

CENTRAL
MIDWEST
BALLET
Academy

December

Important Dates

December 3 – Zoo lights performance, 6:00 pm

December 5 – Final day of classes for Junior Division

December 7 + 8 – No classes at CMB

December 9 + 10 – The Little Matchstick Girl

December 23-January 3 – Christmas break

Ballet Term of the Month

Coupé Devant



Photo Credit: Kat Steinnon

Dancer: Sophie, Pre-Professional Division

Coupé is a French word that means to cut. In this position one foot is pointed with the tip of the toe attached to the front of the standing ankle.

Molly's Memo

The zoo lights performance means my work day now involves lions... awesome.

-Molly

The Little Matchstick Girl

This will be our second production of the original ballet *The Little Matchstick Girl*. The ballet is based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, which tells the story of a young girl who is trying to sell matches, but when night falls must light them to stay warm. In our production we also follow the story of Edward and Johanna, a young couple trying to find each other before Edward leaves on a voyage the next morning.



Molly Luksik, Tom Kilps, and Maelanie Kuzma have been running rehearsals multiple times a week for several months now. We learned all the choreography and have continued to work on cleaning it so that the steps and spacing look as good as possible. We have begun to work on acting and artistry so that our dancing is not only technically correct, but is also interesting to watch and tells a story. After all of our hard work, we are very excited to perform! We are also lucky enough to have many new costumes this year, including villager costumes, harlequin costumes, and candymaker costumes. We have been doing fittings for the past couple weeks to make sure they are perfect for the performances. If you want to see the show, you can get tickets by going to the Bartell Theatre website or at the box office. We hope to see you there! (photo credit: Kat Steinnon)

