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# Director's Note

Welcome, and thank you for being part of Studio West Dance Theatre's Coppélia, our 14th full-length spring ballet. While it may not be as widely recognized as some classical ballets, this charming production has been captivating audiences around the world since its debut in 1870. Set to the delightful and expressive score by Léo Delibes, Coppélia is a joyful blend of humor, romance, and theatrical magic that we are thrilled to share with you.

From the haunting tragedy of Giselle to the playful, childlike storytelling of Peter Pan, we are committed to exposing our dancers and audience members to a wide range of styles and narratives. Coppélia is a comedic ballet and is an essential part of our dancer's education. It offers not only technical challenges but also the opportunity to explore character, timing, and humor. It reminds us that ballet can be lighthearted and fun, while still rooted in strong classical tradition.

We take great pride in the professionalism of Studio West Dance Theatre! From our performers to our technical crew, lighting designers, stage crew, and administrative team, each individual plays a vital role in bringing high-quality ballets to our community. A performance of this scale is only possible through the dedication and commitment of so many. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dancers, families, volunteers, and faculty for their time, energy, and passion. And of course, none of this would be possible without you, our audience. BRAVO!

We hope you find as much joy in watching Coppélia as we have found in bringing it to life.

With applause and appreciation,  
Stephanie Wood-Ennett & Mary Cecelia Piper  
Co-Directors

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# The Story of Coppelia

The story opens as a lively town prepares for a festival celebrating the arrival of Spring and a new town bell. The mayor proclaimed that any couple who marries during the festivities will receive a gold prize. Among those eager to wed are Swanhilda and her fiancé, Franz.

But Franz becomes distracted by the beautiful and mysterious Coppelia, who sits motionless on the balcony of Dr. Coppelius' workshop. Though she never moves or speaks, Franz is captivated. Doubting his love, Swanhilda performs a simple test with an ear of wheat—when shaken by her ear, it should rattle if Franz is faithful. Hearing nothing, and unconvinced by Franz's claim that he could hear the wheat rattle, she runs off heartbroken.

Soon after, Dr. Coppelius drops his keys while being chased off by mischievous boys. Swanhilda and her friends find them and sneak into his workshop, hoping to confront Coppelia. Inside, they discover a room full of life-sized mechanical dolls—and realize that Coppelia herself is one of them.

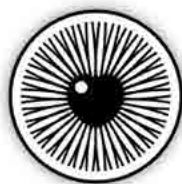
When Dr. Coppelius returns, he drives the girls out, only to find Franz climbing in through the window. Hoping to bring his doll to life, he tricks Franz into drinking a sleeping potion, planning to use his spirit in a magical experiment. Unseen, Swanhilda remains behind. Disguising herself as Coppelia, she pretends to come to life, foiling the doctor's plan. When Franz awakens, the two escape, leaving Dr. Coppelius devastated.

Back in the town square, Swanhilda and Franz prepare to marry when Dr. Coppelius arrives demanding compensation. Swanhilda offers her dowry in remorse, but the mayor steps in, paying for the damages and restoring peace. The wedding goes forward, and the town celebrates with joyful dancing and festivity.



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# Coppelia

## Cast Key

- ✂ May 1 7:00pm • May 2 at 7:00pm
- ✂ April 30 at 7:00pm • May 2 at 2:00pm

## Swanhilda

- ✂ Kate Abbott
- ✂ Emma Ehrlander

## Franz

- ✂ Waylen Stevens
- ✂ Gibson Baggett

## Dr. Coppelius

- ✂ ✂ Aaron Zeigler

## Mayor

- ✂ Owen Brodie
- ✂ Joe de Jesus

## Priest

- ✂ ✂ Clayton Musgrove

## Czardas Mazurka Leads

- ✂ Rosalie Cushman, Astoria Eberly
- ✂ Nico Anderson, Nai'a Wright

## Mazurka Villagers

- ✂ Aspen Butler, Ellie Cazier, River Cohn, Grace McCray, Abigail Mattheis, Jensen Porter
- ✂ Sabrina Hardin, Quinn LaDoux, Ana Mielke, Rilee Neils, Malia Shoemaker, Lulu Valiant

## Franz's Friend

- ✂ ✂ Jeremiah Szurszewski

## Lead Village Boy

- ✂ ✂ Owen Church

## Village Boys

- ✂ ✂ Callum Black, Brayden Shoemaker

## Village Girls

- ✂ Scarlett Berner, Brooklyn McKinley, Molly McMurdie, Dahlia Ramsey-Kroll
- ✂ Emma Cushing, Maureen madden, Rita Nilees, Kyleigh Price

## Swanhilda's Friends

- ✂ Nico Anderson, Ilsa Beardsley, Willow Hood, Kate Levin, Kate Lim, Sophia Solano
- ✂ Campbell Baldwin, Kabella Graves, Locy Hamblet, Clare Lanese, Macy Manista, Nora Saylor-Olson

## Peasant Ladies

- ✂ Emma Benson, Cruz Dandrea, Claire Daugherty, Charlotte Moss, Marilyn Selin, Stella West
- ✂ Ada Bergvall, Addison Cady, Rose Chamberlain, Vivienne Ennett, Emerald Ferrara, Abigail Manista

## Coppelia Doll

✂ Addison Cady      ✂ Emma Benson

## Chinese Doll

✂ Eden George      ✂ Avery Church

## Limber Doll

✂ Emerald Ferrara      ✂ Aspen Butler

## Scottish Doll

✂ Emily Haley-Pierce      ✂ Stella West

## Astrologer Doll

✂ ✂ Jeremiah Szurszewski

## Monkey Dolls

✂ Emma Cushing, Maureen Madden      ✂ Brooklyn McKinley, Molly McMurdie

## Genie Doll

✂ ✂ Clayton Musgrove

## Dawn

✂ Nora Saylor-Olson      ✂ Ilsa Beardsley

## Harmony

✂ Nina Chung, London Daley, Emma Davis, Rowan Holden,  
Akira Kaminski-Hurtado, Felicity King, Eunbi Lee, Quinn Peterson  
✂ Paige Chapin-Stibbe, Mittie Grimmer, Maja Himmel, Allie Isaacson, Elliott Kinsel,  
Kai Linton, Mia Ojeda, Lucy Sheppard

## Prayer

✂ Lucy Hamblet      ✂ Kate Levin

## Serenity

✂ Agnes Crabapple, Autumn Knight, Saoirse Shannon, Erica Shimoji,  
Hanna Sondossi, Josie Zurcher  
✂ Rayne Berger-Perin, Scarlett Berner, Ella Carter, Scarlet Cronin,  
Natalia Oberc, Alison Williams

## Queen of the Hours

✂ Kabella Graves      ✂ Kate Lim

## Waltz of the Hours

✂ Campbell Baldwin, Emma Ehrlander, Anna Hoinowski, Clare Lanese,  
Aahana Lohan,  
Macy Manista, Teagan Sirotak, Nai'a Wright  
✂ Kate Abbott, Rosalie Cushman, Astoria Eberly, Audrey Esslinger-Dotson,  
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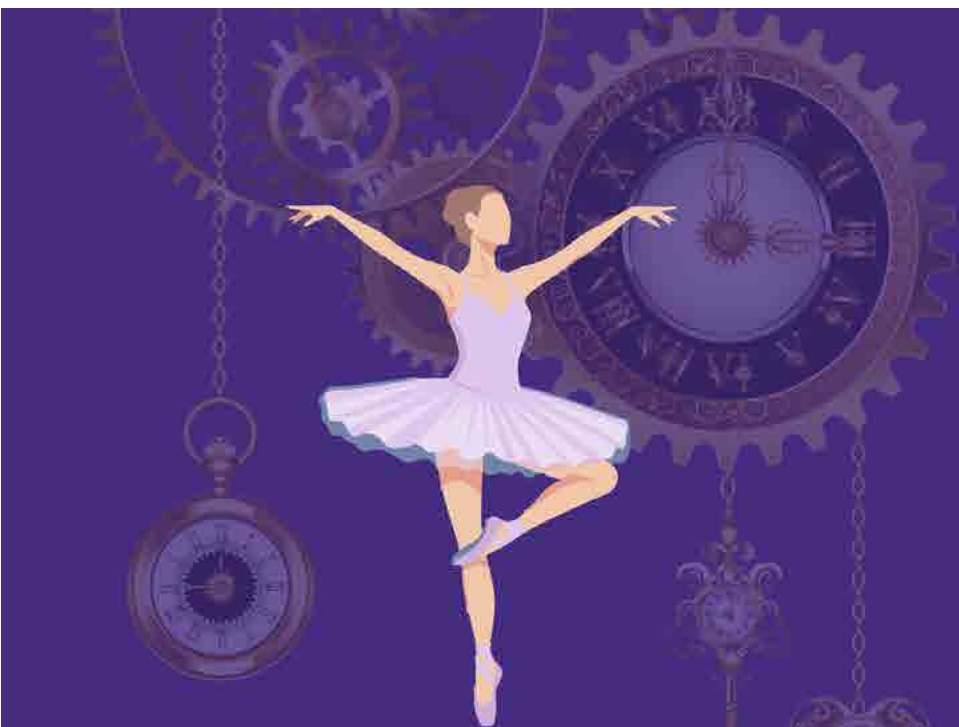
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# Guest Artists

## Aaron Zeigler

GUEST PERFORMER



Aaron Zeigler started performing at an early age for his classmates and teachers. This led to many performances at a more esteemed venue, the principal's office. Finally, at Central Washington University, he decided to try his skills on a bigger stage and joined the Theatre Arts Department. At Central, he discovered his true love for performance, his true love (Rachel), and received his BA in Education and Theatre in 1998. Since then, Aaron has had the opportunity to perform in such shows as, Wizard of Oz, My Fair Lady, Beauty and the Beast, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Once Upon a Mattress, Peter Pan, Cinderella, Coppelia, Alice in Wonderland and The Nutcracker.

Some of his favorite roles have included The Cowardly Lion (Wizard of Oz), Dr. Coppelius (Coppelia), Ugly Stepsister (Cinderella), Herr Drosselmeyer (The Nutcracker) and Captain Hook (Peter Pan).

When not on stage he spends his time performing for his son James, and as a videographer/editor.

## Zac Andersen

ASSOCIATE LIGHTING DESIGNER



Zac has been lighting shows around the Puget Sound for many years, and is delighted to return for his tenth year of Studio West Dance Theatre's

Nutcracker! In addition to Nutcracker, Zac has joined Studio West for shows including Alice in Wonderland, Giselle, Cinderella and Track City. When not lighting dance, Zac can often be found pointing bright lights at people who are trying to sing at the Village Theatre and around Seattle.

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## Scott Leathers

RESIDENT LIGHTING DESIGNER &  
PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER

Scott Leathers is the Resident Lighting Designer for Nashville Children's Theatre (since Sep. 2003), Studio West Dance Theatre (Mainstage, since 2009), and has previously served as R.L.D. for Nashville Ballet ('87-'22), New Dialect (Contemporary Dance, 2014-2019), Chattanooga Symphony and Opera ('02-'07, & 2011-2020), Kentucky Repertory Theatre ('05-'08), Ryman Auditorium's Musical Theatre Series ('99-'01), and Ballet TN ('97-'01). He periodically serves as interim Lighting Director for the Ryman Auditorium.



After his long tenure at Nashville Ballet from 1987-2022 he decided it was time to step away and explore new opportunities. He was immediately named Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer at Nashville Children's Theatre, and happily became a part of Emma Sendall's team for *An Ambivalent Woman of 37* and subsequently Dominic Moore Dunson's team for *The Remember Balloons* which has a national tour planned for the 25-26 season.

Mr. Leathers has designed lighting for theatre, opera, ballet, and modern dance since 1981 to critical acclaim. Many of his designs have been for original works. Mr. Leathers design experience includes work with the following performing arts organizations: the Kennedy Center (Concert Hall, Opera House & Family Theater), StudioTENN, Opera Omaha, Nashville Opera, TN Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Ballet, American Negro Playwrights Theatre, Theatre Craft, Stage One, Amun Ra Theatre, Musical Theatre Louisville, Karen Steele Dance Quintet, Ballet Omaha, Ballet Austin, Cumberland County Playhouse, Dollywood, and internationally with Tanz Ensemble Cathy Sharp (TECS-Switzerland) and Ballet Manila (Philippines). In Dec. 2015 he designed lighting for Ben Fold's Piano Concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. He has taught Lighting Design at the college level as well as leading over 30 workshops. He has also designed scenery for many productions.

Mr. Leathers graduated from the College of Santa Fe with a BFA in technical theatre and is a member of United Scenic Artists 829 in the Lighting and Scenic Categories.

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