

Catapult Entertainment Presents – “Magic Shadows” Scene Descriptions

Current program order:

Four Seasons	16 minutes
Berlin Wall	5 minutes
Milestones	6 minutes
Spy	14 minutes
Intermission	(usually 15 - 20 minutes)
Angel Heart	4 minutes
Bullies	8 minutes
Go West	9 minutes
A Traveler’s Tale	7 minutes
Encore	4 minutes

Descriptions

Four Seasons is a huge hit with audiences! It is a journey through the four seasons of Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter with Vivaldi’s wonderful music of the same name as accompaniment. This dance is a joyful and energetic shadow romp from tulips and frogs to Christmas trees and Snowmen. It is filled with iconic images of each season that always have some humorous or beautiful twist. The piece is uplifting and poignant and everybody loves it.

Milestones is the story of an entire life of a young girl told in 5 minutes. We journey with her as she plays in the sand, learns to ride a bike and grows up to fall in love, marry and have a child of her own. There are many beautiful and happy moments including the birth of a new generation and the bittersweet farewell of the generation that came before. We see Grandmother turn into a tree and then a poignant surprise as rope swing appears and the young granddaughter swings from the tree that was her grandmother

Berlin Wall

We take a quick shadow tour through history from the initial division of Germany after WWII through the ultimate destruction of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The winds of change swept through Europe and the world in November of that year and the wall dividing East and West Berlin fell through the combined efforts of the citizens of East and West Germany and the exhortations of many around the world. East and West Germans were separated by the physical barrier that aimed to keep East Berliners from escaping to the West for 28 years.

Spy

Based on a short dance that won over the judges of America's Got Talent and Television audiences all over the world. This is the extended 10-minute version - the story of a housewife who is also a secret agent. Her husband leaves for work and it is "Game On". She might not be the best spy in the world, but she is hilarious, and she gets the job done. We have fight scenes that are full on battles but also funny. We have a prison break, tunnels, giant guard dogs and even a helicopter made of people. It is one of our most beloved dances and a highlight of the program.

Angel Heart

This dance is flat out gorgeous and even spiritual at times. Using cutting edge technology and proprietary software we create color shadows on the screen. The dancers are in front of the screen and the audience can see them in silhouette as their color shadows appear behind them. A mysterious and poetic story about a woman entering the realm of visibility who is soon joined by two friends. Perhaps they are angels or spirits come to witness life on earth. Once they make a giant angel with a beating red heart, they summon our world into being. There is a high energy section with images of life on earth from sports and music to war and dance which they witness before returning to their angel forms.

Bullies

This dance follows the story of a young girl who is bullied at school. Your heart will break at the unfairness of the abuse she receives for no reason. Comforted by her little brother and her dog, she discovers a magic book. When the pages are opened, she enters a series of dream worlds. In each world, she must face a challenge and survive. When she wakes up back at the schoolyard, she is not the same person and is able to stand up to the bullies. The dance has beautiful imagery from the scary smoke breathing dragon to the lovely seahorse she meets underwater.

Go West

Is our newest work – a very high energy dance to fantastic music in the vein of Aarron Copeland and Enrico Morricone. It is a tribute to Pioneers, Cowboys and all things early American. We have a giant buffalo munching prairie grass, a cattle drive, a saloon brawl and of course a gun fight. And it is funny, very funny!

A Traveler's Tale

This is the story of a woman who must travel and leave her family behind. Before she leaves, the children give her their favorite toy, a teddy bear. She clutches that bear with all her heart as she travels around the world as it is almost like holding her children close. As she travels to France, Egypt, Italy, China, India and even the Moon, she sees the most amazing sights from each place. But the universe seems to test her resolve and circumstances conspire to try to wrest her precious bear away from her. Watch and laugh as this plucky mom fights to keep herself and her teddy bear safe against unscrupulous Frenchmen, leaky gondolas, the heartless Indian god, Shiva and even against zero gravity. In the end there is a family reunion and the family hugs and turns into a giant heart. A happy ending that pleases all.

Encore

By this time in the show, the audiences are going crazy clapping with the music and standing up for the dancers as they come out for a bow. We then give them a blistering, crazy recap of all our best shapes set to driving club music. This makes the public even wilder. They love getting a chance to see the best tricks a second time. Maybe this time they will figure out how we do it – but not likely. The dancers take another bow and then return to the stage to spell out a message for the audience: WE ❤️ U.