem is that Dr. Coppelius only takes her out in the morning, forbidding her from interacting with any of the village community members. Frantz decides to leave a book for her in hopes of engaging her interests.

ACT 1 - Scene 1

The village is preparing for the Spring Bell Festival the next day. The festival, led by the Mayor, celebrates the return of spring with the gift of a bell handed from one young person to the next. This year's honor has been bestowed upon Frantz who must select the next person before the festivities in the morning. According to his friends; smart, beautiful and outspoken Swanhilda would be the perfect counterpart for Frantz. If only they can find some common ground. Dr. Coppelius makes a surprising midday appearance in town and the village children are fascinated by him. His temper flares and Dr. Coppelius shoos the children away. Swanhilda is offended by Coppelius' behavior and when the key to his workshop is discovered by her friends they decide to sneak in and investigate the mysterious workshop of Dr. Coppelius. Frantz must know before the morning if his gift to Coppélia has been warmly received. He decides to enter and meet her.

Scene 2

Inside Dr Coppelius' workshop that evening

Swanilda and her friends search for the girl they see with Dr. Coppelius. Much to their amusement, inside they find mechanical dolls. Dr. Coppelius' daughter is a Doll! Dr. Coppelius returns home and in finding the girls he chases them out - except for Swanilda who hides. Dr. Coppelius, exhausted from the ruckus, sits for a rest just as Frantz enters. When Dr. Coppelius sees Frantz, he attempts magic in order to take Frantz's spirit and transfer it to Coppélia thus turning her into the real, live daughter he has always wished for. Dr. Coppelius is tricked by Swanilda and thinks his magic worked. His daughter is alive! In the ensuing madness Swanilda and Frantz escape leaving Dr. Coppelius broken-hearted.

INTERMISSION

ACT 2

The Village Square the next morning

The Festival of the Bells and the celebration of Spring has finally arrived. The next morning the Mayor inspects the village square. While he admires the village decorations, the village children share their excitement in dance. Dr. Coppelius arrives and greets his good friend the Mayor. Soon Frantz and Swanilda arrive and Frantz bestows Swanilda the honor of the bell. She accepts and the celebrations begin with traditional dances as the village looks on.

The End

Coppélia Cast List 2023

	Cast A - Show 1	Cast B - Show 2
Swanhilda	Gillian Mead	Gianna Zahner
Franz	Owen Mink	Owen Mink
Doctor Coppelius	Collin Ziemer	Collin Ziemer
Swanhilda's Best Friends	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls
Friends of Swanhilda	Ineza Marekani Nanami Stewart Olivia Zmak Samantha Hernandez	Ineza Marekani Nanami Stewart Olivia Zmak Samantha Hernandez
Villagers	Kassandra Aguilar-Robles Jezelle Zahner Anna Reyes Jamie Morris Elle Miller Jaylyn Sta Maria Dyani Armida Rea-Pelayo	Kassandra Aguilar-Robles Jezelle Zahner Anna Reyes Jamie Morris Elle Miller Jaylyn Sta Maria Dyani Armida Rea-Pelayo
Village Children	Leah Reyes Teresa Gordon Dani Rippee Vayda Gardner Penelope Lockwood Ella Gatchalian Bexley Rippee Isabella Van Buren	Leah Reyes Teresa Gordon Dani Rippee Vayda Gardner Penelope Lockwood Ella Gatchalian Bexley Rippee Isabella Van Buren

Scottish Dolls	Naomi Mittman Charlie Manuel Astrid Estenson Maya Vohra	Naomi Mittman Charlie Manuel Astrid Estenson Maya Vohra
Spanish Doll Duet	Jada Davis Bells Calvo	Jada Davis Bells Calvo
Spanish Dolls	Yui Stewart Sofie Tanner Sienna Soulier	Yui Stewart Sofie Tanner Sienna Soulier
Chinese Doll Lead	Daphne Sama	Daphne Sama
Chinese Dolls	Audrey Eales Rayn Calvo Rosaleah Mitchell Scarlet Stockton	Audrey Eales Rayn Calvo Rosaleah Mitchell Scarlet Stockton
Festival Maidens	Kassandra Aguilar-Robles Jezelle Zahner Anna Reyes Jamie Morris Elle Miller Jaylyn Sta Maria Dyani Armida Rea-Pelayo	Kassandra Aguilar-Robles Jezelle Zahner Anna Reyes Jamie Morris Elle Miller Jaylyn Sta Maria Dyani Armida Rea-Pelayo
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Mayor	Terrill Mead	Terril Mead
Coppelia Doll	Gianna Zahner	Gillian Mead

Waltz of the Hours Soloist	Olivia Zmak	Olivia Zmak
Waltz of the Hours	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls Gianna Zahner Samantha Hernandez Daphne Sama Naomi Mittman Jada Davis Bells Calvo Charlie Manuel Astrid Estenson Maya Vohra	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls Gillian Mead Samantha Hernandez Daphne Sama Naomi Mittman Jada Davis Bells Calvo Charlie Manuel Astrid Estenson Maya Vohra
Dawn/Reconciliation	Ineza Marekani	Ineza Marekani
Emergent <small>Abundance</small>	Nanami Stewart	Nanami Stewart
Flowers	Yui Stewart Sofie Tanner Sienna Soulier Audrey Eales Rosaleah Mitchell Scarlet Stockton Rayn Calvo	Yui Stewart Sofie Tanner Sienna Soulier Audrey Eales Rosaleah Mitchell Scarlet Stockton Rayn Calvo
Carillon	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls Samantha Hernandez Gianna Zahner	Kennedy Plummer Ella Kohls Samantha Hernandez Gillian Mead

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Production Staff - Coppélia 2023

Artistic Director - Teresa Taylor

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Teresa Taylor, Tina Zahner

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