

2.40 BIRDS BALLET

01:01 Hello! I'm Toby, the butterfly. I have another date with my friend Cezar! He loves playing in the garden! This is where we meet and I tell him stories. Today I'm going to tell him about some small and coloured ducks, about three rival swans and about the peacocks that put on their spring clothes.

01:46 Cezar, would you like to learn more about other special birds ? Well, now I'll tell you about the swans.

01:55 All the kids know how the ugly duck turned into a beautiful white swan. There are black swans too. The three swans I'm about to tell Cezar about live together in a poultry farm.

02:15 They are not quite friends because they are from different species. But they're helpless, they have to share a home.

02:25 The black ones are younger and pretty confident in themselves, but the white swan is shy like a ballerina. They are very beautiful and gracious when they are floating on the water, but on land they have a clumsy, swinging gait.

02:42 I'm sure that the famous composer Tchaikovsky saw them floating when he wrote Swan Lake. Actually, they only dance when they get ready for a family. A real family, like humans have: mother, father and the kids.

03:06 They say the mandarin ducks have the most beautiful colours. Look at the brown and green crest! They have a white line along the eyes and a red beak, so they're really beautiful.

03:23 The mandarin ducks come from Eastern Asia and Japan, but people brought them to Europe also. They build their nest in the hollows of the trees and do you know what's funny ? The little ducks go to the water when they are only one day old. And one more thing. The mandarin ducks are considered a symbol of love and fidelity.

03:58 Now, my dear Cezar, the big surprise! The peacocks. Get ready for a real show!

04:08 The peacocks are very sensitive, but really friendly! They get to love people who have admired them for a very long time. Although the peahens don't have so many colours on the feathers, the peacocks make this show to impress them. Actually, only the

mature ones are so beautiful, because they don't have a tail until the age of three. The peacock only dances on sunny weather and sometimes, his dance can last the whole day.

04:47 First, he fluffs out and flaps his feet, then he opens the tail to show it to the peahen and seduce her. He takes a rest and then he starts rotating the tail in the air like he's the king of the poultry yard. He's like a sun that gives light to everybody. That's why they say the peacocks' wedding brings about the spring. The coloured fan is green-blue or bright white. The feathers are up to one meter and a half.

5:20 Cezar, I hope you liked my stories, and if you did, see you tomorrow!