

Celebrate BalletMet with Nostalgic Exhibit

BalletMet celebrates its 30-year legacy with an exhibit at the Riffe Gallery

COLUMBUS, OH—Reminisce with BalletMet Columbus October 1 – 31 with a nostalgic exhibit of photography in celebration of its 30th anniversary in the Riffe Center Lobby, 77 South High Street. Admission is free.

Since its start in 1978, BalletMet has added 132 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 109 world premieres. It has garnered national and international recognition through its diverse repertoire, touring and educational programs and commitment to new works. From its beginnings as a small troupe performing in shopping centers and schools, BalletMet has grown into one of the largest ballet companies in the nation. Its Academy is among the nation's top five training centers affiliated with a professional Company. In 2005 BalletMet purchased its home downtown and is completing construction of its performance space.

The exhibit features photographs of performances throughout BalletMet's 30 years as a professional Company, including rare images of the Company's first performance of *The Nutcracker* in 1978. The exhibit also pays tribute to BalletMet's four Artistic Directors: Wayne Soulant, John McFall, David Nixon and current Artistic Director Gerard Charles.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery hours are: Tues., 10am–4pm; Wed. – Fri., 10am–8pm; Sat., 12–8pm, and Sun., 12–4pm. The gallery is closed Mondays and state holidays.



Bach Brandenburg #3
1985-86 season • Photo by Will Shively



Play, performed at the Joyce Theater in NYC
2003-04 season • Photo by Richard Termine

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With an annual budget of \$5 million, BalletMet Columbus 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 132 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 109 world premieres. It has also developed DanceReach, a series of educational and outreach programs that serve 40,000 people annually, as well as a Community Outreach Scholarship program that provides full tuition for talented minority and underserved youth.

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