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**WHO:** Arc School of Ballet  
**WHAT:** *In Wonderland*-- a Story Ballet Showcase  
**WHERE:** Bagley Wright Theatre at the Seattle Center  
155 Mercer Street  
**WHEN:** Saturday, June 13th, 2009, at 4:00 PM  
**TICKETS:** In Advance: \$25 Adults, \$15 Children (12 and under)  
At the Door: \$35 Adults, \$20 Children (12 and under)  
All Reserved seating; Arc School of Ballet (206) 352-0799

**Arc School of Ballet Presents its Year-end School Showcase,  
*In Wonderland***

SEATTLE, WA --- Arc School of Ballet (ASB) showcases its students in its year-end performance, *In Wonderland*, a two-act story ballet. The performance on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bagley Wright Theatre will present more than 150 ASB students, ranging in age from three years old to professional-bound young adults.

*In Wonderland* creates an enchanted world of curious characters and magical adventures. Follow the imagination of a young girl as she encounters a mysterious cat, lobster 'tales,' birds of many feathers, and a 'tee' party on the green at hole 18. Marie Chong, director of the school, choreographs original adaptations of stories that are family friendly and that appeal to the student participants. She intertwines dance choreography with fun music and characters that showcase the maturity and skill progression of the school curricula.

The biennial year-end showcase offers all the students of Arc School of Ballet an additional performance experience, along with the annual Nutcracker. Chong carefully crafts the roles of each dancer within the story. The students receive an education in the creation of a ballet: rehearsal focus and etiquette, time management, familiarity with different job roles like costumers and ballet masters, and the sheer time involved to bring a production to performance. The students relish the opportunity to be included in the creation of an original story ballet and the performances inspire their dance training and heighten their appreciation for dance as an art form. Please join us as we celebrate our fifth year of turning out dancers.

Arc School of Ballet presents *In Wonderland*; Saturday, June 13th 4:00 PM at the Bagley Wright Theatre, 155 Mercer Street, Seattle Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door, \$15 children (12 yrs and under) in advance, \$20 children (12 and under) at the door; all reserved seating. Tickets are available at Arc School of Ballet (206) 352-0799. For further information, please visit [www.arcballet.org](http://www.arcballet.org)

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***More about Arc School of Ballet***

Arc School of Ballet's mission is to provide unparalleled classical ballet training in an encouraging atmosphere, thus promoting personal growth and artistic self-expression. Contributing a wealth of knowledge to the school, the professional faculty at Arc is dedicated to dance education and instilling invaluable qualities in their students that extend beyond their dance training: self-confidence, respect, work ethic and a sense of tradition. Arc School of Ballet is the official training ground for the resident professional company ARC Dance.

**More about the resident professional company ARC Dance**

ARC Dance is a professional repertory dance company in Seattle, USA, that presents contemporary ballet in intimate settings. Since its inception in 1999, under the artistic director and founder Marie Chong, ARC has cumulatively presented works from emerging and nationally recognized choreographers. ARC Dance produces bold, passionate performances that inspire, challenge, and engage audiences.

***ARC Dance combined with the Arc School of Ballet***

Arc School of Ballet shares common goals with its resident dance company, ARC Dance, to provide opportunities for the public to explore the joy and beauty of dance. Arc School of Ballet and ARC Dance occupy over 10,000 square feet of studio and office space in the former Crown Hill School in the Ballard/Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle at 9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117

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