

All That Dance proudly presents
the second annual

Nightmare Before Christmas



Sunday, December 7, 2025 • 3 p.m.
Sinagua Middle School Main Auditorium

No photography or videotaping please. Thank you, ATD

Nightmare Before Christmas

While working as an animator for Disney, Tim Burton wrote this story as a poem back in 1982. He then began filming the story using a stop motion action technique. Disney agreed to release it with Touchstone Pictures, as they were concerned that it was too dark and scary for kids under the Disney label. In 2023, the film was selected for preservation in the US National Film Registry.

Tim Burton along with Danny Elfman, who provided the vocal talent of Jack Skellington, wrote the score and songs. The rest of the voice cast included Chris Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara, William Hickley, Paul Ruebens and Ed Ivory.

The movie premiered on October 9, 1993, with limited release on October 13th before it's wide theatrical release on October 29th. The film was met with commercial and critical success, earning praise for its innovative stop motion filming as an art form. It has since garnered a cult-like following. To this day, there is still talk of a sequel...

Now, all these years later, we have made this our new Fall tradition. We hope you enjoy our 2nd annual Fall show,

Jeff & Rhonda Harris

“Nightmare Before Christmas.” This ballet follows the misadventures of Jack Skellington, Halloween Town’s beloved Pumpkin King. Jack becomes bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the real world, when he stumbles upon Christmas Town! All the bright lights, seasonal colors and warm spirits give Jack a new lease on life. He plots to bring Christmas under his control by kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over that role. But Jack soon discovers that the best laid plans of mice and skeleton can go awry.

Cast

Jack	<i>Kylee Skelton</i>
Sally	<i>Melanie Morton</i>
Sandy Claws	<i>Kaelyn Wyard / Ashley Doering</i>
Zero	<i>Lexi Simon</i>
Oogie Boogie	<i>Cassidy Koppisch</i>
Lock	<i>Hailey Stenman</i>
Shock	<i>Kyleigh Smith</i>
Barrell	<i>Lexi Simon</i>
Dr. Finklestein	<i>Cassidy Koppisch</i>

Teachers

<i>Ryan Adamson</i>	<i>Clare Anderson</i>
<i>Ava Budish</i>	<i>Mabel Krueger</i>
<i>Tavi Sawulski</i>	<i>Kylee Skelton</i>
<i>Kyra Theisen</i>	<i>Sophia Young</i>

Original Story by Tim Burton

Music by Danny Elfman and others

Crew

Ballet Directors	<i>Clare Anderson & Sophia Young</i>
Music	<i>Ryan Adamson</i>
Lights	<i>Mabel Krueger</i>
Sets	<i>Roger & Emily Stenman</i>

Act 1 – Scene 1 Halloween Town

Jack Skellington has delivered another scary Halloween, but something is wrong...something is missing from his life. He is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles upon a strange circle of trees dancing, each one representing a holiday.

Opening (Adv. Ballet) Choreographed by Sophia Young

Elizabeth DeWitt

Ashley Doering

Morgan Eden

Lala Neal

Ciena Perez

Piper Robinson

Alana Westra

Kaelyn Wyard

This is Halloween Choreography by Sophia Young

Elizabeth DeWitt

Ashley Doering

Morgan Eden

Cassidy Koppisch

Melanie Morton

Lala Neal

Ciena Perez

Piper Robinson

Lexi Simon

Kylee Skelton

Kyleigh Smith

Hailey Stenman

Alana Westra

Kaelyn Wyard

Zero's Solo Choreographed by Clare Anderson

Lexi Simon

Jack's Lament Choreographed by Sophia Young

Kylee Skelton

Ghost Waltz Choreographed by Sophia Young

Melanie Morton

Kylee Skelton

Dr. Finklestein and Sally Choreographed by Clare Anderson

Cassidy Koppisch

Melanie Morton

Act 1 – Scene 2 Christmas Town

Jack opens a door and is sucked into Christmas Town. He is curious about everything he sees there. Dazzled by the community's festive euphoria, Jack embarks on a challenging mission. He wants to bring Christmas back to Halloween Town.

Jack Discovers the Forest Choreographed by Sophia Young

Elizabeth DeWitt

Ashley Doering

Morgan Eden

Lala Neal

Ciena Perez

Piper Robinson

Kylee Skelton

Alana Westra

Kaelyn Wyard

What's This? Choreographed by Sophia Young

Penny Brooks

Torin Clark

Emilia Erickson

Caitlyn Harper

Sophia Hernandez

Kaitlyn Markey

Valyrie Manske

Roseanna Morgan

Emma Napoleon

Maci Neal

Fern Robinson

Eydis Robison

Amelia Sanderlin

Maddy Westra

Santa Claus Choreographed by Clare Anderson

Kaelyn Wyard / Ashley Doering

Snowflakes (Jr. Co. Ballet) Choreographed by Clare Anderson

Penny Brooks

Caitlyn Harper

Valyrie Manske

Emma Napoleon

Amelia Sanderlin

Maddy Westra

Elves (Primary Ballet) Choreography by Ryan Adamson

Torin Clark

Emilia Erickson

Sophia Hernandez

Kaitlyn Markey

Roseanna Morgan

Maci Neal

Fern Robinson

Eydis Robison

Act 1 Scene 3 Halloween Town Meeting

Back in Halloween Town, Jack calls a meeting. He wants to explain to his ghoulish compatriots what they've been missing out on in life. Suddenly, Halloween Town is very passé. The citizens do not seem very impressed, so to draw them in, he makes some of the elements of Christmas sound scary. He then announces that they are taking over Christmas and starts assigning jobs. Lock, Shock and Barrell, Jack's top trick-or-treaters, are to kidnap Santa Claus, who he misnames as Sandy Claws. Sally is to make a red Santa suit. She tries to tell him that copying Christmas is a bad idea, but Jack is too wrapped up in his own enthusiasm to listen to reason.

Town Meeting Choreographed by Clare Anderson & Sophia Young

Freya Beck

Quinn Beck

Sophia Beck

Lila Ceballos

Eliana Devoy

Tyla Hoffa

Cassidy Koppisch

Melanie Morton

Gavin Napoleon

Olivia Ann Napoleon

Kylee Skelton
Hailey Stenman

Kyleigh Smith
Kaelyn Wyard

Witches (Teen Ballet) Choreographed by Ava Budish

Quinn Beck
Lila Ceballos
Olivia Ann Napoleon

Sophia Beck
Tyla Hoffa

Something's Up with Jack Choreographed by Sophia Young

Kylee Skelton

Making a Costume Choreographed by Sophia Young

Melanie Morton

Kylee Skelton

To Kidnap Sandy Claws Choreographed by Sophia Young

Lexi Simon
Hailey Stenman

Kyleigh Smith

Vampires (Jr. Ballet) Choreography by Clare Anderson

Freya Beck
Gavin Napoleon

Valerie Devoy

INTERMISSION

Please visit the lobby for refreshments for sale from the ATD
Booster Club. *All proceeds benefit ATD Company dancers in
their 2025-2026 competition season.*

Please no food or drink in the auditorium.

Bottled water is acceptable.

Act 2 Scene 1 Turning Halloween Town into Christmas

The fiendish trio returns triumphantly with Santa Claus, who surprises Jack by having hands rather than claws. He directs the kidnappers to take Santa away and make him comfortable, but they give him to Oogie Boogie instead. Sally presents a red suit for Jack but doesn't have the hat. She then tries to sabotage the event but Zero, who happens to have a glowing nose, comes to the rescue.

Run Run Rudolph Choreographed by Sophia Young

Lexi Simon

Kyleigh Smith

Hailey Stenman

Kaelyn Wyard / Ashley Doering

Reindeer (PreK Ballet) Choreography by Kylee Skelton

Avery Huthwaite

Ella Huthwaite

Vivian Perry

Amara Sevilla

Ellie Speer

Marisol Tsosie

Making Christmas Choreographed by Clare Anderson and Sophia Young

Quinn Beck

Sophia Beck

Lila Ceballos

Elizabeth DeWitt

Ashley Doering

Morgan Eden

Tyla Hoffa

Olivia Ann Napoleon

Lala Neal

Ciena Perez

Piper Robinson

Alana Westra

Christmas Presents (P&K Ballet) Choreography by Tavi Sawulski

Tatum Armstrong

Clara Chadwell

Elowen Erickson

Celeste Hernandez

Savannah Moe

Ember Trout

Oogie Boogie Choreographed by Sophia Young

Cassidy Koppisch

Oogie Boogie's Bugs (Kinder Ballet) Choreographed by Mabel Krueger

Sailor Clark

Sawyer Keogh

Kinsley Knight

Melaney Lipp

Eavie Riepe

Lucy To

Sally's Song Choreographed by Clare Anderson

Melanie Morton

Act 2 Scene 2 Christmas Eve

Jack delivers Christmas but doesn't really get it. His idea of a keen gift for a small child is a brick instead of a toy. He grabs his Santa sack filled with creepy toys and spreads mayhem and terror at every house he visits. Sally figures the only way to save Jack is to sneak into Oogie Boogie's lair and free Santa! As the town forces Jack to leave, he searches for Santa Claus to set Christmas right.

Poor Jack Choreographed by Clare Anderson & Sophia Young

Kylee Skelton

Lexi Simon

The Chase Choreographed by Sophia Young

Sailor Clark

Sawyer Keogh

Cassidy Koppisch

Kinsley Knight

Melaney Lipp

Eavie Riepe

Kylee Skelton

Lucy To

The Rescue

Jack surprises Oogie Boogie, frees Sally and Santa, and unravels Zero in a decisive showdown.

Sailor Clark

Sawyer Keogh

Cassidy Koppisch

Kinsley Knight

Melaney Lipp

Eavie Riepe

Kylee Skelton

Lucy To

Kaelyn Wyard / Ashley Doering

Christmas is Saved Choreographed by Sophia Young

Santa scolds Jack about trying to take over a holiday that isn't his. Jack and Sally return home to Halloween town just in time for Santa to wave his Christmas magic and restore the town.

Simply Meant to Be Choreographed by Sophia Young

Jack and Sally realize they were meant to be together in Halloween Town.

Melanie Morton

Kylee Skelton

Kaelyn Wyard / Ashley Doering

Curtain Call

All dancers

Thank you to our 2025-2026 Company sponsors!



Join us for our annual spring show, "Back to Broadway" on May 3, 2026 at 3 pm at Sinagua Middle School