

DANCE ACADEMY OF LOUDOUN

Spring Ballet 2025



Aladdin

Friday, May 30th

Dominion High School

Presented by

Leesburg Civic Ballet

Director: Kaitlin Ronayne

Ballet Masters: Igor Sapotko, Aleksandra Ordonez

Based on a story from "One Thousand and One Nights" a collection of Middle Eastern folktales

Variations and selections from the classical ballet "La Bayadere" with choreography by Marius Petipa

Original Choreography: Kaitlin Ronayne, Igor Sapotko, Aleksandra Ordonez

Music: Ludwig Minkus (with an excerpt from Alan Menken)

## Act 1 Scene 1- The Garden

The ballet begins in the garden of the palace in the kingdom of Agrabah. Jasmine appears out of the garden and dances, longing to see the outside world and connect with the people her family rules. Jasmine's handmaids join her and gently try to remind her of the joyful lives they lead in the kingdom. We are introduced to Raja the tiger, Jasmine's loyal companion and Jasmine's mother, the Sultana. The Sultana's royal advisor Jafar brings out his trusty sidekick Iago and her parrots. The Sultana trusts Jafar to help guide her in leading Agrabah but Jafar has sinister plans to seize power for himself. The palace dancers, led by Gamzatti, entertain everyone. The frivolity of the entertainment reminds Jasmine she feels restless of palace life and feels detached from the everyday people her family is supposed to lead. With the help of her handmaids, she disguises herself to sneak away to the marketplace of Agrabah.

**The Garden:** Elise Ball, Lucinda Benedict, Dakota Bodnar, Brooklyn Champney, Sarah Flynn, Caitlin Holland, Grace Kamin, Eva Port, Ellie Seson, Emily Van, Madelyn Wilch, Bellen Woodard

**Jasmine:** Abigail Taliaferro

**Handmaids:** Sonia Arbab, Gianna Cucchi, Emma Millar

**Rajah:** Danielle Chima-Orji

**Sultana:** Isabel Frigault

**Iago:** Emma Moreno

**Parrots:** Taylor Jamieson, Madeline Kamin, Sidney Keppler

**Jafar:** Levi White

**Palace Dancers:** Brooklyn Champney, Caitlin Holland, Katherine Smith

**Gamzatti:** Melissa Vantine

## Act 1 Scene 2- The Marketplace

The marketplace is bustling with children and mischievous street urchins and merchants selling flowers and food to the townspeople. The Ladies of Agrabah elegantly dance representing the everyday citizens of the kingdom. We are introduced to Aladdin and Abu and their playful antics. Jasmine enters the marketplace and takes off her cloak, revealing her identity to Aladdin. Aladdin immediately recognizes her and bows to the future Sultana. Jasmine reassures him that they are equals and she wants to be a leader for the people. Aladdin and Jasmine realize they are kindred spirits and decide they will work to change the distance between the common people of Agrabah and the royal court, delivering a more just world for all. Jafar spots Jasmine with Aladdin and sends the Royal Guards after him. Jafar plans to use Aladdin to enter the Cave of Wonders, as he believes there is a magical entity within it that will help him seize power from the Sultana. The Sands of Time magically transport Aladdin through the desert and an oasis towards the Cave of Wonders.

**Ladies of Agrabah:** Sabrina Atienza, Danielle Chima-Orji, Cailynn Keefer, Nikka Mallette, Tristin Pitsch, Katherine Smith, Bethany Sutton, Simone Tidwell

**Marketplace Children:** Reese Alexander, Katya Balasanyan, Kayleigh Brener, Molly Brylski, Hailey Carter, Gianna Giebel, Sophia Kindberg, Adelynn MacDonald, Lilith Moore, Adeline Palmer, Abby Poluikis, Grace Reynolds, Siena Wilson, Hazel Winkler

**Street Urchins:** Rylie McKenzie, Giuliana McKeon, Julia Sargent, Madelyn Wilch

**Merchants:** Gabriella Edwards, Grace Remy, Ellie Sesin

**Aladdin:** Aidan Plunkert

**Abu:** Cailynn Keefer

**Royal Guards:** Dakota Bodnar, Sarah Flynn, Grace Kamin, Nikka Mallette

**The Sands of Time/Oasis:** Sophia Burruss, Savannah Cagle, Isabella Cipriani, Lucy Fasenmyer, Taylor Jamieson, Madeline Kamin, Sidney Keppler, Harper Machado, Mary Kate McConnell, Rylie McKenzie, Giuliana McKeon, Ella Monck, Allie Orr, Reese Ratliff, Peyton Reckner, Belén Rodriguez, Emmelina Ross, Julia Sargent, Samantha Sasai, Addison Shedeck

**INTERMISSION**

## Act 2 Scene 1-The Cave of Wonders

The scene opens in the magical Cave of Wonders as Aladdin enters at Jafar's insistence. The cave reveals beautiful treasure and a crew of magical entities including a Magic Carpet, precious jewels of Diamond, Sapphire, and Ruby, and a Magic Lamp that houses a Genie who will grant Aladdin three wishes. Aladdin first wishes for the Genie to disguise him as a royal prince in order to sneak into the court to carry out Aladdin and Jasmine's plan to unite the kingdom, rich and poor.

**Cave of Wonders:** Sonia Arbab, Gianna Cucchi, Isabel Frigault, Kyra Gordon, Olivia Hale, Aubrey Hartman, Alexis Leung, Gretchen Mayo, Rosie McConnell, Emma Millar, Emma Moreno, Kylie Pitsch, Alexandra Steeprow, Abigail Taliaferro, Melissa Valentine, Levi White

**Treasure:** Poppy Adler, Catherine Antonescu, Sasha Balasanyan, Harper Buchman, Lillian Farmer, Harper Matherne, Finley Murafsky, Maddie O'Dell, Violet Robinson, Maddox Stakem, Annabelle Sztalkoper, Morgynn Szuch-Gantick, Milly Winkler



## Act 2 Scene 2- The Royal Court

The Royal Court dances with Aladdin disguised as a prince. The Sorcerer's Apprentices dance and bring an eerie atmosphere to the usually cheery court. Jafar enters and releases his Snake, who dances a solo and hypnotizes the court, allowing Jafar to seize power from the Sultana. Jasmine dances a solo in a hypnotic state while Aladdin looks on, unhypnotized by using his second wish for protection from Jafar. Aladdin fights Jafar and breaks the spell with the help of the Genie. Aladdin then uses his third wish for the Genie to be freed, which the cunning Genie interprets by turning Jafar into a Genie in her place. The kingdom rejoices with renewed spirit and an equitable future for all in the kingdom!

**Royal Court:** Emory Dehler, Quincy Dehler, Gabriella Edwards, Serena Fahmy, Ainsley Heykoop, Madeline Lebert, Alondra Martinez, Senna Mazzoni, Emma Morris, Saylor Murafsky, Aidan Plunkert, Grace Remy, Claire Salomon, Sabrina Lucia Smeigh, Reina Takla, Mila Veselov

**Sorcerer's Apprentices:** Kelsey Boney, Adelyn Briggs, Loula Dintini, Clara Jane Garay, Madelyn Garrison, Audrey Gerami, Reilly Grant, Audrey Hill, Hadassah Kirker, Elise Miller, Ava Rankin, Polina Shvets, Vivienne Vary



**Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors:**

**Isabel Frigault, Aubrey Hartman, Alexis Leung, Rosie McConnell, Kylie Pitsch, and Abigail Taliaferro**