



# The State Ballet of Rhode Island

RI's First Established Classical Ballet Company  
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Artistic Director, **Herci Marsden**, is pleased to announce **The State Ballet of Rhode Island's Annual Open Audition** for aspiring young children who would like to participate in the company's 52<sup>nd</sup> Performing Season production of ***Coppelia***, the enchanting love story of the dancing doll. The audition for small children's participation will be held on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 am-12:30pm and **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, at the historic **State Ballet Studio in Lincoln, RI** as well as at **Cardi's Furniture on Newport Ave. in South Attleboro**, on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** from 4-7 pm; for ages 6-11, with at least one year of ballet training, intermediate level students ages 8-14, and for boys with little or no ballet training, ages 7 and up. Audition attire for boys is white t-shirt, tights or sweat pants and white ballet technique shoes. Audition attire for girls is ballet leotard, tights and black or pink technique shoes; pointe shoes are needed for those who are proficient on pointe. Registration and a \$15.00 audition fee is preferred in advance, but will be accepted at time of audition. Only one audition date is needed. If cast, rehearsals are most Fridays until December performances, at The State Ballet of RI studio in Lincoln, RI. Three performances of ***Coppelia***, will be performed at The Auditorium at Roberts Hall, RI College in Providence, RI on December 9, 10, 2011.

Give your student the opportunity to take part in a favorite Rhode Island tradition and cultural treasure, with the State's longest standing classical ballet company, **The State Ballet of Rhode Island**. For more information about *Coppelia* audition/rehearsal schedule, please visit [www.stateballet.com](http://www.stateballet.com), email [info@stateballet.com](mailto:info@stateballet.com), or call 401.334.2560.

Set to music by Leo Delibes, enhance your families holiday season with *Swanhilda* and *Frantz*, the mysterious toy-maker named Dr. Coppelius with his life size dancing dolls and the "happily forever after wedding celebration".

***Coppelia*** is sponsored in part by the **RI State Council on the Arts, Rhode Island PBS, Stanley Tree Service Inc., Cardi's Furniture and Asia Grille.**

