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## **BalletMet hosts Holiday Fashion Show** featuring BalletMet Company dancers, Academy student dancers

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Fashion enthusiasts will look forward to the holiday season at **BalletMet Columbus' Holiday Fashion Show, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 6:30pm**. The event will be hosted by **Saks Fifth Avenue, Polaris Fashion Place**. Ladies and gentlemen of all ages can enjoy this evening of fashion and fun while awaiting the festivities of the Nutcracker Season.

The affair begins at 6:30pm with cocktails, “mocktails” and hors d’oeuvres. Commencing at 7:15pm, BalletMet Company dancers and friends of the Company will work the catwalk modeling fashionable holiday attire. **New this year, young girls' festive party wear will also be showcased.**

All proceeds from the Holiday Fashion Show benefit BalletMet's artistic, education and community outreach programs. Prepaid reservations are required and may be purchased by calling BalletMet at 614-586-8671. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$15 for those under 18.

BalletMet's 26<sup>th</sup> annual Nutcracker Ball will take place Dec. 5, 2009 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. The elegant black-tie affair celebrates BalletMet's *The Nutcracker* (Dec. 11-23, Ohio Theatre) and is the Company's largest fundraiser.

**ABOUT BALLETMET COLUMBUS:** 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 147 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 122 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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