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BalletMet's Bootleg Bash

Modern speakeasy offers dancing, appetizers, auction and more

COLUMBUS, OH— Party is the password to BalletMet Columbus' *Dance with the Dancers Bootleg Bash 7pm to 11pm February 28* at the **DSW Home Office**, 810 DSW Drive. In addition to food, drinks and dancing, the event, sponsored by Hamilton Capital Management and DSW, features both silent and live auctions.

Celebrating BalletMet's 31st season and the world premiere of *The Great Gatsby*, the swanky soiree includes food stations by Central Ohio's top restaurateurs, open bar with specialty drinks, a performance by the BalletMet Company dancers, and dance music with DJ Mark Dantzer. Auction items include vacation packages to Vail, Las Vegas and Cancun; a shopping spree at Easton Town Center; a Ballerina Birthday Party; golf ticket packages and more. Guests can place their bids online beginning February 1 at www.balletmet.org as well as at the party. The *Dance with the Dancers* lives up to its name as guests can boot, scoot and boogie with BalletMet's Company dancers. Nouveau Speakeasy cocktail attire is encouraged.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic American novel of extravagance and deception during the height of Prohibition comes to life in the world premiere *The Great Gatsby*, choreographed by BalletMet dancer and Princess Grace Award winner Jimmy Orrante. The opulent production runs April 24 through May 3 at the Capitol Theatre.

Since its start in 1978, BalletMet has garnered international recognition through its diverse repertoire, touring and educational programs and commitment to new works and ranks among the nation's 15 largest dance companies. All proceeds from the *Dance with the Dancers* benefit the Company's artistic, education and community outreach programs.

Tickets to *Dance with the Dancers Bootleg Bash* are \$125 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Barbara Markus at 614.586.8671 or bmarkus@balletmet.org.

Dance with the Dancers is sponsored by Hamilton Capital Management and DSW with additional support from Ernst & Young LLP.

DANCE WITH THE DANCERS COMMITTEE

Jeff Loehnis, Chair	Mary Duffey	Cindy Lynch	Darcy J. Smith
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Tom Diamond			

BalletMet Columbus, renowned for its versatility and innovative repertory, ranks among the nation's 15 largest dance companies, and its Dance Academy ranks among the five largest professional dance-training centers. Since its inception in 1978, BalletMet has added 143 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 118 world premieres. It has also developed DanceReach, a series of educational and outreach programs that serve 30,000 people annually, as well as a scholarship program that provides tuition for youth based on financial need or talent.

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