

# Ballet Kukan Academy

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# *Alice in* WONDERLAND

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Journey*

*Bonita Center for the Arts*

*1/18, 1/19 2026 @5:00PM*

# Alice in Wonderland

~~~Ballet Kukan Academy 17th Annual Recital~~~

**Alice: Amelia Vargo**

**Rabbit/ Mysterious Guest: Miya Huang,**

**Mad Hatter/Can Can Girl: Jaycee Wong**

**Caterpillar/Butterfly/Mysterious Guest: Natalie Becker,**

**Tweedle Dee & Dum/ Cheshire Cat: Daria Medvedeva,**

**Kaelyn Tsai**

**Queen of Heart/Mom: Sophie Oh**

**Oracle/Sister: Lacy Kong**

**King/Aunt: Halie Ryu**



## My Production Note:

Welcome to Ballet Kukan Academy's 17th anniversary recital. It's time to have Fun again!

Alice in Wonderland was presented in 2016 (10 years ago!!!) The dancers who danced as little butterflies are now dancing as main characters. Watching the growth of each dancer is such a joy and wonderful experience for me. It is unbelievable to be like a second mom for these dancers and share the time- almost a quarter of their life. They build friendships and workmanship together, and fly away to the world as beautiful butterflies. Our life is full of wonder. I truly hope this "Wonder-ful" journey at Ballet Kukan Academy will help all dancers to deepen their thoughts, and look through with creativity.

Kukan Emerge Dancers proudly present a circus scene and become beautiful flowers. I am so excited that both young and teenage groups are presenting dances this year. It is always a joy to get together and be creative!

Is your journey full of wonder? Let's find out together.

**Noriko Malaby**

**RAD-TDip, TTP-Dip(NBS), AISTD**

**Director**



# Kukan Emerge -Dance for All Presentation (1/19 only):

## Kukan Emerge 1 (6-12 years old)

**Circus Scenes: Unicorn March, Trapeze, Jugglers, Ring Ring Circus**

**Dancers:** Ella Abbondanza, Luisa Hernandez, Melody Lam, Avery Yu



The Circus is always fun! We are Unicorns marching around the ring. Trapeze artists flying through the air, magical Jugglers! The Circus is full of wonder!

## Kukan Emerge 2 (13 years old & up)

### When Sun Rises

**Dancers:** Ellie Fitzgibbons, Tamara Mata, Jordyn Nichols



Do you wake up full of wonder? We find beautiful flowers when the Sun rises. Each dancer is a beautiful flower.

# Alice in Wonderland

## Act 1

### Scene 1: Tea Party at Alice's House

Alice's mother is hosting a Tea Party. She is VERY proud of what she presents. Alice is always a dreamy girl. Her Sister knows and helps her around. In the early morning, Alice had a strange feeling. She found a book on the bench, and she got obsessed with the contents. She wanted to show everyone the world of this book, but no one listened. Mom even took her book away!! Her Aunt always loves Cupcakes. She was about to eat one before the party started. Well, her sister of course will not let this happen.



There are some mysterious guests visiting. Mom thinks "do I know them?" But she welcomes them so that she can show off her Cupcakes. Oh..., Can-Can girl came in. Mom is not happy. But everyone else is!!

While everyone is at the table having tea, Alice finds a Rabbit. But no one seems to see it. She follows Rabbit, and and falls down into the rabbit hole.

#### 1. Butterflies

1/18: Eloise Chung-Chavez, Chloe Ma, Emme Rios, Luna Soong, Alexis Sun, Winter Tang, Aria Wang, Nova Wu  
1/19: Paris Wang, Clara Yang

#### Ballet Intro

RJ

#### 2. Strange Morning

Miya Huang, Amelia Vargo

NM

#### 3. Alice and Sister

Lacy Kong, Amelia Vargo

NM

#### 4. Alice's Aunt Loves Cupcakes

Hailie Ryu, Lacy Kong

NM

#### 5. Mother

Sophie Oh, Hailie Ryu, Lacy Kong

#### Advanced 1

NM

**6. Mysterious Guests** **NM**  
Natalie Becker, Miya Huang  
Sophie Oh

**7. Maids** **Grade 4** **RJ/NM**  
Caitlin Chen, Diane Chen, Alyssa Eng, Evelyn Ho, Winter Jobelle, Madeleine Lee, Melanie Su, Carissa Wan

**8. Can Can Girl** **BKTC/Adv. 1** **NM**  
Jaycee Wong, Amelia Vargo, Natalie Becker  
Lacy Kong, Sophie Oh, Hailie Ryu

**9. Did you see a Rabbit ~ Alice Fall into the Rabbit Hole** **NM**  
Miya Huang, Amelia Vargo  
Jaycee Wong, Natalie Becker, Lacy Kong, Hailie Ryu

## Scene 2: Rabbit Hole

Oh nooooo!!! Where am I going?? Ouch! Alice reaches the bottom of the Rabbit Hole. There, she finds three doors. They seem to be locked. But, one door says "Open Me". Alice opens the door to find a Golden Flower Field. Alice is fascinated with the Golden Flowers. But they disappear like a dream. She finds doors again, and opens one. It's a passage to the Wonder World. Alice is a little scared. What will be there? She feels dizzy... She finds herself in a different room. There is a very small door. Alice is too big to get through this little door. A bottle appears and says "Drink Me" OK. Alice drinks a little. Oh, what's happening?? Alice is now very small. She now fits through the small door, but the key is too high out of reach. The Rabbit appears and gives her "Eat Me" cake. She had a bite. What? What? What? She is becoming big, big, and big!!!! She is now too big and trapped in the room. Alice starts to cry. Oh no! Her tears are so big, that they made an ocean. Mermaids are swimming around in the pool of the tears. Rabbit helps Alice to escape from the pool of tears.



**10. First Door- Golden Flowers** **Grade 2 & Grade 3** **AD/NM**  
Amelia Vargo

1/18:

G3: Semilore Arikenbi, Jessica Hom, Katelyn Huang, Jennifer Lin, Liora Tsai

G2: Keira Barbarics, Kaylee Chow, Sophia Hsu, Cassidy Joo, Annika Liem, Zoey Tran, Katherine Tseng, Eva Wu

1/19:

G3: Semilore Arikenbi, Jessica Hom, Katelyn Huang, Jennifer Lin, Liora Tsai

G2: Rory Colorina, Chloe Ku, Celynn La, Annika Liem, Emma Oh, Katherine Tseng, Kylee Wang,

**11. Second Door - Passage** **Contemporary 3** **JH**  
Lacy Kong, Amelia San Diego, Jasmine Su,  
Amelia Vargo

**12. Small Door - Drink Me, Eat Me** **NM**  
Amelia Vargo, Miya Huang

**13. Tears** **Grade 5** **RJ/NM**  
Kylie Chen, Kalee Ho, Valerie Lam, Daria Medvedeva, Chloe Ohanian, Brisa Rojas, Juliana San Diego,  
Ynona Shen, Kaelyn Tsai, Juliet Veliz

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| <b>14. Mermaid</b><br>Ashlynn Chow, Karrie Doong, Keona Hsueh, Lillian Wu, Ella Zhong | <b>Int. Foundation</b> | <b>RJ</b> |
| <b>15. Swim in Tears</b><br>Miya Huang, Amelia Vargo                                  |                        | <b>NM</b> |

### Scene 3: Meet “the Strangers”

This world is full of strange creatures. A Caterpillar is surrounded by a purple smoke. After meeting Mini Pink Cats, Cheshire Cats are going around Alice. They are so invisible. Oh no! Rabbit team and Caterpillar team are debating! They can't find the winner. Well, Alice, let's start the race!

Alice is getting tired. Perfect timing! A Tea Party! The Dormouse are Tappy and Funky. This is Mad Hatter's tea party!!

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| <b>16. Caterpillar</b><br>Natalie Becker, Miya Huang,<br>Juliana San Diego<br>Amelia Vargo                                                               | <b>Contemporary 1 &amp; 2</b> | <b>JH</b>    |
| <b>17. Mini Cheshire</b><br>1/18: Liberty Craun, Meredith Hou<br>1/19: Chloe Guan, Harley Lu, Hailey Nguyen, Abbey Tong                                  | <b>Primary</b>                | <b>AD/RJ</b> |
| <b>18. Cheshire Cat</b><br>Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai,<br>Amelia Vargo                                                                                 | <b>BKTC</b>                   | <b>JH</b>    |
| <b>19. Caucus Race</b><br>Natalie Becker, Miya Huang,<br>Lindsey Chang, Yoyo Kong, Bella Leung, Mariko Okuda, Brooklyn Tsai, Wan-Yi Wang<br>Amelia Vargo | <b>Intermediate</b>           | <b>AD</b>    |
| <b>20. Dormouse Tap</b><br>Lucia Grabovac, Anne, Liu, Sofia Reveles, Juliet Veliz                                                                        | <b>Tap</b>                    | <b>JH</b>    |
| <b>21. Dormouse Funk</b><br>Dylan Kong, Paxson Li                                                                                                        | <b>Hip Hop Boys</b>           | <b>AH</b>    |
| <b>22. Mad Hatter and Hatters</b><br>Jaycee Wong<br>Lucia Grabovac, Ellie Kwan, Amelia San Diego, Elizabeth Shia, Jasmine Su<br>Amelia Vargo             | <b>Jazz 3</b>                 | <b>JH</b>    |



~~~~~INTERMISSION 20 minutes ~~~~~

- Royal Academy of Dance Exam Candidates of 2025 Top 3 recognition (1/18)
- 50/50 Raffle Draw
- Girl Scouts time together with Alice and friends (1/19)
- Flower pick up

Enjoy Drinks and Snack. Alice in Wonderland goods are MUST to have!

Take a photo in front of the Alice in Wonderland backdrop!

Goodies to the dancers are available.



## Act 2

### Scene 4: What a “Wonder-ful” World!

Beautiful flowers are talking to Alice. They are very talkative. She wants to stay there forever, but the Rabbit tells her to move on. Tweedle Dee and Dum are just so funny! Alice feels a little hungry. Then, Sweetie Chefs make yum yum Strawberry Drops. Tweedle Dee and Dum await Alice, and insists that she bite a mushroom. Woooooo, what a peculiar feeling~~~~~

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| <b>1. Talking Flowers</b><br>Amelia Vargo, Miya Huang<br>Adv. 1: Sophie Oh, Lacy Kong, Hailie Ryu<br>Adv. F: Miu Colapicchioni, Audrey Dodd, Mio Tsai, Penelope Vuong, Jaycee Wong<br>Int: Natalie Becker, Miya Huang, Amelia Vargo, Lindsey Chang, Yoyo Kong, Bella Leung, Mariko Okuda, Brooklyn Tsai, Wan-Yi Wang | <b>Advanced 1/ Advanced Foundation/ Intermediate</b> | <b>NM</b> |
| <b>2. Tweedle Dee &amp; Tweedle Dum</b><br>Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai<br>Amelia Vargo  | <b>BKTC</b>  | <b>JH</b> |
| <b>3. Sweetie Chef</b><br>Anne Liu, Emma Huang, Juliet Veliz   | <b>Jazz 2</b>  | <b>JH</b> |
| <b>4. Strawberry Drops</b><br>1/18::Ada Knippmath, Ella Lam, Amelia Luu, Ameyaa Manneth, Alexis Giselle Praico, Leila Romero, Emma Vong, Jovie Yu<br>1/19:Monica Cen, Isabella Hsieh, Ariel Hsu, Lilian Hu, Amara Yen  | <b>Pre Primary</b>                                   | <b>RJ</b> |
| <b>5. Purple Mushroom</b><br>Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai<br>Amelia Vargo  | <b>BKTC</b>  | <b>NM</b> |



### Scene 5: At the Queen’s Castle

Around the Queen’s castle, Cards are practicing marching while the Rose painters are in trouble. One rose refuses to become Red. We’ve got to get out of here! We’ll be in trouble!!

It is time for the Caterpillar to become a Butterfly. The Fairies are flying around her, celebrating this beautiful moment. A beautiful Butterfly flies away and says good bye to Alice. Au Revoir!

**6. Marching Cards****Grade 1/ Grade 2****AD/RJ/NM**

1/18:

G2: Keira Barbarics, Kaylee Chow, Sophia Hsu, Cassidy Joo, Annika Liem, Emma Ramsay, Zoey Tran, Katherine Tseng,  
Eva Wu

G1: Priscilla Hong, Sabrina Koay, Harmony Lam, Ella Li, Mia Liu, Serena Ong, Karly Perun, Emma Zeng,  
Jennifer Zhu

1/19:

G2: Rory Colorina, Chloe Ku, Celynn La, Annika Liem, Emma Oh, Katherine Tseng, Kylee Wang,  
G1: Edith Chan, Sophia Chang, Cadence Chen, Olivia Hsieh, Alyssandra Kho, Brooklyn Limcay, Cassidy Limcay,  
Giselle Lin, Emery Porter, McKinley Porter, Vivianna Reischer, Shima Tanyu, Mikayla Yao

**7. Rose Painters****Jazz 1****JH**

Caitlin Chen, Kylie Chen, Sofia Reveles

**8. Fairies****Grade 3****NM**

Semilore Arikenbi, Jessica Hom, Katelyn Huang, Jennifer Lin, Liora Tsai

**9. Au Revoir Butterfly****BKTC****JH**

Natalie Becker, Amelia Vargo

**Scene 6: In the Castle**

In the Queen's castle, Cards are waltzing around. Duchesses are proudly chattering. Everyone! Be Ready! The Queen will make her appearance. Oh, no! She wants to dance again! King!! Please! While they are dancing, the Oracle happened to get some cupcakes. Hmmm. Something smells sweet.... Well, yes! We love cupcakes!

**10. Waltzing Cards****Adv. Foundation/ Int. Foundation****AD/RJ**

Adv. F: Miu Colapicchioni, Audrey Dodd, Mio Tsai, Penelope Vuong, Michelle Yu

IF: Ashlynn Chow, Karrie Doong, Keona Hsueh, Lillian Wu, Ella Zhong

**11. Duchess****Grade 5****RJ/NM**

Kylie Chen, Kalee Ho, Valerie Lam, Daria Medvedeva, Chloe Ohanian, Brisa Rojas, Juliana San Diego, Ynona Shen, Kaelyn Tsai, Juliet Veliz

**12. The Queen of Hearts, Her Highness - We are sneaky King and Oracle****Adv.1/ Adv. F/ Int. F NM**

Adv. 1: Sophie Oh, Lacy Kong, Hailie Ryu

Adv. F: Miu Colapicchioni, Audrey Dodd, Mio Tsai, Penelope Vuong,

IF: Ashlynn Chow, Karrie Doong, Keona Hsueh, Lillian Wu, Ella Zhong

Daria Medvedeva

## Scene 7: At the Heart Croquet Field

Outside at the Croquet field, Hedgehogs are stamping ground, and Flamingos are fluffing the flowers. Alice, Mad Hatter, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum are marching into the castle, lead by the Rabbit. Queen's cupcakes are sooooo yummy! Oh No! Queens coming! Queen is angry that they stole the cupcakes, and tries to execute them all, but Rabbit suggests a Croquet game instead, which Queen loves! Alice challenges the Queen. Hedgehog balls are rolling around. The Cards are cheating so that Queen can win, but the Butterfly flies in, and everyone gets distracted. Alice goes through the final tunnel and wins! Queen is not happy at all. She orders all an exception!!!!

Alice woke up in the bench. Was it all my dream?? Or the Wonder-ful world exists?

**13. Flamingos** **Grade 4** **RJ**  
Caitlin Chen, Diane Chen, Alyssa Eng, Evelyn Ho, Winter Jobelle, Madeleine Lee, Melanie Su, Carissa Wan

**14. Boogie Woogie Hedgehog** **Hip Hop Youth** **AH**  
Paxson Li, Raelyn Li, Annika Liem, Charlotte Ng, Hailey Tran, Katherine Tseng

**15. Marching into the Castle, Croquet Game, Epilogue** **BKTC/ Adv. 1/ Adv. F/ Int. F/ HHYouth** **NM**  
**Amelia Vargo, Miya Huang, Natalie Becker, Jaycee Wong, Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai**  
Adv. 1: Sophie Oh, Lacy Kong, Hailie Ryu  
Adv. F: Miu Colapicchioni, Audrey Dodd, Mio Tsai, Penelope Vuong,  
IF: Ashlynn Chow, Karrie Doong, Keona Hsueh, Lillian Wu, Ella Zhong  
HH Youth: Paxson Li, Raelyn Li, Annika Liem, Charlotte Ng, Hailey Tran, Katherine Tseng

**16. Was it a Dream?** **BKTC** **NM/ BKTC dancers**  
**Amelia Vargo, Miya Huang, Natalie Becker, Jaycee Wong, Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai**

**Finale: All Cast**

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### Choreography Credits:

NM: Noriko Malaby  
AD: Angie Dang  
AH: Alberto Hernandez  
JH: Julian Hinojosa  
RJ: Romina Juarez



Special Thanks to:

Dance productions require great attention to detail. This production's success is due to all of our volunteer persons and students. I appreciate all of your support.

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**BKTC Members:**

Natalie Becker, Miya Huang, Daria Medvedeva, Kaelyn Tsai, Amelia Vargo, Jaycee Wong

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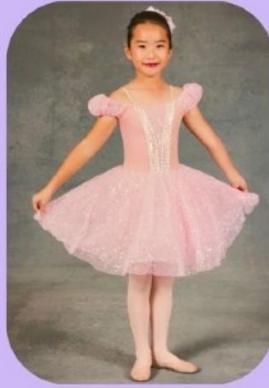
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU BOTH AND THE JOY THAT YOU BRING. YOU ARE A BLESSING TO MANY. ENJOY YOUR RECITAL!

LOVE,  
DAD, MOM, GRANDPA,  
LAUREN, & HOPE

*Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Psalm 37:4*

# Hailie Ryu



We are so happy and proud to see you grow into such a beautiful dancer. You have been the greatest blessing and joy in our lives, and we pray that your journey ahead is always filled with love and grace.

Love, Mom and Dad



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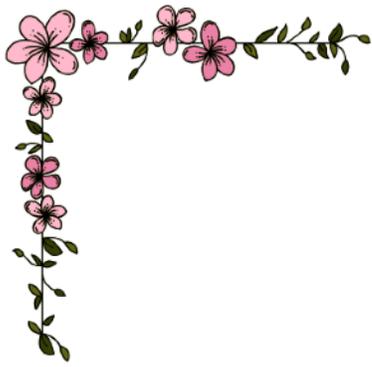


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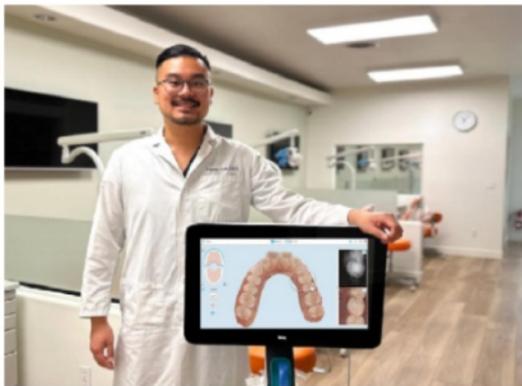
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