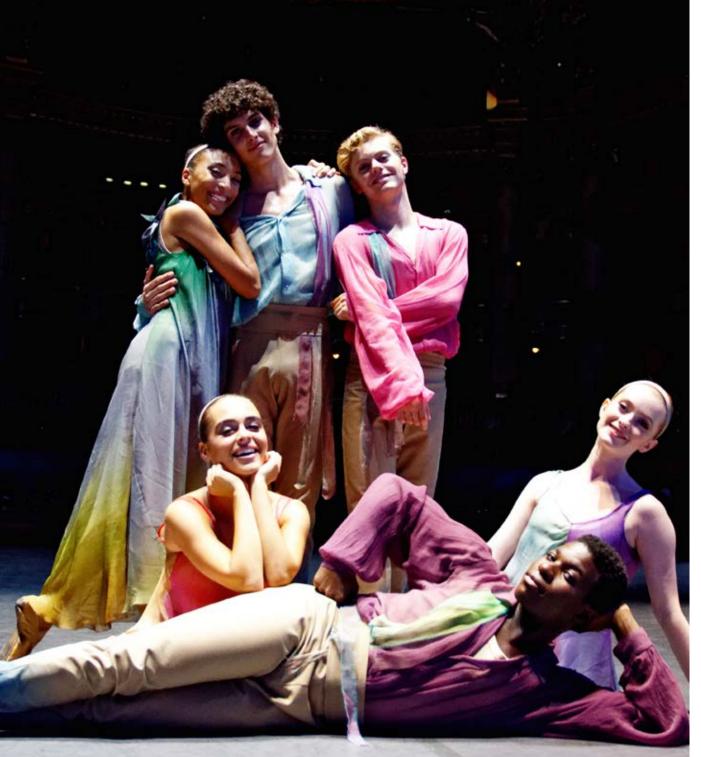


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## ABOUT

Format Season 1: 26 x 26' Format Season 2: 13 x 24' Genre/Subgenre: Fantasy/Junior Target Audience: Tween/Teen 10+ Technique: Live action

Focus/ Themes/Tonality: Dance, Magic, Comedy, Drama

What makes the program special? (USPs):

Join Cece on her journey to become a Wizen in Spellbound, a captivating series about a young American dancer navigating the challenges of her new life as a witch at the prestigious Paris Opera Ballet School. With a mix of romance, friendship and magic, this series will leave you spellbound from start to finish!

#### DANCE, SCHOOL, MAGIC, PARIS, COMPETITION, SPELLS, FRIENDSHIP, ROMANCE, TEENAGERS, FANTASY

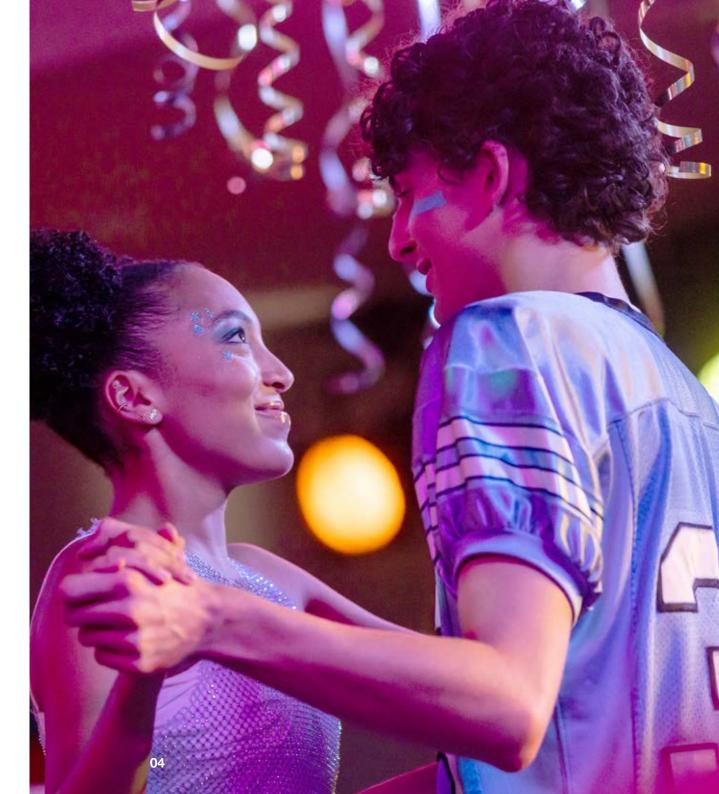
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## **SYNOPSIS**

#### **SEASON 1**

When Cece Parker Jones, a vivacious 15 year old relocates from a small town in the US to France to study at the Paris Opera Ballet School, she's on top of the world.

But things turn upside down when she discovers a book of family spells in the back room of her Aunt Ginger's apothecary. While snooping through the book, she unknowingly casts the antidote to a protection spell that has been hiding her identity since she was a little girl. And in doing so, she summons her nemesis. This spit-fire teen must juggle the pressures of an elite ballet school, learning new techniques she's never studied before, keeping up with her intense academics, not to mention her new friendships and maybe a cute boy... or two, as well as her incredible ability to activate magic, while keeping this a secret for only her closest friends.





## SYNOPSIS

#### SEASON 2

It's a new year at the Paris Opera Ballet School, Cece starts Second Division with a vow to focus solely on ballet. But all that changes when a new magic takes hold inside her. Cece must balance both magics, Wizen and Mystic, and work harder than ever to rise to the top of her art in ballet, but also hip-hop! She will face new challenges, new magic tricks, a new romance and even a new roommate! This mysterious Jade, coming from Australia, is likely to shake things up a lot at the barre and in their social lives. Mia also has a lot to explore about her new magic skills, while the dance pression is harder than ever for Simone, Finn, Jack and Benoit! With Amy and Lola's help, and Lizzie and Ginger never too far, Cece will need to dig deep into Wizen history to figure out who she is, and maybe even more.



# CECE PARKER-JONES

Cece is a funny, vivacious, powerful dynamo. Born and raised in a small town just outside of Boston, Cece's spent her whole life dreaming about ballet, unaware of her magical identity. Cece is a Wizen, a witch with untapped potential, she slowly discovers how to juggle dance and magic. Cece soon learns that not only is she the Wise One, the most powerful Wizen in the world, she's also part Mystic and must wrestle with the inner conflict of being part of a lineage she's been trained to fear.

# SIMONE SOUTER

Simone's a fiercely competitive dancer who keeps herself grounded with her spiritual practices, which include consulting with her trusted Tarot cards. She is Cece's instant BFF and Mia's main rival. A lover of the environment, Simone repurposes her vintage clothing with her growing sewing skills. When she learns that Cece's a Wizen, she doesn't doubt it for a second and is there to help in any situation. It doesn't hurt that she falls fast and hard for Lola, one of the Wizens sent to train Cece.

# MIA BANKS

Smart as a whip, a killer dancer, and lover of rules. A type-A personality to her core who feels safest when things are meticulously planned, in hard-copy, and laminated. While she may come off as cold, she is just misunderstood, making it harder to make friends with her competitors. It's not until she meets Cece that she understands real friendship, and her relationship with Jack helps bring her into the friend group as well. Mia's in for a big surprise when she learns that she's a Wizen too! She needs to learn what that means, and accept that being a Wizen means that not every detail in life can be planned and laminated!

# JACK RYDER

He has a photographic memory and can memorize any choreography after only seeing it once, making his roommate Benoit totally insane. Jack is used to being the best, so he's challenged when an injury forces him to take a back seat, giving Benoit a chance to shine. The boys rivalry makes for a rocky start but soon realize their competitiveness helps them both excel and become reluctant besties.

# BENOIT DUCASSE

Born and raised in Paris, the son of a ballroom dancer who is a natural fit at the Paris Opera Ballet School. A rigorous student with a clear vision to make company, he is willing to work twice as hard as Jack to make his dream come true. What he doesn't expect his how Cece will loosen up his rigid persona, causing him to learn to have a little fun, even eventually becoming besties with his rival and roommate Jack.

# FINN CASSIDY

Finn's not only a MENSA level brainiac that speaks multiple languages fluently (making him the resident tutor for all), he is an excellent dancer too. Not one to be put in a box, Finn breaks the traditional gender roles in ballet. He is also the host of his own podcast, Jeté Minute, where he chronicles all things dance at school.

## THE WIZENS

Teenage Wizens who are nothing like their grandmothers before them. They are determined to take their magic out of hiding and they need Cece to step into her role as the Wise One to accomplish their mission. They are tasked with training Cece with as much Wizen knowledge as possible before Cece's eventual Introduction Ceremony.

# ADRIAN STONE

Adrian is a Mystic but not a very well trained hunter like his older brother Kevin. More book smart, Adrian studies his way into outsmarting the Wizens, hoping to save Kevin from the dark "Unknown".

# JADE HUDSON

A high-level Mystic sent in by her mother to befriend Cece, make her choose her Mystic side, and bring her home, with the promise of becoming Mystic Empress as her reward. Jade soon learns that Cece's dad David and her mom Zoe were once paired. When David gave up his magic to marry Lizzie, Zoe lost her magic completely. Jade realizes not only did her mother have a secret agenda, but the Mystic crown was never hers, it was always going to be Cece's. Jade takes matters into her own hands



### AUNT GINGER

Cece's eccentric aunt who runs the W Apothecary in Paris, the family business fronting as an essential oil shop. Ginger isn't prepared when her sister Lizzie sends Cece to live with her, but she quickly steps into the protective aunt role.

#### **LIZZIE JONES**

The founder and owner of W Apothecary, Lizzie is a protective mother above all. Determined to hide the truth about Cece, Lizzie sends her to live in Paris with Ginger, never once telling her daughter that she is also Wizen practicing magic in plain sight. When Cece discovers the truth, their mother/daughter bond is tested to the max. Once everything is right in their world again, chaos ensues when Cece realizes she's part Mystic and Lizzie has to eventually admit how.









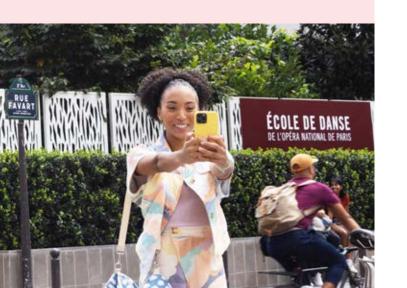
# EPISODES SEASON 1

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#### **SEASON 1 EP 1** W stands for wizen

Cece's first day at the Paris Opera Ballet School turns into a disaster when she discovers that her place is in jeopardy after an administrative error. Things get worse when she discovers a book of spells in the back room of her Aunt Ginger's apothecary. Apparently, she's a real witch! Struggling to navigate these newfound revelations, Cece focuses on training to preserve her place at the school.



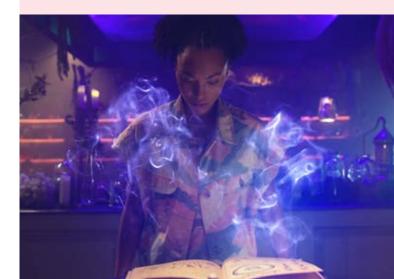


#### SEASON 1 EP 2 Magic Malaise

Lola and Amy are convinced that Cece is the Wise One, the most powerful witch in the world, and attempt to persuade her to begin her magical training. But Cece remains determined to solely focus on dance as she continues to strive for her spot at the school. When she's paired with a reluctant Benoit, she desperately casts a spell hoping to thin her competition, but things don't go as planned.

#### SEASON 1 EP 3 Tage the Stage

It's D-day for Cece as she performs on the Garnier stage for the last round of auditions. Facing a crisis of confidence, she uses magic given to her by the Wizens, that only interferes with her performance. At the same time, Adrian, a Mystic hunter and Ginger's new W employee, attempts to drain Cece's magic while she performs in order to save his brother from a magical prison.



## EPISODES SEASON 2

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#### **SEASON 2 EP 1**

**Mystic Invasion** 

It's a new year at the Paris Opera Ballet School! And what a start! While Cece has to deal with her growing Mystic magic, Ginger and Lizzie fear that it's putting her in grave danger. The arrival of a new student, Jade, upsets everything: she masterminds one of Cece's best friend's departure for a semester in... Australia! Doing so, she becomes Cece's new roommate. But what could she have in mind?





#### **SEASON 2 EP 2** The Wizen Archives

As a new Wizen, Mia has a ton of questions about her new magical potential while Cece is just as concerned about her growing powers. And there's no better place to find such answers than the mythical Wizen archives. Sadly, some discoveries could turn into bitter pills to swallow... In the meantime, Jade has some left-over Mystic business and needs to take care of it. This girl is on a mission!

#### SEASON 2 EP 3 Merge the Call

Cece accidentally teleports herself in the headquarters of her former Mystic's nemesis, Adrian. Even worse, she accidentally takes Amy with her! No longer alone in her secret, Cece must find a way to get them out of this nightmarish place. Meanwhile, Jade and Mia challenge themselves in a plié-relevé contest. But is it really a dance battle or a battle of egos?





#### **SEASON 2 EP 4** Dancing in Paris

Mia attempts to find her Wizen specialty through a series of experiments with disastrous results. Armando gives the class an extra credit assignment to do over the weekend. Jade 'runs into' Cece on the streets of Paris and suggests they film each other, in order to get closer to Cece. Meanwhile, Lola works on Mystic research, much to Amy's discomfort, as she worries Cece in danger.

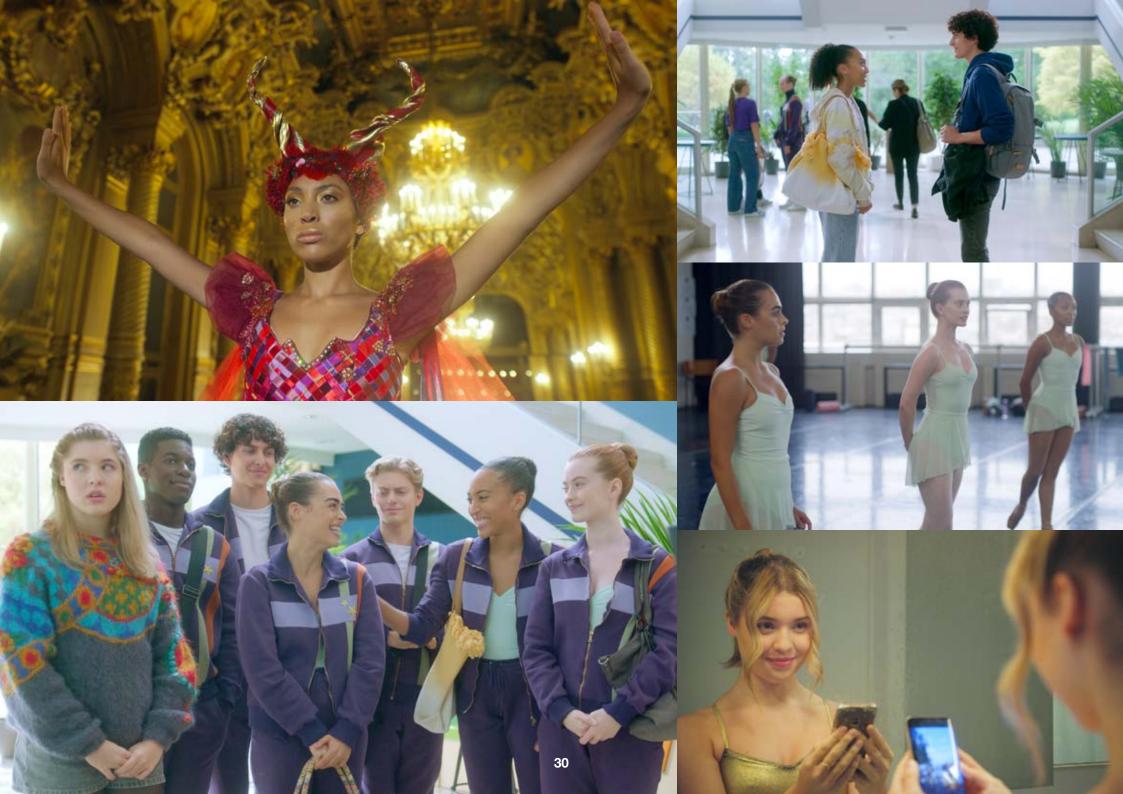
















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