

GATEWAY CONTEMPORARY BALLET
presents



"THUMBELINA"

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2000
1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL
VERNON COOK LITTLE THEATER

Act I

Scene 1: Thumbelina's home. A benevolent witch, feeling sorry for the lonely woman who loves flowers, gives her a special seed to plant. The seed sprouts and becomes tiny Thumbelina, much to her mother's delight. Later, as her mother reads her a story about a magic land, Thumbelina falls asleep. Suddenly, the royal family from the story book enter Thumbelina's home, along with three fairies and Buzzbee, the prince's loyal friend. The three fairies take the Prince over to meet little Thumbelina. The happy couple dance, but later become separated from each other.

Scene 2: Thumbelina's adventure. Thumbelina has wandered from her home and become lost. She soon falls prey to a toad with ulterior motives, but is rescued by a clever fish. Her next encounter is with a beetle who captures her, but then decides she is not "beetle beautiful" enough. Winter is coming and Thumbelina, cold and frightened, finds shelter in a shoe and falls asleep.

– INTERMISSION –

Act II

Scene 1: A woods. While searching for his lost Thumbelina, the Prince becomes frozen in a block of ice. The swallow enlists everyone's help to find Thumbelina.

Scene 2: Mrs. Field Mouse's home. Thumbelina has fallen down the mole hole, which is linked by a tunnel to Mrs. Mouse's house. Mrs. Field Mouse thinks Thumbelina would be the perfect wife for Mr. Mole (and take over his housekeeping chores). Wondering if she will ever see daylight again, Thumbelina comes across the injured swallow. The benevolent witch tenderly removes a thorn from the bird's wing. In gratitude, the swallow flies off to find the Prince.

Act III

The Wedding: Everyone joins to celebrate the happy wedding of Thumbelina to Prince Morpheus, and we just know they will live "happily ever after."

**Denotes guest dancers*

***Members of GCB Apprenticeship Program*

Thanks are extended to Kelli Smith, formally known as "assistant to the choreographer," but in reality "Linda's right arm."

Refreshments available in the lobby.

Purchase a flower for your favorite dancer!

The use of cameras and recording equipment during a performance is strictly prohibited.