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PRESENTED BY



Founder & Artistic Director **Caroline Calouche**

Fletcher Opera House at the Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts
December 20 - 22, 2024

Booth Playhouse at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
December 27-29, 2024

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CAST

Act 1

(in order of appearance)

Mr. Flowers.....	Daniel Trinidad
Mrs. Flowers.....	Pamela Donohoo
Ariel.....	Kim Melohn
Angel.....	Jadia Rorie
Goldie.....	Rachel Nesnevich
Mrs. Ginger.....	Ashley Carter
Mr. Ginger.....	Russell Woo
Margot.....	Kaila Rhyne
Mrs. Candycane.....	Alexia Sutherland
Mr. Candycane.....	Christopher Pike
Beau.....	Andrew Dransfield
Clara.....	Sarah Harrison
Neighborhood Youth.....	Noa Anavim*/Sarah Morrison**, Joni Hutton and Sara Kellam
Doctor.....	Javier Gonzalez
Nightmare.....	Noa Anavim*, Kelsey Brady*, Kiyah Desautels, Brooke Efird*, Joni Hutton, Aisosa G. James**, Sara Kellam, Emerson Kelley*, Peyton Kelley*, Sophia Maggio, Sarah Morrison**, Chiara Paravela** and Mena Wiser*
Snow pas de deux.....	Sarah Harrison and Andrew Dransfield
Snow.....	Ashley Carter, Andrew Dransfield, Pamela Donohoo, Javier Gonzalez, Sarah Harrison, Kim Melohn, Rachel Nesnevich, Christopher Pike, Kaila Rhyne, Jadia Rorie, Alexia Sutherland, Daniel Trinidad & Russell Woo

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Act 2

Clara.....	Sarah Harrison
Gingerbreads.....	Ashley Carter and Russell Woo
Fish.....	Kim Melohn and Jadia Rorie
Bracelet.....	Rachel Nesnevich
Bracelet Ensemble	Siera Fairweather* and Mariana Osorio*
Monkeys.....	Noa Anavim*/Sarah Morrison**, Joni Hutton and Sara Kellam
Candy Cane Leads.....	Christopher Pike and Alexia Sutherland
Candy Cane Ensemble.....	Kelsey Brady*, Kiyah Desautels, Brooke Efird*, Aisosa G. James**, Emerson Kelley*, Peyton Kelley*, Sophia Maggio Chiara Paravela** and Mena Wiser*
Ballerina.....	Kaila Rhyne
Flowers.....	Caroline Calouche, Ashley Carter, Javier Gonzalez, Sarah Harrison, Kim Melohn, Rachel Nesnevich, Kaila Rhyne, Jadia Rorie, Alexia Sutherland and Russell Woo
Mr. and Mrs. Flowers.....	Pamela Donohoo and Daniel Trinidad

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Production Team

Production Manager.....	Hanna Atkinson
Lighting Designer.....	JP Woodey
Stage Manager.....	Valerie Wheeler
Scenic Designer.....	Jennifer O’Kelly
Aerial Rigger.....	Morgan Calma
Costume Design.....	Caroline Calouche, Sara Petty & Kristine Yavelak
Costume Construction.....	Betsy Blackmore, Caroline Calouche, Marie Calouche, Emily Heilig, and Kristine Yavelak
Carpenters.....	JP Woodey and Julie Fischesser
CC&DC Student Company Director	Kaila Rhyne

About Us

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people of diverse backgrounds to explore beyond their boundaries through performance and education.

Our vision is to create educational opportunities for people to experience the world from a unique and artistic perspective, which will enrich their lives and the lives of those around them.

We are proud to be a resident company of the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

The Charlotte Cirque & Dance Center is the school for Caroline Calouche & Co., where we have classes for ages 4 to adult in contemporary dance, jazz, ballet, acrobatics, partner acrobatics, aerial silks, trapeze, aerial hoop/lyra, German Wheel and Cyr Wheel.

School Staff

School Director.....Caroline Calouche
Program Manager..... Kaila Rhyne

Faculty

Caroline Calouche, Carlos Alexis Cruz, Sergii Kudriavskov, Phillip McRorie, Kim Melohn, Nicole Muse-Denis, Jadia Rorie, Matt Sanchez, Sarah Small and Alex White

Teaching Assistants

Mahalia Esposito, Sara Kellam and Sophia Maggio

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Blair Primis, Board Chair
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Gina Antilus and Dr. Elizabeth Peterson-Vita

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Caroline Calouche, Artistic Director

Caroline's dancing roots began in the small town of Gastonia, North Carolina (12 miles outside Charlotte) and branched out Texas Christian University for two BFA degrees in Ballet and Modern Dance. From there she studied in Europe in Rome, Brussels and then completed a postgraduate program in choreography at the Salzburg Experimental Academy of Dance.



Finally home sick, Caroline returned to her hometown and saw that Charlotte had a stronger arts scene than when she left for college. So she founded the contemporary dance and aerial company Caroline Calouche & Co. in 2006. She is known for blending contemporary dance with aerial arts as well as merging ballet, partner acrobatics and contact improvisation to create her own style in floor partnering.

She has created over 70 choreographic works for the professional stage. Notable works are 'Carmina Burana', 'Lingua', 'Star Gazer' and 'Clara's Trip'. She has presented works at many festivals including world renowned American Dance Festival. She continues to push herself physically as a performer and mentally as a choreographer.

Many people have inspired her along the way in the dance and circus field. Some influential teachers are Li-Chou Cheng, Elizabeth Gillaspay, Mary Cochran, Susan Douglas Roberts, Kerry Kreiman, Susan Quinn, Joao da Silva, Andrew Harwood, Libby Farr, Keren Levi, Elsie and Serenity Smith, Molly Graves, Susan Murphy, Nancy Smith, Nicole Merman, Christine van Loo, Aimee Hancock, Amanda Lynch, Rodleigh Stevens and Tanya Burka.

Caroline founded the Charlotte Dance Festival (2007-2023) and serves as a board member for the [Dance Artist Alliance CLT](#).

Artist and Production Team Bios

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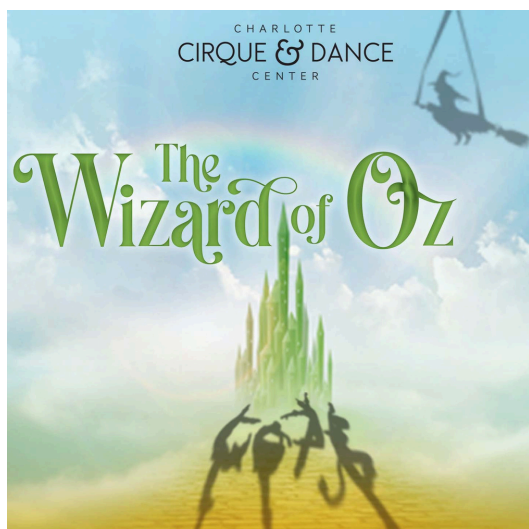
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