THE CAROUSEL DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

The Snowman & The Snowdog

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES – MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2026

Humanities Theatre, Theatres at UWaterloo

200 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1

PERFORMANCE 1 – 10:00-11:30AM
PERFORMANCE 2 – 12:15-1:45PM

The Carousel Dance Company is a children's dance group. There are 75 dancers ranging in age from 7 to 18 years and the group performs locally, nationally and internationally. In 2011, the company premiered its beautiful interpretation of *The Snowman*, based on the book by Raymond Briggs. In carrying on with this holiday tradition, the company created *The Snowman and the Snowdog* in 2013 which is based on a sequel to the movie *The Snowman*. This performance uses dance and movement to bring the story to life and is filled with humour, audience participation and some unexpected surprises. The performance is an excellent opportunity for school aged children to view a live dance performance and develop an appreciation of the arts.

A brief introduction to the performance will introduce students to the role of the choreographer and will engage their thought process by inviting them to watch for movement phrases, dynamics, costuming and music choices that help the choreographer to portray story through dance. As part of the performance, the students will be invited to participate from the audience in a movement phrase that is designed to create the illusion of the theatre filling with snow. This movement phrase will be taught to the children immediately preceding the performance and will be performed "flash-mob" style with cueing from our on-stage dancers. Following the performance, there will be a brief talk back session and our company dancers and choreographers will answer questions from the students.

The performance of *The Snowman and the Snow Dog* is suitable for children in Grades JK-6. Tickets for the performance are **$8.85+HST** per child. There is no charge for tickets for adult volunteers and teachers, but seats for these individuals must be **booked in advance** to ensure enough seating for all our audience members.

To book tickets for your students to see *The Snowman and The Snowdog:* **Complete this request form**

Questions? Please email dancecompanyinfo@carouseldancecentre.ca

We can't wait to see you at the show!
Heidi Churchill & Brianne Mauro
Carousel Dance Company Co-Directors

Animated film plot (adapted from Wikipedia)

The story begins similarly to The Snowman, at the house where James (the boy from The Snowman) used to live, which was once situated in open countryside but in this setting is located in a bustling housing estate.

On a summer's day a young boy named Billy and his mother arrive at the house, which they have just moved into. As autumn arrives it becomes apparent that Billy's dog has died and one can see the family burying him in the back garden. With Christmas approaching Billy writes to Father Christmas in the form of a hand-drawn picture; the one and only thing he asks for is another dog. In his excitement, at the prospect of posting the letter, he stumbles over a loose floorboard in his bedroom and beneath it discovers some toys and a small box tied with tinsel. Within the box he finds a photo of James and the Snowman along with the original scarf, hat, coal lumps and a dried satsuma (once the Snowman's nose).

As Billy realizes his discovery he peers out of the window and it has begun to snow. He rushes out to build the Snowman. Adding the final touches to his creation he decides that the original dried satsuma is long past its usefulness so, he claims a fresh one from a fruit bowl in the kitchen. He finally completes the Snowman and in memory of his own dog uses the remaining snow to build a little snowdog, next to the Snowman, with mismatching socks for ears, gloves for spots and the discarded satsuma as the little dog's nose.

Night time approaches and Billy goes to bed. As the grandfather clock strikes twelve, he is awoken by the barking of a dog in the garden. Billy looks out of his bedroom window, and is astonished to notice the Snowdog waggle an ear at him. As Billy rushes downstairs he finds, to his surprise, that his cold companions have miraculously come to life. The Snowman & The Snowdog enter Billy's house to explore, but before too long Billy realizes that the Snowdog started to melt and they head back outside.

It isn't long before the three of them are off into the air to visit the annual snowman party in the frozen north. By the time the Snowman, Snowdog and Billy reach the gathering, the party is in full swing with many familiar faces from the original.

As the sun starts to rise, and the Snowman signals their departure, another snowman discovers the letter from Billy and whispers into Father Christmas's ear. From his sleigh Father Christmas reveals a small present which he gives to Billy. Upon arriving home, Billy opens his present. It's a collar, which he puts on the Snowdog. The Snowdog turns into a real dog and they both bid the Snowman a fond farewell and retire for the night. The next morning, Billy awakes to find the Snowman has sadly melted.