Coppelia has been performed around the world for over 150 years. It is a charming and comical ballet for all ages. Coppelia is based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann entitled “Der Sandmann,” which was published in 1815. The ballet premiered in 1870 at the Paris Opera to a musical score by Leo Delibes. The Coppelia story evolved from traveling shows of the late 18th and early 19th centuries starring mechanical automatons.

The ballet is set in an old world village. It is about a girl named Coppelia who sits on her balcony all day reading. She is, in fact, not a girl at all, but a very realistic life-sized doll lovingly created by the eccentric toy maker, Dr. Coppelius. Not realizing Coppelia is not human, a local boy named Franz falls deeply in love with her and wants to marry her, even though he is already engaged to another girl.

Curious, his betrothed Swanhilda sneaks into Dr. Coppelius’ workshop and there she learns the truth - Coppelia is a doll! Unexpectedly Dr. Coppelius returns. From her hiding place Swanhilda sees that Franz is in danger of falling under Dr. Coppelius’ spell. She frantically dresses up in Coppelia’s clothing and pretends to be the doll in an effort to distract him.

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