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Snow Queen

Murray Arts Center, Kennesaw, GA



Friday at 8pm
November 10th, 2017

Saturday at 1pm
November 11th, 2017

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*Choreographed, Directed, and Rehearsed by
Susan Banks Beebe*

**Level 1 & Level 2 Village Peasants
choreographed and rehearsed by Rosanne Walters**

Tree Spirits choreographed and rehearsed by Rachel Truitt

**Rehearsal Assistants: Miranda Fields
Support Staff: Lori Joiner
Photography: Carol Chastain**

**Adapted after the book by Hans Christian Anderson
December 21, 1844**

**Music by Beck, Prokofier, Thibaudet, Ross, Michael, Szell
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Snow Queen Performance Company

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Hope Abernathy, Jada Andrews, Olivia Bailey, Maddy Bridwell, Katie Brunson, Morgan Burchette, Taitum Callahan, Mia Chamberlain, Madison Chambers, Anna Chastain, Lillian Curylo, Nathaniel Davila, Eliana Davis, Sofia Davis, Amanda Delay, Maysa Easto, Mandy Evans, Alex Fasselt, Kayleigh Ferguson, Lorelei Ferguson, Mary Franck, Aarsheya Gunjal, Venya Gunjal, Katie Haigh, Sara Hamfeldt, Madelyn Handy, Avery Harmon, Kaylee Harrison, Anya Hart, Brycen Hart, Brooke Henderson, Gwendolyn Henry, Georgianna Hyde, Gracie Jean Joiner, Jesse Joiner, Anna Kakaty, Ava Kakaty, Grant Korson, Courtney Lee, Stephanie Lozier, Megan Macdonald, Madison Magnus, Heather Marakovits, Ashley Marlin, McKenzie Maxey, Orrin Mcallister, Emily McGinnis, Sarah Grace McGinnis, Marah Morris, Caroline Mutter, Tiffany Oltjenbruns, Kyra Opdyke, Yasmin Perez, Christine Resultan, Aliah Reynosa, Noah Rodenberger, Ellie Sebaugh, Rose Sebaugh, Quincy Soergel-Harris, Ava Sotelo, Emily Sylvan, Rebecca Sylvan, Elizabeth Taylor, Ashley Thibodeau, Maelee Thomas, Terri Jean Thomson, Makena Tierney, Grace Van Houten, Raina Vaughn, Olivia Verbanac, Carly Walters, Natalie Weis, Patrick Wetzler, Claire White, Grace White, Kaitlyn Whitney, Kennedy Wilson, Paige Woodham, Payton Woodham

Cast Of Characters

Gerda - Maysa Easto: the protagonist of this tale who succeeds in finding her friend Kai and saving him from the Snow Queen.

Kai - Jesse Joiner: the boy who lives next to Gerda and falls victim to the Snow Queen's magic mirror.

Snow Queen - Mandy Evans: the queen who travels throughout the world with snowflakes. Her palace and gardens are in Spitsbergen, the land of permafrost.

Kai's sister - Sarah Grace McGinnis: the sister who tells Kai and Gerda the legend of the Snow Queen.

Guardian Angel - Georgianna Hyde: the angel who keeps Gerda safe on her way to find the Snow Queen's castle.

Enchantress of the Flowers - Emily McGinnis: the enchantress who helps lead the way through the forest.

Synopsis

The Snow Queen

Adapted from the story by Hans Christian Anderson

As legend has it, the Ruler of the Snowflakes, the Snow Queen, has created a magic mirror that distorts the appearance of everything it reflects. The mirror fails to reveal the kindhearted qualities of people, but instead shows their poor qualities. The Queen seeks out any person through this mirror whom she can sway to become evil.

Kai and his neighbor, Gerda, live in adjoining building garrets in the middle of a large village. They can visit one another's homes by simply stepping over the gutters of each building. Kai and Gerda's families both grow vegetables and roses in window boxes placed on the gutters. Gerda and Kai become devoted to one another after spending many hours working in the window box gardens together.

One snowy evening, Kai's sister reads Kai and Gerda the story of the Snow Queen. The Snow Queen reveals herself to Kai and takes him away to the palace in her sleigh. A heartbroken Gerda, leaves home to look for Kai. She travels through the forest guided by Forest Fairies. After being frightened by the Tree Spirits, she encounters a beautiful garden of eternal summer. A Guardian Angel guides Gerda through the Water, past the Gypsies and beyond the Ravens and with the help of the Doves, to the Queen's castle.

When Gerda reaches the palace, the Queen's attendants halt her entrance. Gerda prays and with the help of her Guardian Angel gets past the attendants and enters the castle. The Snow Queen shows Gerda that Kai is her prisoner. Leaving Gerda alone with Kai, the Snow Queen plots how to take Gerda as her prisoner as well. Meanwhile, Gerda is able to rescue Kai. She weeps warm tears onto him, melting his heart and burning away the evil. Kai is saved by the power of her love and becomes his cheerful self again. He quickly recognizes Gerda and they dance joyously together before returning home. The special journey they shared is one that will never be forgotten.

Act 1

Scene 1 - The Village

1. **Overture with Gerda and Kai:** Maysa Easto and Jesse Joiner
2. **Peasants in the Town Square:** Maysa Easto with Jesse Joiner, Nathaniel Davila, Eliana Davis, Alex Fasselt, Mary Franck, Gwendolyn Henry, Courtney Lee, Emily McGinnis, Sarah Grace McGinnis, Heather Marakovits, Marah Morris, Tiffany Oltjenbruns, Yasmin Perez, Aliah Reynosa, Ellie Sebaugh, Rose Sebaugh, Makena Tierney, Natalie Weis, Claire White, Kaitlyn Whitney, Paige Woodham
3. **Village Children:** Olivia Bailey, Lillian Curylo, Sofia Davis, Anna Kakaty, Madison Magnus
4. **Village Children:** Morgan Burchette, Mia Chamberlain, Aarsheya Gunjal, Avery Harmon, Brooke Henderson, Eva Sotelo, Emily Sylvan, Rebecca Sylvan, Raina Vaughn, Patrick Wetzler
5. **Kai's Village Friends:** Jesse Joiner, Nathaniel Davila, Alex Fasselt, Grant Korson, Orrin Mcallister. Noah Rodenberger
6. **Gerda and Kai:** Maysa Easto with Jesse Joiner
7. **Snow Queen and her Snowflakes:** Mandy Evans with Maddy Bridwell, Katie Brunson, Venya Gunjal, Katie Haigh, Sara Hamfeldt, Ava Kakaty, Megan Macdonald, Quincy Soergel-Harris, Ashley Thibodeau, Olivia Verbanac, Payton Woodham
8. **Queen and her Sprites:** Mandy Evans with Hope Abernathy, Taitum Callahan, Anna Chastain, Kayleigh Ferguson, Lorelei Ferguson, Kaylee Harrison, Anya Hart, Brycen Hart, Georgianna Hyde, Gracie Jean Joiner, Stephanie Lozier, Ashley Marlin, Caroline Mutter, Tiffany Oltjenbruns, Kyra Opdyke, Christine Resultan, Elizabeth Taylor, Maelee Thomas, Terri Jean Thomson, Carly Walters, Claire White, Grace White, Kennedy Wilson

Scene 2 - Kai's Home

9. **Gerda's Sister Tells the Story:** Sarah Grace McGinnis with Maysa Easto and Jesse Joiner
10. **Queen Lures Kai:** Mandy Evans with Jesse Joiner, Maysa Easto
11. **Kai Leaves with Queen:** Jesse Joiner with Mandy Evans
12. **Gerda Alone:** Maysa Easto

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Act 2

Scene 1 - The Forest

1. **Overture, Guardian Angel, and Forest Fairies Guide Gerda:** Maysa Easto and Georgianna Hyde with Hope Abernathy, Taitum Callahan, Anna Chastain, Mandy Evans, Kayleigh Ferguson, Lorelei Ferguson, Kaylee Harrison, Anya Hart, Brycen Hart, Georgianna Hyde, Stephanie Lozier, Caroline Mutter, Tiffany Oltjenbruns, Kyra Opdyke, Elizabeth Taylor, Maelee Thomas, Grace White
2. **Gerda and the Tree Spirits:** Maysa Easto with Jada Andrews, Amanda Delay, Madelyn Handy, Courtney Lee, Makenzie Maxey, Grace Van Houten,
3. **Guardian Angel Guides Gerda to the Enchanted Flowers:** Georgianna Hyde, Maysa Easto, Emily McGinnis and Alex Fasselt with Nathaniel Davila, Gracie Jean Joiner, Orrin Mcallister, Noah Rodenberger, Sara Hamfeldt, Grant Korson, Quincey Soergel-Harris, Payton Woodham with Morgan Burchette, Mia Chamberlain, Aarsheya Gunjal, Avery Harmon, Brooke Henderson, Eva Sotelo, Emily Sylvan, Rebecca Sylvan, Raina Vaughn
4. **Gerda Travels through Water:** Maysa Easto with Gracie Jean Joiner, Ashley Marlin, Christine Resultan, Terri Jean Thomson, Carly Walters, Claire White, Kennedy Wilson
5. **Guardian Angel and Gerda Travel to the Gypsies:** Georgianna Hyde and Maysa Easto with: Eliana Davis, Mary Franck, Heather Marakovits, Marah Morris, Yasmin Perez, Aliah Reynosa, Ellie Sebaugh, Makena Tierney, Paige Woodham
6. **Guardian Angel, Gerda and Ravens:** Georgianna Hyde and Maysa Easto with Grant Korson, Orrin Macallister, Noah Rodenberger
7. **Doves Rescue Gerda:** Maysa Easto with Lead Doves - Anna Chastain, Lorelei Ferguson, with Maddy Bridwell, Katie Brunson, Venya Gunjal, Katie Haigh, Sara Hamfeldt, Ava Kakaty, Megan Macdonald, Quincy Soergel-Harris, Ashley Thibodeau, Olivia Verbanac, Payton Woodham

Scene 2 - The Snow Queen's Castle

8. **Snow Queen and her Attendants:** Mandy Evans, Maysa Easto with Gwendolyn Henry, Courtney Lee, Emily McGinnis, Sarah Grace McGinnis, Rose Sebaugh, Natalie Weis, Kaitlyn Whitney
9. **Gerda Finds Kai:** Maysa Easto with Mandy Evans and Jesse Joiner
10. **Gerda and Kai Leave the Castle:** Maysa Easto with Jesse Joiner

Leads



Village Children



Village Peasants



Village Children



Snowflakes



Tree Spirits



*Snowsprites
and
Forest Fairies*



Enchanted Flowers



Gypsies



Doves



*Ravens
and
Lead Doves*



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Studio Acknowledgements

Five years after we opened Atlanta Academy of Ballet and Dance and here we are in our beautiful new facility. How is that possible? I recall writing in our very first program that it "takes a village to raise our beautiful dancers" and indeed that is what we have done at AABD. Not only are the kids well behaved, respectful, and eager to dance, but we have the most generous and giving families that I have ever had the privilege to work with. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and others, all donating time, rides, food, money, and anything else needed!

I would like to extend a special thanks to some folks who spend a tremendous amount of time helping. First, Lori Joiner works as much as I do and has the boring work while I am happily dancing. Thank you, Lori, for always keeping the administrative end in tip top shape! Dale Joiner continues to help with studio build out, Marley laying, stereo and speaker wiring...that list goes on and on! Joey Brannon also spent a bit of time hanging off ladders with speaker wires and installing our TVs! Thank you to our costumer, Jamey Wood, and her sewing group led by Robin Evans, who continue to give time to AABD. Jamey's organization is so incredibly helpful, and her designs are always beautiful. She makes our dancers look their very best! Carol Chastain has helped in many areas from being a sponsor, donating funds for the door security system, helping with the new studio lease, taking studio and performance photos, build out and demolition...you name it, she's game! Meshelle Callahan continues to use her graphic design skills to create our beautiful programs, T-shirts, and amazing logos! Melody Ferguson and Mr. Terry aka "Santa" always lend a hand with props, which in my opinion are the most beautiful around! Thank you to Becky Harmon for her backstage help and for creating most of the gorgeous headpieces for the show! And thanks to a few people who completely saved the day to help pull up the old studio flooring: Steve White (he was like the Energizer Bunny), Wes Sebaugh, Gretchen Hyde (who was as tough as the guys with the drill), Leslie Whitney, Sharon and Eric Resultan, Carol Chastain, Rosanne and Terry Walters, Dan Weis, Terry, Michael and Mark Thomson, Brian Callahan and I hope I am not forgetting anyone! Many thanks to our front desk volunteers and all the ladies and gentlemen who lend a helping hand daily. Thank you all!

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