

# Gateway Contemporary Ballet

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## “Hansel and Gretel”



Saturday — April 17, 1993

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Washington Middle School

## Prologue

The villagers are enjoying their families, pets, and jewelry until a greedy hag comes into their midst and steals all their treasures. Sadness then reigns.

## Act I

**Family Home:** The cupboard is bare — no food. The stepmother's solution is to send Hansel and Gretel away, much to their father's distress. Hansel leaves a trail of rocks so he and Gretel can find their way back home. Again they are sent into the forest, but alas, the hag scoops up Hansel's trail of breadcrumbs, and the pair become lost, with only the White Dove to protect them.

**The Forest:** Hansel and Gretel are befriended by the Butterfly and Honeybee. As night falls, the Moonbeam and Fireflies show them the forest is a friendly place.

## INTERMISSION

## Act II

**The Gingerbread House:** The Dove leads Hansel and Gretel through the forest to a quaint little house which turns out to be edible. An old woman and her black cat appear — could that be the cat stolen earlier from her owner?

**Inside the Gingerbread House:** More surprises are inside — a caged bird, the stolen jewels, and the missing children. The hag wants to add Hansel and Gretel to her collection. The cat helps her lock Hansel in the bird cage, to be fed by Gretel.

## Epilogue

Hansel and Gretel return to the village with the children, jewelry, black cat and bird. As everyone is reunited with all that they hold dear, happiness reigns once more.

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