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CENTRAL ILLINOIS BALLET

show logos 2024 - 2027

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Foreword

Central Illinois Ballet (CIB) and Cornerstone Academy of Performing Arts tell classic and new stories through a visual means: dance. The logos designed in this book for their shows tell the same stories in their own visual way: through design. Creating deliberate logos for each of their shows is a work of love for the arts and my partner, Maya, the principal dancer of CIB and the Academy Director of Cornerstone Academy. Each logo takes elements of the stories that the dance will tell and presents them as a sort of foreshadowing of the events to unfold.

SYNOPSIS

Clara's family is throwing an extravagant Christmas party like they do every year. Her family welcomes many guests, including prominent statesmen, and her...interesting uncle, Drosselmeyer, who gifts her a Nutcracker. The party continues and eventually ends, leaving Clara to sleep alone on the couch with her new gift. While she sleeps, she dreams of a battle with mice and their king, and travelling through the snow to a magical land of sweet treats from around the world. At the end, she wakes up from her dream. Or was it all real?



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The Nutcracker



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PETER & THE WOLF

SYNOPSIS

Peter is a young boy that lives with his Grandfather on a farm. His Grandfather has told him many times about the dangers of the nearby forest, and how a scary wolf claims it as its territory. Peter explores the Woods anyways one day, and is joined by his friends the Bird, the Duck, and the Cat. Peter's hubris costs the Duck her life, as she is swallowed whole by the Wolf. Peter, with his remaining friends the Cat and the Bird, along with some cowardly hunters, devise a plan to capture the Wolf to put an end to its terrible acts. With wit and a little bit of luck, they even manage to save the Duck.



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SYNOPSIS

Robin Hood and Little John are doing what they do best: stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. One day, however, their plan goes awry and ends up with their friend Friar Tuck thrown in prison at the hands of the dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham. The crew devise a plan to break their friend out of prison, recruiting some help from a songbird to cause a little mayhem. When the gang is all back together again, Robin enters an archery contest, unaware that it is a trap for him. His incredible skill with a bow gives up his disguise, and the crew have one final battle with the bad guys before King Richard returns and puts his no-good brother in his place.

Robin Hood

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Student Showcase 2025



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SYNOPSIS

Cinderella is treated poorly by her evil stepsisters, but finds a way to keep high spirits while her father is away. An invitation comes for her stepfamily to attend a lavish ball, and she wants to go more than anything. Her family, to no surprise, make fun of her and do not allow her to attend. After a run in with fairies of all four seasons and the Fairy God Mother, Cinderella is transformed and travels to the ball, but only has until midnight to win the hand of the prince.

At the ball, her family tries and fails comically to woo the prince, while he and Cinderella experience love at first sight. Her time runs out, however, and she must escape before the prince sees her in her rags. The prince, madly in love, travels the land with the shoe she dropped in order to find his true love. Cinderella's family attempt to wear the shoe but are left in despair when their stepsister lives happily ever after.

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Cinderella



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SYNOPSIS

Ivan is a prince hunting in the woods. He happens upon the magical Firebird, and attempts to capture her. In return for her freedom, she gives Ivan one of her magical feathers to use when he finds himself in danger. As he continues, Ivan stumbles upon a magical garden filled with enchanted princesses and petrified heros. He comes face to face with monsters and the evil Kashchei as he attempts to free the princesses, and the Firebird saves the day so that Ivan can defeat the sorcerer and end his reign.

At a festival in a quiet town, a clown, a ballerina, and a soldier find themselves turned into dolls by an evil puppet master. As the three begin to understand what happens to them, they start a comedic journey towards their freedom from toyhood, ultimately leading to the demise of the puppet master before they are returned to their humanity.

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An Evening of *Stravinsky*

FEATURING
"Firebird" & "Petrushka"



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Student Showcase

Featuring:

Don Quixote

SYNOPSIS

In the town of La Mancha, an elderly Alonso Quijano convinces Sancho Panza to become his squire as he sets out to become a legendary knight, Don Quixote.

In a town nearby, the lovely Kitri and her love Basilio are getting married and planning the festivities. When the couple meet Don Quixote, they invite him to join their party, but things go wrong when Don Quixote confuses a windmill for a giant and attacks it, falling unconscious.

After a brief dream of fairies and Cupid, Don Quixote awakes to his loyal companion and their new friends just in time for the wedding. After the ceremony, the two set off into the sunset to find more adventure.



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Sleeping Beauty

SYNOPSIS

Baby Princess Aurora is given gifts by the Lilac Fairy and her entourage—but one wasn't invited. Heralded by a flock of crows, Carabosse arrives and curses the Princess to die on the night of her 18th birthday. The Lilac Fairy intervenes, however, reducing the curse to a long slumber before being awoken by true loves kiss.

The fateful night arrives, and many princes come from far away to compete for Aurora's hand in marriage. They dance the night away until they are interrupted by a peculiar women with a spindle, gifting it to the princess. She ends up pricking her finger, falling asleep for 100 years until she is awoken by a prince.

The two get married and invite a large number of fairy tale creatures to the wedding.



SYNOPSIS

Giselle is a girl living in a small village known for their wine. During the annual festival, she meets a charming man who proposes to her, and the two celebrate with her friends. Hillarion, a hunter in the village, is also after her heart, however, and he knows something Giselle doesn't. Her betrothed is a noble in disguise, already engaged to another. While Giselle and Albrecht frolick around, Hillarion summons the noble family by sounding a horn, and the triangle is soon brought to light. Giselle, in her sorrow, goes mad and eventually dies.

Sometime later, Albrecht and Hillarion attempt to visit the grave of Giselle, and are met with vicious ghosts, Wilies, who attempt to get revenge for Giselle by killing the two. Albrecht is visited by Giselle however, and is saved from the wrath of the ghosts, saving herself from becoming a vengeful spirit in the process. After one last dance, the sun rises, and Giselle disappears from Albrecht's side, leaving only a flower petal to show her love for him.

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