

# Carnival of the Animals: A Magical Wish Upon Ballet

Imagine a magical world where animals come alive and dance to the mesmerizing music of Saint-Saëns's "Carnival of the Animals." This enchanting ballet performance, called "Wish Upon Ballet," brings to life the imagination of children and adults alike. Let us take you on an extraordinary journey through this captivating production.

## The Spectacle Unfolds

As the curtains rise, the stage is transformed into a whimsical forest. A ballerina, adorned with a delicate feathery costume, gracefully dances onto the stage. This dancer embodies the spirit of the Swan, elegantly gliding across the floor, captivating the audience with every movement. The delicate music, played by a live orchestra, floats through the air, creating a magical ambiance.

The ballet then transports us to the heart of the jungle, where a mischievous group of monkeys swings from vine to vine. The dancers effortlessly mimic the playful gestures of these cheeky animals, filling the stage with laughter and joy. The audience can't help but tap their feet to the infectious rhythm.



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Next, we find ourselves underwater, surrounded by colorful fish and graceful sea creatures. Dancers, dressed in shimmering outfits adorned with scales and fins, glide gracefully through the waves, sweeping the audience into a world of tranquility and beauty. The captivating music and the mesmerizing movements of the dancers make it feel as if we are part of their underwater world.

After exploring the depths of the ocean, the ballet takes us high up into the sky, where majestic birds soar freely. Dancers, with wings spread wide, elegantly glide across the stage, showcasing the beauty of flight. The skill and grace of these performers leave the audience in awe, as they capture the essence of these magnificent creatures.

The performance concludes with a grand finale, where all the animals come together in a spectacular display of unity and harmony. The energy in the theater is palpable as the dancers twirl and leap across the stage. The audience is left spellbound by the sheer talent and creativity displayed in this remarkable ballet.

## **The Magic Behind the Scenes**

Creating such a mesmerizing production requires an incredible amount of talent and dedication. From the choreography to the costume design, every aspect of this ballet is carefully crafted to transport the audience into an enchanting world. The dancers undergo rigorous training to master their movements, ensuring that every pirouette and leap is executed flawlessly.

The costumes play a crucial role in bringing the animals to life. They are intricately designed with attention to detail, capturing the essence of each

creature. Feathers, sequins, and glitter adorn the garments, adding a touch of magic to the dancers' performance.

The music of Saint-Saëns's "Carnival of the Animals" is a vital component of this ballet. Composed with whimsical melodies and captivating rhythms, the music sets the tone for each scene, evoking a range of emotions in the audience. The live orchestra brings the score to life, ensuring that the music envelops the theater, enhancing the overall experience.

## **An Unforgettable Experience**

Attending "Wish Upon Ballet" is a truly unforgettable experience for both children and adults. The production combines the artistry of ballet, the magic of theater, and the power of music to create a spectacle that leaves a lasting impression. It not only entertains but also educates, introducing children to the world of classical music and ballet.

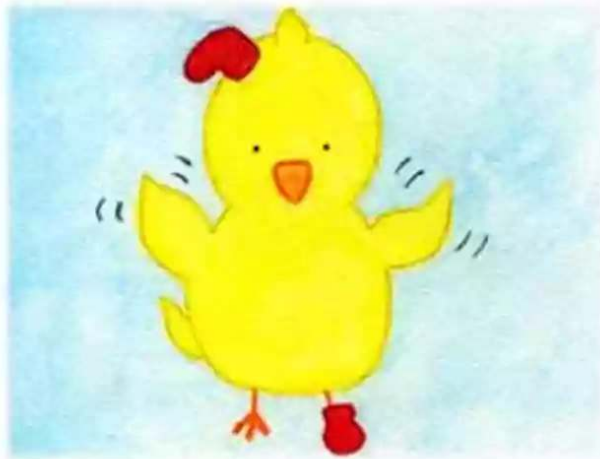
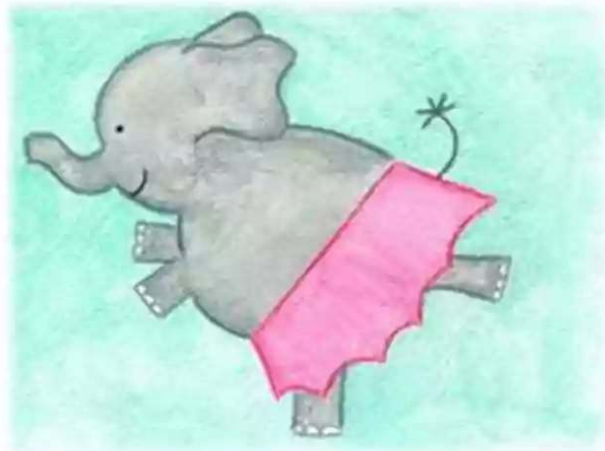
The ballet's ability to capture the imagination and transport the audience to a world where animals dance and come alive is truly remarkable. It is a testament to the incredible talent and creativity of the dancers, choreographers, and musicians involved in this production.

So, if you ever have the chance to witness "Wish Upon Ballet," be sure to seize the opportunity. Let yourself be transported to a magical world where animals dance, and dreams come true. Prepare to be captivated, amazed, and inspired by the spellbinding beauty of the "Carnival of the Animals."



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Welcome to my Wish Upon a Ballet™ book series for preschool ballet! Do you know a little one who loves to dance? My books are meant to introduce popular ballet stories and inspire young dancers to combine those stories with dance!

Whether you have a dancer at home or are a teacher with a class full of excited students. Enjoy these books to help jump start creativity and imagination! Let your little one's ballet journey begin!

Carnival of the Animals is a musical suite which was written by Camille Saint Saëns in 1886. Saint Saëns wrote the suite for amusement and never wanted it performed in public or published during his lifetime. As a serious composer he thought this piece might interfere with his reputation. To this day Carnival of the Animals is one of Saint Saëns best-known works.

In 2003 Carnival of the Animals was produced by the The New York City Ballet with choreography by Christopher Wheeldon and narration by John Lithgow. The production included almost 50 dancers.

Carnival of the Animals, the ballet has also been produced all over the globe with many other professional ballet companies and ballet schools each with their own creative exploration using this entertaining suite.



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