

# CLEVELAND BALLET

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## CLEVELAND BALLET ANNOUNCES ITS 2022-2023 SEASON AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

**CLEVELAND, OH** - Cleveland Ballet is pleased to announce its 2022-2023 season which will have the distinct honor of being the first season that all ballets are performed at Playhouse Square's Connor Palace Theatre.

The company will begin its season with Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. The ballet is the love story of Prince Siegfried, who on a hunting trip, encounters a flock of swans. He falls in love with the Swan Queen, Odette, and swears his allegiance and undying love to her. As a result of a curse by the evil sorcerer Baron von Rothbart, Odette can only take human form between midnight and daybreak. *Swan Lake* will have two performances: Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Following *Swan Lake* is the treasured holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker*. A production suitable to audiences of all ages, this production is Cleveland's very own and is one to not be missed. The ballet in 2 acts is based on the original story of E.T.A. Hoffman with music composed by Tchaikovsky. The fascination of Tchaikovsky's score and the suitability of the theme for Christmas entertainment has inspired many choreographers including Cleveland Ballet's own Artistic Director Gladisa Guadalupe who has created a version with a twist. *The Nutcracker* will have seven performances through Thursday, December 15 to Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Closing out the season will be George Balanchine's *Serenade* and *Spring Collection*. *Serenade* - a staple of New York City Ballet's repertoire - is George Balanchine's first original ballet created in America and the Balanchine Trust has graciously granted the company the honor to perform this ballet for the first time. Named after its music, Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C major for String Orchestra, *Serenade* tells its story musically and choreographically, without any extraneous narrative.

A collection of new invigorating works, *Spring Collection* will include a commissioned musical score by world known Israeli composer Anna Segal, as well as acclaimed choreographies. George Balanchine's *Serenade* and *Spring Collection* will have two performances: Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Season subscriptions are available now with the advantage of choosing seats for the full season. To purchase season subscriptions and tickets, please call Cleveland Ballet at 216-320-9000 x 107 or email Lilia Shtarkman at lilia@clevelandballet.org.

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**ABOUT CLEVELAND BALLET:** From the fascinating history of dance in Cleveland starting at the beginning of the 20th century, Dr. Michael Krasnyansky, a successful Ukrainian businessman who settled in the Cleveland area, and his wife Gladisa Guadalupe, a wonderful dancer originally from Puerto Rico, have made their mission to build on the vision and business acumen of Adella Prentiss and impresario Giacomo Bernardi. Prentiss and Bernardi were instrumental in the development of Cleveland's dance audience. They were responsible for bringing one of the world's foremost ballerinas of the 20th century, Anna Pavlova, as well as the internationally famous Diaghilev Ballets Russes which performed in this city during their first U.S. tour. Today and under their artistic vision, business expertise and leadership Dr. Krasnyansky and Ms. Guadalupe has established the city's resident ballet company, Cleveland Ballet, successfully filling the void of classical and contemporary ballet. Please see <https://case.edu/ech/articles/c/cleveland-ballet> and <https://case.edu/ech/articles/d/dance> for more information.

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