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LOS GATOS BALLET presents CINDERELLA

Dreams Do Come True

LOS GATOS, CA – APRIL 29, 2015. Families await the “Royal Ball” as Los Gatos Ballet prepares for its encore performance of Cinderella May 22nd-24th at the West Valley College Theater in Saratoga.

This full-length ballet leaps from the pages of a beloved storybook as Artistic Director, Marcie Ryken, is guaranteed to delight audiences again! “I thoroughly enjoyed the creation process of Cinderella; from bringing the characters to life through new choreography to setting it for the individual dancers. It was pure joy! It is exciting to watch our dancers take on the challenge and excitement of their roles, while finding their own voices through the process.,” says, Ryken.

Caroline DiNapoli, Presentation High School sophomore, and Anna Whiting, Saratoga High School sophomore, will dance the magical roles of Cinderella. “When I was younger, it seemed like a dream to dance the role of Cinderella; hopefully my performance will inspire young dancers to strive toward their own goal of one day dancing the role of a princess.” says Whiting. Sarah Auches, Saratoga High School freshman, who plays the wickedly funny stepsister Francesca, works hard to remember her classical technique while striving to be true to her comical character. Madeleine Kolber, Los Gatos High School freshman, dances the role of her sister Prudence, and says that the “over the top costumes” act as an extension to the sisters’ personalities. Both stepsisters agree that these roles are their most challenging, yet most enjoyable roles they have ever danced.

Ed Yu, Los Gatos resident and adult actor, plays Cinderella’s father and Duke. He hopes that “watching will provide interest, inspiration and motivation to future dancers as well as developing an appreciation for the arts and classical ballet.” Professionals from Ballet San Jose, Joshua Seibel and James Kopecky, will dance the role of the prince.

“The story is filled with so much humor and drama that one can’t help but enjoy!” says Ryken. And, if the exceptional dancing, unique choreography and brilliant sets are not enough, the audience will fancy the lavish costumes created by Creative Director, Christine Ryvola and her team of 57 volunteer seamstresses. Complete with a fairy Godmother, a magical pumpkin and an unforgettable ball, this production is sure to be a delight for all ages. Los Gatos Ballet’s Cinderella proves that dreams really do come true ...right here in our own hometown!

For show times and ticketing information, please visit www.LosGatosBallet.org

About Los Gatos Ballet

Our mission is to inspire and cultivate an appreciation and love of dance by providing quality educational and training programs, superb performances, and collaboration with other arts organizations. We have a repertoire of 5 full-length ballets, offer outreach programs to Girls Scouts and schools and are known for our magnificent production of The Nutcracker held at the Flint Center in Cupertino. For more info visit: www.LosGatosBallet.org