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Colorado Conservatory of Dance presents

Mystery Night with Nancy Drew

Join Colorado Conservatory of Dance as we bring to life the cherished children's classic series, ***Nancy Drew***. This story of a young detective will be sure to bring lots of fun with a hint of mystery for the whole family.

Broomfield – February 23-24, 2018, the Studio Company of Colorado Conservatory of Dance (CCD) presents *Mystery Night at Nancy Drew*, choreographed by CCD CEO & Artistic Director Julia Wilkinson Manley and student choreographic collaborator Sophie Robinson.

Originally published in 1930 by Edward Stratemeyer and revised in 1959 by Harriet Adams, *Nancy Drew* is a classic children's mystery fiction novel series which tells the story of an 18-year-old amateur sleuth inspired by her father who is a criminal defense lawyer. CCD has based their ballet on *The Hidden Staircase*, in which Nancy tries to solve the mystery of an apparent haunted house.

To give the audience a taste of 1950's mid-America, the ballet uses 1950's jazz and soul music paired with music from period mystery movies, in addition to costumes and set pieces from the 1950's. Student choreographer, Sophie Robinson, notes that her favorite part of the set is the old projector screen from the time period that helps to give the ballet the perfect 50's flare.

16-year-old choreographic collaborator, Sophie Robinson, is a 10th grade student at Boulder Universal High School. In her 5th year dancing as a member of CCD's Studio Company, and having choreographed for CCD's Young Choreographers Showcase, Robinson is delighted to use her choreographic talents to bring this classic mystery to the stage. "It's really interesting getting to choreograph on many different dancers, all with unique styles. Trying to tell a story through dance has been a really challenging part for me in creating this ballet."

Dancers from CCD's talented Studio Company will perform the ballet, after a rigorous rehearsal schedule of almost 100 hours. Ranging in age from 11-20, Studio Company members train and rehearse between 25-35 hours each week.

This timeless and thrilling story is perfect for young audiences, and the venue is a lovely setting for an introduction to the ballet. We welcome audiences of all ages to *come have fun* with us!

AT A GLANCE

- WHAT:** *Nancy Drew*
- WHO:** Colorado Conservatory of Dance's Studio Company
- WHEN:** **Friday, February 23** – 12:00pm (Sensory Friendly performance), 6:30pm
Saturday, February 24 – 1:00pm & 6:30pm
- LOCATION:** CCD Studio Theatre
3001 Industrial Ln. #12
Broomfield, CO 80020
- COST:** Ticket Prices: \$16 | \$12 | \$10 | \$5.00 (Sensory Friendly)
Order tickets: ccdance.org/nancydrew | 303.466.5685

For exclusive photo and interview opportunities with the CEO & Artistic Director or students, and to find out more, email or call Rachel Long, CCD Communication Coordinator at rlong@ccdance.org or 720-301-0302.

ABOUT CCD:

Inside the doors of this longstanding, flagship cultural organization is a deeply caring and nurturing community of exceptional and knowledgeable dance teachers, learned body scientists and therapists, and a diverse collection of students – all committed to a process of learning and teaching ballet that is healthy for both the body and the mind.

Our faculty is comprised of dance experts who have extensive professional experience and/or advanced degrees in dance performance and pedagogy. For a full list of our current faculty and guest teachers, visit our website: ccdance.org.

Mission:

We believe in a better life through dance.

The Colorado Conservatory of Dance provides the highest quality dance education in both classical and contemporary styles. Colorado Conservatory of Dance uses dance to foster community, create positive influence and inspire the individual.

Vision:

The Colorado Conservatory of Dance will be a responsible and stable national model of excellence in dance education, healthy & wellness, and non-profit management.

Values:

With direction, purpose, and intent, the Colorado Conservatory of Dance creates a healthy and generous environment where students, parents and community members are nurtured and encouraged to develop their most creative and fulfilled selves. We responsibly pursue our mission with high standards and high expectation. We value mentorship and partnership, and we believe that dance should be available and accessible to all.

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