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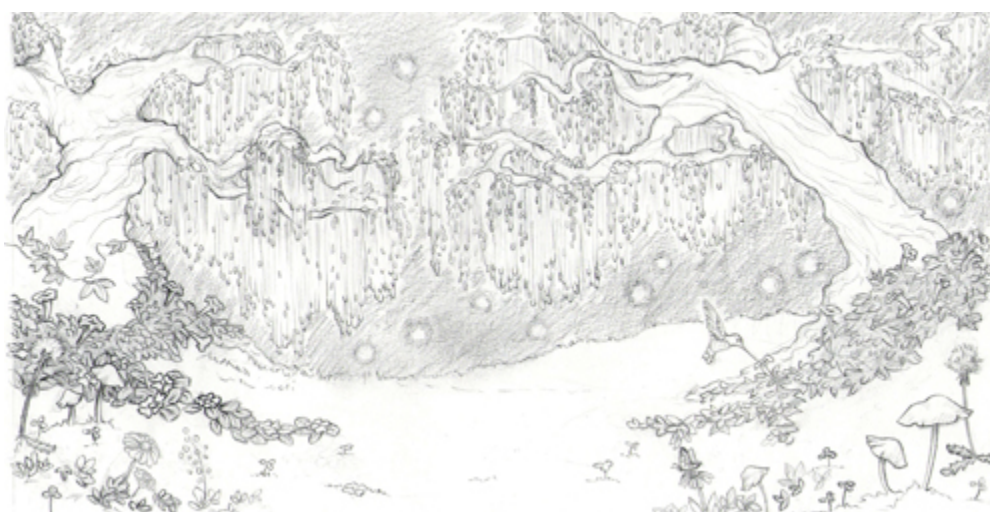


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2011 Pledge Drive "Help Build A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Dear Friend of The Portland Ballet:

The Portland Ballet is very excited to announce our new Thanksgiving production will be **A Midsummer Night's Dream!** This new ballet will be the second of what will eventually become four productions that will rotate over a four-year cycle. **La Boutique Fantasque**, created in 2003 by John Clifford, was so successful that we have asked Mr. Clifford to once again share his talent by creating a completely new version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The ballet will be structured much like *La Boutique Fantasque*, giving age and ability appropriate roles to dancers from Level 1 through Level 5. As with the last two productions of *La Boutique Fantasque*, conductor Ken Selden and the **Portland State University Orchestra** will once again be providing live music. Furthering our mission of giving opportunities to emerging artists, we have also enlisted Liliya Drubetskaya, a student from **Pacific Northwest College of Art**, to design the set and marketing materials.



A Midsummer Night's Dream sketch

Of course, a new production requires a substantial capital investment. This year's Pledge Drive goal of \$20,000 will go towards funding this investment that will bring artistic development and performance opportunities to hundreds of student dancers and musicians, as well as engaging entertainment to the Portland community. The expenses of creating this new production are largely one-time expenses. Once created, TPB's dancers and PSU musicians will use this production for years to come. Your donation, therefore, represents a long-term investment in these young artists.

Your donation, no matter how large or small, is much more valuable to us than its cash value. Charitable giving foundations and government arts funding agencies look at the ability of nonprofits to leverage individual donations through grassroots fundraising. These grantors like to see a broad spectrum of large and small donations from as many individuals as possible, to help measure the organization's value to the community they serve. That means a donation of even \$10 can make the difference in TPB being awarded a \$10,000 grant. The pledge drive will run through **June 4**. Pledges are payable through June 27 and may be paid by check or credit card at the studio or with our secure web-based donation system. Pledge forms are available at the studio and online at www.theportlandballet.org/Support/PledgeDrive, or by sending an email to pledge@theportlandballet.org. Watch for our new goal and cumulative pledge drive count in the lobby and on our website. We are honored to have your support and **thank you** for believing in The Portland Ballet!

Sincerely,

Nancy Davis, Artistic Director & Jim Lane, Managing Director

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Thank you for generously supporting The Portland Ballet!

