

CINCINNATI *Ballet*

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CINCINNATI BALLET PRESENTS *CINCY DANCES IN WASHINGTON PARK*
*Over 1,200 Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky third grade students join together at
Washington Park for community dance event*

CINCINNATI, OH. Cincinnati Ballet, through the generous support of ArtsWave, Interact for Health and Procter & Gamble, presents *Cincy Dances in Washington Park* on May 21 at 12:00 pm at Washington Park. Over 1,200 local third grade students from Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky schools will learn a dance set to a mash-up of classical and contemporary music—including a surprise, current Top 40 hit—and share in a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime collaborative community experience. The entire Greater Cincinnati Community is invited to participate on May 21.

“Our goal is to share the importance of healthy behaviors with kids, using dance and ballet as the vehicle,” says Julie Sunderland, Director of Education & Outreach at Cincinnati Ballet. “Exercise is vital, and this is such a fun way to do it! This day will expose kids to new ways of forming healthy habits and reinforce the fact that dance is a fun way to get into shape.”

Cincinnati Ballet’s Education & Outreach program currently reaches over 52,000 people annually, through a variety of programming including school, church and community center demonstrations. This event is open not only to children but to the Greater Cincinnati community as a whole. Each third grader from a participating school will be provided with a free and healthy lunch, courtesy of the event sponsors and a colorful, commemorative t-shirt generously provided by Rumpke. Community members are encouraged to bring their lunch to Washington Park to observe and participate. In addition to the performance at the heart of the event, *Cincy Dances in Washington Park* will feature performances from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Opera and other local artists.

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“We are hoping that people will take it upon themselves to watch the dance-along videos, learn the dance, join us for lunch on the lawn at Washington Park, and have a day of memorable shared community experience!” says Sunderland.

To learn the dance in advance, please visit cballet.org/washingtonparkdance and get ready to bust a move with Cincinnati Ballet on May 21 in Washington Park!

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About Cincinnati Ballet

Since 1963, Cincinnati Ballet has been the cornerstone professional ballet company of the region, presenting a bold and adventurous array of classical, full-length ballets and contemporary works, regularly with live orchestral accompaniment. Under the artistic direction of Victoria Morgan, Cincinnati Ballet has become a creative force within the larger dance community, commissioning world premiere works and exploring unique collaborations with artists as diverse as Grammy-winning guitarist Peter Frampton and popular, Ohio-based band Over the Rhine. With a mission to inspire hope and joy in our community and beyond through the power and passion of dance, Cincinnati Ballet reaches beyond the stage in programs that allow every person in the region to be part of the continued evolution of dance. To that end, Cincinnati Ballet presents exhilarating performances, extensive education outreach programs and offers top level professional ballet training at Cincinnati Ballet Otto M. Budig Academy.

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