



Alice in Wonderland

Saturday, May 11th



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First Center for the Arts
at Georgia Tech
2pm & 5pm



Rise City Dance is a youth, pre-professional dance company in the heart of Atlanta. We exist to cultivate the innate artistry and passion that exists within every one of our dancers.

We believe in elevating technique, nurturing creativity and expression, and preparing our dancers not only for incredible dance careers, but providing them with valuable tools that will serve them everywhere life takes them.

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Welcome to Wonderland!



Rise City Dance is excited to present our premiere of *Alice in Wonderland!* This work is a defining moment in our career as a company as it highlights the variety of styles we offer at RCD and showcases our dancers' incredible range and proficiency. Our faculty members have poured so much care and creativity into *Alice* and have produced inspired choreography that we can't wait to share with you! This production will certainly be one for the books and one we look forward to returning to and reimagining again and again for years to come.

We want to take a moment to acknowledge our first ever graduating seniors, Kate Burns and Teagan Fore! Kate and Teagan have shared their gifts with both Neighborhood Ballet and Rise City Dance for several years and have touched the lives of so many. Their impact within NB and RCD will be felt for many years to come and we are so grateful to have witnessed their growth as dancers, artists, and humans. We look forward to seeing them shine among their fellow RCD dancers one last time as they take the stage as our Queens — The Red Queen and The White Queen!

Featuring nearly 100 pre-professional dancers between the ages of 6–18 years, our production of *Alice in Wonderland* spotlights these talented young dancers and puts them *centerstage*. Each and every role is performed by our Company Bound and Rise City dancers — giving them every opportunity to shine bright and share their artistry for all to see! Cheer them on and celebrate them as they put on a performance that is a culmination of a whole season of hard work, determination, passion, and growth beyond our wildest dreams!

With love and care,
The Rise City Dance Team

Rise City Dance Seniors



Kate Burns
Surge



*Oh, how
you've grown!*



Class of 2024



*We couldn't be
more proud!*



Teagan Fore
Surge

Surge Dancers



Kate Burns



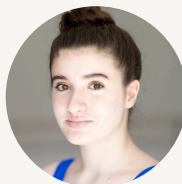
Teagan Fore



Lucinda Bagby



Camille Dotson



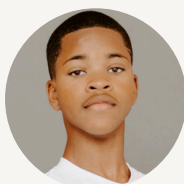
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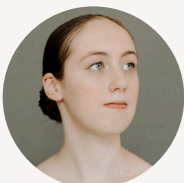
Lauryn Love



Gabriella Mangino



Sakura Maruping

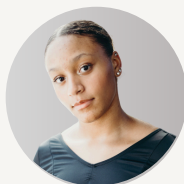


Ali Porter



AnnaKathryn Wallace

Unbound Collective



**Gabrielle
Harper Branch**



Sophie Finnegan



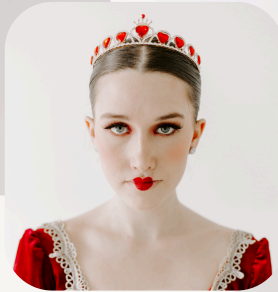
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The journey down the rabbit hole...

What at first felt like a distant dream has come to fruition and surpassed all of our wildest expectations!

The first whispers of Alice were uttered during a production retreat at the very start of the season. Since then, Alice has taken on a life of its own and transformed into something full of *wonder, magic, and beauty*. Through the collaboration of so many faculty members and the hard work of the talented Rise City Dance and Company Bound dancers, *Alice* is sure to be one for the books and leave the audience at the edge of their seats wondering what might happen next!







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Thoughts from the creative team...



"Our production of "Alice in Wonderland" features a captivating score by Daniel Berkman, originally composed for Robin Dekkers for Contra Costa Ballet. This diverse score, spanning from classical to funk and so much more, ignited the imagination of our artistic team, leading to an outpouring of innovative ideas and collaborations. Instead of being choreographed by one individual as many full-length productions are, our show features the talents of 11 choreographers. It perfectly complements the versatility of our Rise City Dance curriculum, showcasing the extraordinary talent and adaptability of our dancers and choreographers."

— Rebecca Crawford Harman, Rise City Dance and Neighborhood Ballet Founder + Artistic Director

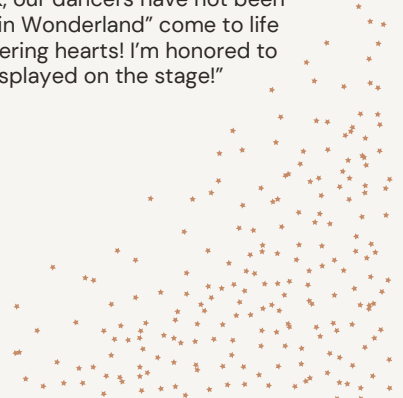
"I'm truly amazed by the remarkable dedication and focus displayed by the Rise City Dancers. The dancers have worked together, and they will orchestrate a Bobby Fischer chess game at the top of Act Two! I look forward to friends and families seeing the extraordinary creativity and teamwork on display on performance day!"

— Margaret McPherson, Associate Artistic Director



"Don't be late!" The clock is always ticking whether in the kingdom, the forest or while at a tea party! With every tick tock of the clock, our dancers have not been late to any beat which makes our rendition of "Alice in Wonderland" come to life in a light that is essential to curious minds and wandering hearts! I'm honored to have had a helping hand in the artistry that will be displayed on the stage!"

— Mychal Vandell, Rise City Dance Faculty Member



Alice in Wonderland

Choreographers

Qudasha "Qu" Brooks, Nancy Casciano, Rebecca Harman,
Mychal Harris, Andie Knudson, Devin Latham, Margaret
McPherson, Katie Messina, Aldawna Morrison, Ericka Shannon,
Spencer Wetherington

Music

Alice in Wonderland (Original Ballet Soundtrack)
Composed by Daniel Berkman

Cast

Alice (Show 1): Lauryn Love **Alice (Show 2):** Sakura Maruping

Lorina (Show 1): Gabriella Mangino **Lorina (Show 1):** Lucinda Bagby

Mad Hatter/Party Guest: Gabrielle Harper Branch

Cheshire Cat/Party Guest: Camille Dotson

White Rabbit/Rose: AnnaKathryn Wallace

Red Queen/Mother: Kate Burns

White Queen/Aunt: Teagan Fore

Camelias: Luciana Freeman, Audrey Gordon, Reeve Henry, Grace Hussein, Hadley Lingenfelter,
Stella Miller, Hollis Moody, Caroline Okie, Lucy Schwartz, Fiona Stein, Stella Swing

Bumble Bees: Ezra Isbister & States Sanders

Garden Flowers: Caroline Aemmer, Elliotte Bell, Harper Bell, Risa Brown,
Rowan Burch, Madeleine Butts, Mary Comer, Alana MacNeil, Tatum Williams

Roses (Show 1) : Lucinda Bagby & Sakura Maruping

Roses (Show 2) : Lauryn Love & Gabriella Mangino

Lead Firefly (Show 1): Gwen Giordiano **Lead Firefly (Show 2):** Lillian Lisle

Bouquet of Roses (Show 1) : Charlotte Kearns & Eleanor Gove

Bouquet of Roses (Show 2) : Vivian Marquez & Phoebe Warner

Fireflies/Lanterns: Kathryn Berry, Layla Enzor-Cotton, Dorothy Hammett, Lucy Hopeck, Elle Hughes, Eloise Hundere, Shea McPherson, Lucille Thomason, Dakota Williams

Butterflies: Gwen Giordano, Eleanor Gove, Charlotte Kearns, Lillian Lisle, Vivien Marquez, Phoebe Warner

Twee (Show 1): Elliott Smith **Twee (Show 2):** Gabrielle Harper Branch

Dee (Show 1): Sophie Finnegan **Dee (Show 2):** Nora Federici

March Hare: Elliana Hartman

Dormouse: Anderson Hilliard

Lead Flamingo (Show 1): Gabriella Mangino **Lead Flamingo (Show 2):** Lucinda Bagby

Flamingo Corps: Gwen Giordano, Eleanor Gove, Charlotte Kearns, Lillian Lisle, Vivien Marquez, Phoebe Warner

Lead Spades Card: Nora Fletcher

Lead Diamond Card: Anderson Hilliard

Lead Heart Card (Show 1): Sakura Maruping

Lead Heart Card (Show 2): Lauryn Love

Lead Club Card: Ali Porter

Jester: Chanson Love

King of Hearts: Jonah Tioxon

Knights: Ezra Isbister & States Sanders

Mushrooms: Sasha Seaton, Gillian Varner, Ella Wilhite, Dorian Williams, Olivia Woodrum, Hazel Yu

Queen's Roses: Leah Chaniel, Sasha Coupet, Brooklynn Long, Julia Piszko, Ruby Rasheed, Louise Tran, Vivian Woodrum

Caterpillar: Camille Dotson, Nora Federici, Sophie Finnegan, Teagan Fore, Gabrielle Harper Branch, Elliana Hartman, Anderson Hilliard, Micah Jones, Chanson Love, Gabriella Mangino, Elliott Smith, Jonah Tioxon

Tea Cups: Ida Bueb, Allison Cooper, Mila Hallick, Sasha Hyde, Ella Maley, Addison Miller, Caver Wallace, Alexandra Washington

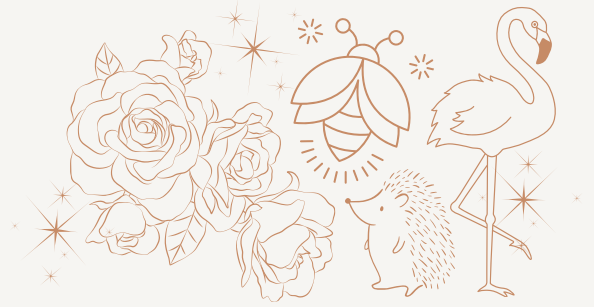
Hedgehogs: Cora Brown, Eva Coggin, Logan Greenfield, Zada Iorio, Arwen Kibert Basler, Vivian Krise, Virginia Mitchell

White Queen Cards: Nayomi Fernandez, Esmé Hasty, Keira McPherson, Annie Nguyen, Ellie Robinson, Lucy Ryan, Coraline Schneider, Elyse Van Hoosear, Lydia Van Hoosear, Fawn Williams, Eva Zalud



BEHIND THE SCENES

*The making of
Alice in Wonderland*



Tea time!



The sweetest hedgehogs!



Mushroom drop-off!



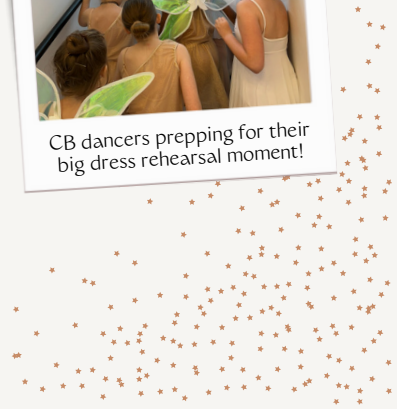
Making of the famous
“chess scene”!



The Mad Hatter makes a special
appearance at the High Museum!



CB dancers prepping for their
big dress rehearsal moment!



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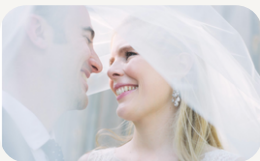
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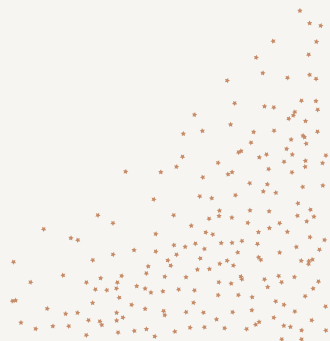
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uplift the next generation of dancers,
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A special thank you to our RCD parents and caretakers, volunteers, and incredible staff members that came together to make the magic happen! Our community is a crucial component of everything that we do and we truly couldn't be here, doing what we love, without your support, time, energy, and commitment.

Thank you to Georgia Tech's Ferst Center for the Arts and the incredible team that brought our show to life through sound, lighting, props, and everything in between! We are so grateful for the production value this venue allows and for their support in bringing all our dreams to life.

We'd like to say a sincere thank you to our Rise City Dance Board Members. We have so much gratitude for your guidance as we look ahead to this next chapter in our company's career. We deeply value the insight, care, and strength you offer as we journey into a new, exciting, and bright future.

Another thank you to our dancers who make all of this possible! You are at the center of all we do and it brings us endless joy to see your journeys unfold as you unlock new skills, tap into expanded artistry, and chase your dreams! Each show is even more special and memory-filled than the one before as you shine in new roles — each one brought to life by your spirit, passion, and dedication to this art form. To many more years of taking the stage, sharing your gifts, and following your dreams!

