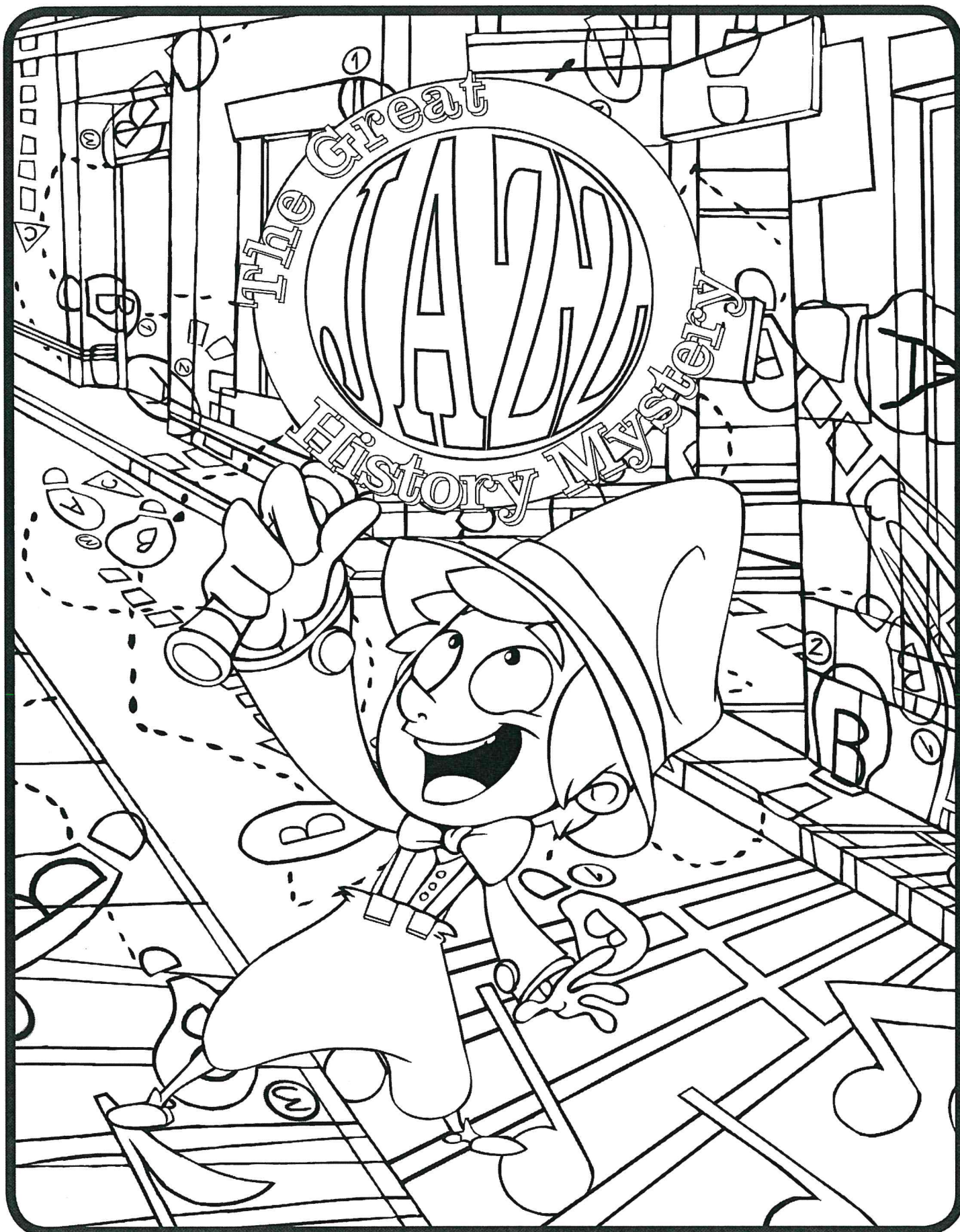
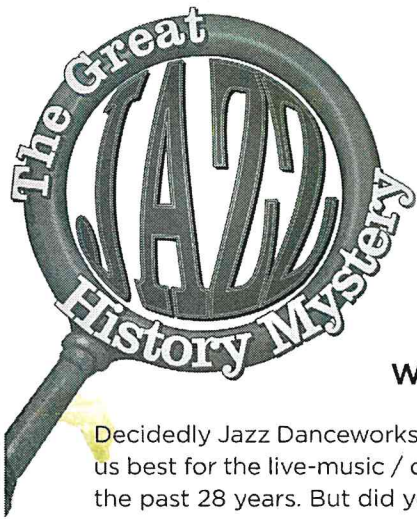


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WELCOME... TO THE GREAT JAZZ HISTORY MYSTERY.

Decidedly Jazz Danceworks is dedicated to exploring, evolving and promoting the art of jazz dance. Many of you may know us best for the live-music / dance shows that we have been creating, touring, and performing on main stages in Calgary for the past 28 years. But did you know that educational programming has also been a vitally important component of DJD's broad mandate since the very beginning? Our passionate quest to reclaim and reignite the traditions and spirit of jazz encompasses research, teaching and training, as well as the creation of original live-music / dance productions.

As early as our second year of existence we were creating shows designed for young people. In 1992 we created a show called , which has been performed in school gymnasiums to a collective audience of more than 100,000 young people over the past 19 years. This year, with special funding from The Calgary Foundation and Alberta Lotteries, we are thrilled to have had the opportunity to create a new kids' show .

After this weekend of public performances, will start its new life as our official school touring production, introducing a brand new fleet of young audiences to the authentic roots and boundless future of the art form we love so dearly - jazz.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE GREAT JAZZ HISTORY MYSTERY.

The Great Jazz History Mystery...

It began in May of this year. Vicki Adams Willis, Cory Bowles, Sarisa F. de Toledo and I got together for four days of mad brainstorming. In late August, Cory and I took the reins and we've been riding this crazy animal ever since. Inspired by Dr. Seuss, early Looney Tunes and the ideas that came together in May, we present to you...dah dah dah da da da daaaahhhh...*The Great Jazz History Mystery!!!* - or guhjuhuhhhmmm (GJHM) as we affectionately call it. It's been a wild and extremely collaborative ride.

For starters, Cory Bowles is practically a cartoon himself - he can pull ANY character out of his body, then flip it, spin it and twirl it and make instant magic. I'm sure you will agree his writing and narration are fantastic. The DJD dancers have once again proven that they can do pretty much anything; they have animated themselves with such force that I almost expect any one of them will figure out how to pull a hole out of their pocket and jump into it. I have worked with Natalie Purschwitz on every show I've choreographed for DJD minus one, and again she has blown my mind with her ability to make costumes and props that are so unbelievably perfect. Standing ovations all around and particularly to Vicki and Sarisa who really made everything come together.

For weeks now I've had that Bugs Bunny theme song in my head. "Overture, curtains, lights, this is it, the night of nights..."

For Herman*

*Herman was the lovable main character from *Live & In Sync*



Kimberley Cooper

DJD ARTISTIC ASSOCIATE AND RESIDENT CHOREOGRAPHER
AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER OF GJHM

THE GREAT JAZZ HISTORY MYSTERY

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WRITTEN AND NARRATED BY: **CORY BOWLES**
MUSIC COMPOSED BY: **RUBIM DE TOLEDO AND CORY BOWLES**
MUSIC RECORDED BY:

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TYLER HORNBY (DRUMS),
JIM BRENNAN (SAXOPHONES), BOB TILDESLEY (TRUMPET)**
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COSTUME AND PROP DESIGN: **NATALIE PURSCHWITZ**
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