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LAKE ERIE TO DON *SWAN LAKE* MONIKER IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND BALLET'S PREMIERE OF TCHAIKOVSKY'S CLASSIC

CLEVELAND, OH - Mayor of Cleveland Justin M. Bibb has announced that Lake Erie will don the name 'Swan Lake' in recognition of the premiere of Cleveland Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's [Swan Lake](#), a production sponsored in part by Roe Green and the Roe Green Foundation.

"I am honored to offer this Proclamation in recognition of Cleveland Ballet, our City's resident professional ballet company, as it opens its 2022-2023 season with performances of *Swan Lake* at the Connor Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square," said Mayor Bibb in his official statement.

The young and talented company receives this honor during a season of high artistry including guest artists, artistic advisors and new additions to both company and rehearsal staff. The highly anticipated eighth season is starting with nine new additions to the roster, racking up an impressive 32 artists from nine different countries.

"We are so thankful and proud to have this distinct honor leading into the start of our season at Playhouse Square," says Governor's Award-winning Artistic Director Gladisa Guadalupe. "It's extremely rewarding to know that the city is supporting us in such a wonderful way."

Swan Lake tells the story of Prince Siegfried and the timid but beautiful Swan Queen, Odette. When the two lovers plan to release Odette from her incorrigible curse, the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart and his cunning daughter Odile plot against them. Will the Swan Queen and her Prince finally be able to conquer the evil working against them or will it prove to be too much?

The ballet will be performed by an amazing cast including guest artist Ana Sophia Scheller, a former principal dancer with New York City Ballet, playing the Swan Queen and her doppelganger and Cleveland Ballet's own Zachary Catazaro and Narek Martirosyan performing as Prince Siegfried and Von Rothbart, respectively.

[Swan Lake](#) will have two performances: Friday, October 21st at 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 22nd at 7 p.m.

Cleveland Ballet's season, from season presenting sponsor Key Private Bank Wealth Management, also includes performances of the holiday classic [The Nutcracker](#) and the premiere of George Balanchine's [Serenade](#) with a new piece titled [Symphony of Life](#), choreographed by acclaimed choreographer Ilia

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Zhivoi with an exclusive composition commissioned for the company by world-renowned composer Anna Segal. The latter productions will include - for the first time in the company's tenure - a live orchestra.

To learn more about performances and ticketing options, visit [here](#). Tickets may also be purchased by calling Cleveland Ballet Ticketing at 216.320.9000 x 107 or emailing tickets@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 have 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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