



Cast from 'La Boutique fantasque' pose ahead of Saturday's event.

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Astoria School of Ballet to host kid-friendly event on Saturday

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Every year, Astoria School of Ballet excitedly waits to share a new performance with more than 2,000 students in the area.

Because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions, something new is afoot for the school, specially curated for the Astoria Art Walk on Saturday. Students will have a chance to see

Astoria School of Ballet's annual show — but in an unexpected, fun way.

"We're doing things differently," said Margaret Wall, the owner of Astoria School of Ballet. "The schools have been offering students what they call 'engagement activities' for students outside of class time. We've planned an engagement activity for the whole community ... during art walk, we'll be hosting a scavenger hunt downtown, for students, families, and any and all that want to participate."

Astoria School of Ballet will have characters from its ballet, "La Boutique fan-

tasque," — which translates to "The Fantastic Toyshop" — posed in various storefront windows downtown.

Participants will get a map with clues, collect stickers when they find a character and compete to win small prizes. Following the hunt, Astoria School of Ballet will reveal a sneak peak of a video of a recent live performance the school did at the Liberty Theatre. Later that evening, the prerecorded virtual performance of the ballet can be viewed safely and comfortably from home, Wall said.

"This is a Liberty Theatre and community-sponsored event," Wall said. "We are only

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Astoria School of Ballet performance
3 to 5 p.m. Saturday in downtown Astoria

able to put it on with the support of the Liberty and our wonderful community."

Access to the link and show will be free for everyone. Donations will be accepted.

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