

#### A Note From the Artistic Director

Who doesn't love a good mystery? There are few things greater than all the pieces coming together at the end of a story. This story took me much longer to write than last year's Game On. There were several drafts before I landed on the tale you're about to see. I hope you find it entertaining, and I hope you find it clever. But most of all, I hope you appreciate the dancing. These kids are very dedicated and have been working hard to bring my vision to life. The dancers in leading roles take classes 5-6 times a week and all of our dancers have dedicated the last several weeks to this production.

I'd like to thank my dancers, my staff, our dance parents, and all of our volunteers. None of this is possible without you. None of this is any fun without you. I'm honored to have you on this journey with me.

Now...sit back, enjoy the show, and see if you can figure out Whodunnit?

### **Ordway Conservatory Youth Ballet**



Company Members: Aidan Charboneau, Claire Dean, Nia Goffigan, Lily Harang, Mackenzie Horne, Hayden Jarman, Sarah McKeown, Kaylee Preston-Valentine, Sophia Scalzo, Alexis Sinclair, Camille Whalen, Amy Woods

Understudies: Mikayla Helbringer, Emma Kuhn, Rebecca McKeown, Avery Richmond, Cheyenne Tomsko

Apprentices: Isabella Baker, Aurora Chandler, Madison Lamb, Molly Larson, Gwendolynn Smith

## **Ordway Conservatory Staff**

Artistic Director/Executive Director	Sara Ordway
Office Manager	Amanda Harang
Lighting Designer	Dariyn Fergus
Rehearsal Assistant	Kristina Horstman
Instructors	Kristina Horstman, Gretchen Lamb,
	Alyssa McKinley, Tori Unterberger
Costumes	Sara Ordway, Susan Richmond
Photography	Artistry Reimagined
Props	Sara Ordway

A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers! The show would not happen without you!

Video and Photography are strictly prohibited during the show.

### Whodunnit?

#### a murder mystery ballet

April 21, 2024 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM Choreography by Sara Ordway Music by Various Artists

### **ACT ONE**

Welcome to Phoenix Manor. The staff is preparing for the Duchess's grand ball during which her daughter Alice will claim her inheritance. The setting, the dancing, the people are all beautiful, but there is a tension in the air. Each guest seems to have a secret agenda. And one of them ends up dead. Will the detective be able to solve the case? The suspects begin to tell their stories about what happened earlier that evening in the garden and the graveyard. The Duchess's youngest daughter, little Grace insists that she knows exactly what happened.

The Housekeeper	Claire Dean
Household Staff	Riley Aldridge, Tatiana Bigl, Harper Carr, Orlagh Holmes,
	Madison Lamb, Brielle Pinckney, Sophia Porter, Hannah Ruiz,
	Ayden Singleton,
	Gwendolynn Smith, Keira Waskowich
The Duchess	Amy Woods
Alice, daughter of the Duchess	Lily Harang
Edward, the Earl	
Ruby, the Earl's ex	Kaylee Preston-Valentine
Dorothy, Ruby's friend	Alexis Sinclair
Gladys, the Earl's friend	Camille Whalen
Vera, sister of Alice	Hayden Jarman
Irene, Ruby's friend	Mackenzie Horn
Grace, granddaughter of the Duchess	(1:00 PM) Quinn Hempen (5:00 PM) Janessa Joson
The Black Cat	Mikayla Helbringer
Ladies of Society	Nia Goffigan, Emma Kuhn, Rebecca McKeown, Avery Richmond,
	Cheyenne Tomsko
Shadows of Doubt	Galilea Amaya, Bianca Edwards, Julia Ford, Caitlyn Huber, Zoey
	Lawson, Clara Montgomery, Madelyn Rigatti, Adrianna Stagnato,
	Sophia Stawski
The Detective	James Charboneau
The Rose	Nia Goffigan
Thorns	Emma Kuhn, Rebecca McKeown, Avery Richmond,
	Cheyenne Tomsko
Flowers	Riley Aldridge, Tatiana Bigl, Harper Carr, Orlagh Holmes,
	Brielle Pinckney, Sophia Porter, Hannah Ruiz, Ayden Singleton,
	Keira Waskowich

Daisies	.(1:00pm) Allison Abla, Payton Cooch, Ada Jackson, Avery Jackson,
	Vivienne Kelley, Sierra Latham, Luciana Lujan, Madison Mobley,
	Ernestine Pitchford
	(5:00pm) Olivia Ige, Addyson Lopez, Cadence McGinley, Kylie
	Orsinger,
	Paige Shinohara, Sarah Steketee, Amelia Stewart
Cats	.(1:00pm) Nyla Bean, Theresa Beltran, Elspeth Charboneau,
	Emma Christofek, Violet Cunningham, Leila Duncan, Nellie Gardiner,
	Sasha Holt
	(5:00pm) Alexandra Dickey, Grace Koval, Keily Martinez,
	Ramiah-Lana Mendoza, Lilian Miller, Jasmine Morales,
	Ava Grace Thompson
The Gentlemen	. Brad Aldridge, Gene Porter, Chris Waskowich

### -Intermission-

### **ACT TWO**

Grace tells the detective what she thinks happened that night. The detective is more than a little skeptical, but entertains her before the suspects continue their tale with what happened in the library.

As the detective starts to piece the story together, another murder takes place. The detective is now sure who the criminal is and shows us what really happened in the library, the garden and the graveyard. But will the culprit be caught?

Toy Soldiers	
	Eve Marie Hartzell, Juliette Kantz, Emma Lyon, Liya Rodtim,
	Nadia Williams
Dragons	Galilea Amaya, Bianca Edwards, Caitlyn Huber, Zoey Lawson,
	Clara Montgomery, Madelyn Rigatti, Adrianna Stagnato, Sophia
	Stawski
Love Bugs	(1:00pm) Leilani Hawkins, Anya Jackson, Isabel Pitchford, Blair
	Powers,
	Leila Sifre, Delilah Stewart, John Stewart
	(5:00pm) Isabella Boulware, Elyza Edwards, Ian Holmes, Kyrie
	Manzano,
	Camilla McCroskey, Elle Van Niekerk
Dust Bunnies	(1:00pm) Isabella Burkart, Juliette Farias Sanchez, Serena Filonuk,
	Nina George, Penelope Smart, Alina Stagnato
	(5:00pm) Georgiana Lagos, Piper Maddox, Maria Serumaga,
	Rebekah Singleton



### Think you know who the murderer is? Want a chance to win \$400?

- 1)Get your limited edition Detective Pad at concessions
- 2)Write the name on your detective pad
- 3) Take a photo
- 4) Post on social media, tag @ordwayballet and use hashtag #whodunnitballet
- 5) Winner announced on our social media on Monday April 22nd

#### **SUSPECTS**

Edward, the Earl Alice, daughter of the Duchess Vera, Alice's sister Ruby, Edward's Ex Dorothy, friend of Ruby Irene, friend of Ruby Gladys, the Earl's friend The Housekeeper



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Sara Ordway

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Who is our director?

Sara Ordway is from a small town and had a celebrated professional career that took her all over the country. She is dedicated to making her student's dance journeys enjoyable, informative and life changing. We foster a lifelong love of the arts and we create amazing people, not just dancers.



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Dear Avery,
We could not be more proud
of your determination to
keep dancing this year! You
will always be our shining
star! We love you dearly.
Love, Dad, Mom, and Mojo

For our youngest
dancer, Kyrie Manzano,
a true love bug whose
joyous spirit lights up
our family. Keep
dancing your heart out,
you inspire us all. Love,
Mom, Dad and JJ.





Congratulations, Olivia, on your debut recital!

Your elegance and dedication fill us with pride. Here's to the beginning of a beautiful journey in the world of ballet!

Caitlyn, We are so proud of you! Love Mom and Dad





Dearest Elyza,
We continue to be amazed and proud of
how far you've come along with having
the biggest smiles acknowledging and
recognizing what you love to do, which
is dancing! Keep doing what you are
doing, and, someday, we may see you as
a future principal! We love you!





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