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CINCINNATI BALLET PRESENTS THE RETURN OF THE POPULAR *MOZART'S REQUIEM*
FAMILY FRIENDLY *BALLET TOYBOX* FEATURES SECOND COMPANY IN ONE DAY ONLY
PERFORMANCE

CINCINNATI, OH. The visually stunning *Mozart's Requiem*, with choreography by Cincinnati Ballet Resident Choreographer **Adam Houglan**, comes to the **Aronoff Center, Friday March 20 at 8pm and Saturday March 21 at 2pm and 8pm.** **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's** powerful *Requiem Mass* is performed by the **Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra**, conducted by **Maestro Carmon DeLeone**, and features the **Xavier University Concert Choir**. A family favorite, *Ballet Toybox* returns for one performance only on Sunday, **March 22 at 2pm** at the Aronoff Center.

Long-time collaborator and Resident Choreographer Adam Houglan has choreographed several world premieres and new pieces in addition to his masterful, full-length *Mozart's Requiem*. In 2011 he created a brand new production of *The Firebird* specifically for Cincinnati Ballet, and the same year was named one of Dance Magazine's "25 to Watch." A Cincinnati audience favorite, his work is frequently featured in *The Kaplan New Works Series*. He most recently contributed his talent to the collaborative performance of *Over the Rhine Live* and a piece in *Frampton and Cincinnati Ballet Live*, which was also performed in New York City in 2014.

"Adam's familiarity with our company dancers has earned him their complete devotion," says Artistic Director & CEO, Victoria Morgan. "Following the dramatic arc of the music, he has melded his trademark passionate and theatrical style to a brand-new creation that reflects the solemnity of life's cycles and embodies the power and intensity of Mozart's ultimately uplifting score."

Houglan's frequent collaborator Marion Williams, who holds the 2004 Princess Grace award for design, created the spectacular original sets and costume design. Costumes are constructed by Cincinnati Ballet Wardrobe Mistress Diana Vandergriff-Adams and the Cincinnati Ballet Wardrobe Department. Mozart's moving score features the Xavier University Concert Choir performing the Latin liturgical setting for the Requiem with vocal soloists Lisa Ericksen, Soprano; Catherine Fishlock, Mezzo-Soprano; Cameo Humes, Tenor; and Kenneth Shaw, Bass.

MEET THE ARTISTS

Cincinnati Ballet is pleased to offer Meet the Artists, a pre-performance discussion series where audiences will have the opportunity to meet choreographers, dancers and members of the creative team. This event is free to anyone with a *Mozart's Requiem* ticket, and will take place Friday, March 20 at 7pm in Procter & Gamble Hall at the Aronoff Center. Attendees must present *Mozart's Requiem* ticket for admission.

PERFORMANCE DATES AND INFORMATION

WHO: Cincinnati Ballet
Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, performed by the Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Carmon DeLeone, accompanied by Xavier University Concert Choir • **Costume and Scenic Design:** Marion Williams • **Lighting:** Trad A Burns

WHAT: *Mozart's Requiem*

WHEN: Friday, March 20 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 21 - 2:00 pm
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WHERE: Aronoff Center for the Arts
650 Walnut Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

HOW: Call 513.621.5282, visit cballet.org or visit the Cincinnati Ballet Box Office at 1555 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45214
Tickets start at \$32

Ballet Toybox

Returning to the Aronoff Center for a fourth season, *Ballet Toybox* offers an exciting opportunity to introduce children from ages 3 to 12 to the joy of dance on March 22 at 2pm. An interactive performance featuring the Cincinnati Ballet Second Company in a mix of ballet and storybook classics, *Ballet Toybox* offers a fun way to experience dance and even learn a few moves of your own! Performances include excerpts from *ALICE (in wonderland)* and *Peter Pan*, an exciting contemporary piece by popular choreographer Jennifer Archibald and more. At under an hour and only \$20 a ticket, *Ballet Toybox* is the perfect afternoon event where the whole family can learn about the essential elements that make up the beauty, humor and inspiring discipline of dance.

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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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