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Single Tickets to BalletMet's 30th Anniversary Season on Sale July 31

COLUMBUS, OH – Mark your calendars! Single tickets to BalletMet Columbus' thrilling 30th anniversary season go on sale July 31 through BalletMet, CAPA and Ticketmaster.

BalletMet will begin its 2007-2008 season with the groundbreaking *30x30*, August 6-26 at the BalletMet Performance Space. 30 diverse choreographers from across the country and Canada will create 30 new works for BalletMet in just one week. Audiences are invited to experience every aspect of the creative process, from rehearsals to informal showcases to final performances.

Ranked among the country's top 15 professional companies, BalletMet celebrates its 30th anniversary season with seven varied productions. From the innovative *30x30*, to the classic *The Nutcracker* featuring narration recorded by Sir Roger Moore, to the world premiere family delight, *Aladdin*, the season offers something for everyone.

30X30 - World Premiere!

August 6-26 | BalletMet Performance Space

Rehearsals: Free | Showcases: \$10 | Performances: \$25

30x30 Passport (attend all rehearsals, showcases and one final performance): \$60

Partially sponsored by GCAC | Presented in association with the Wexner Center for the Arts

Tickets for 30x30 on sale now!

30 choreographers. 30 hours. 30 new works. Celebrate BalletMet's 30th season with a marathon of movement featuring rehearsals, showcases and performances. Aug. 6-10, six choreographers each day will create one new work each and share their creations during noon open rehearsals and end of day showcases. The culminating performances Aug. 23-26 will feature all 30 works.

Rehearsals: Monday – Friday, August 6- 10 | 12 – 1pm

Showcases: Monday – Friday, August 6- 10 | 5:30 – 6:30pm

Performances: Aug. 23, 7:30pm; Aug. 24, 8pm; Aug. 25, 8pm; Aug. 26, 2pm & 7pm

SPORTS SPECTACULAR - Family Series

October 11 – 14 | Capitol Theatre

Tickets: \$25-44

Play ball with BalletMet as we pay tribute to favorite pastimes. Works include Harrison McEldowney's *Dance Sport*, a witty satire on competitive sports and professional dance. Also on the program is *Badinage*, a playful and athletic piece by former BalletMet Artistic Director John McFall, and a new contemporary work by Company dancer Adam Hundt.

Showtimes: Oct. 11, 7:30pm; Oct. 12, 8pm; Oct. 13, 8pm; Oct. 14, 2pm

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DRACULA

October 17 – 21 | Capitol Theatre

Choreography: David Nixon

Music: Michael Daugherty, Arvo Pärt, Sergei Rachmaninov, Alfred Schnittke

Tickets: \$25-44

For one week only, The Count is back. Inspired by the Bram Stoker novel, BalletMet invites audiences to surrender to the passion and seduction of the most famous vampire. Don't miss your chance to see this popular production, which the *Cincinnati Enquirer* calls 'perfection.'

Showtimes: Oct. 17, 7:30pm; Oct. 18, 7:30pm; Oct. 19, 8pm; Oct. 20, 8pm; Oct. 21, 2pm & 7pm

THE NUTCRACKER - Family Series

December 8 – 23 | Ohio Theatre

Choreography: Gerard Charles | Concept: Gerard Charles and Robert Post

Music: Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky | Performed live by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Narrated by Sir Roger Moore

Tickets: \$18.50-64.50

The holiday classic gets added sophistication as **Sir Roger Moore** narrates the spectacular production. The magic of the holiday season comes to life in this timeless story of Clara and her nutcracker doll. A family tradition!

Showtimes: Dec. 8, 2pm & 7:30pm; Dec. 9, 1pm; Dec. 14, 7:30pm; Dec. 15, 2pm & 7:30pm; Dec. 16, 1pm & 5:30pm; Dec. 19, 7:30pm; Dec. 20, 7:30pm; Dec. 21, 2pm & 7:30pm; Dec. 22, 2pm & 7:30pm; Dec. 23, 1pm & 5:30pm

LOVESTRUCK: RAVEL TO SINATRA

February 8 – 16 | Capitol Theatre

With choreography by Twyla Tharp, Heinz Poll, Alexander Schneider Rossmly and more

Tickets: \$25-44

Don't miss a minute of this romantic program perfect for Valentine's Day including *Sinatra Suite*, a nostalgic tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes by award-winning choreographer Twyla Tharp. Also on the bill are Heinz Poll's *Bolero*, a passionate work set to the mesmerizing music of Ravel, and a new work by Alexander Schneider Rossmly.

Showtimes: Feb. 8, 8pm; Feb. 9, 8pm; Feb. 10, 2pm; Feb. 14, 7:30pm; Feb. 15, 8pm; Feb. 16, 8pm

ALADDIN - World Premiere! Family Series

March 7 – 16 | Capitol Theatre

Choreography: Gerard Charles | Script: Steven Anderson

Tickets: \$25-44

Take a magical journey in this world premiere work, from the team that took audiences through the looking glass in 2006's *Alice in Wonderland*. Gerard Charles, BalletMet Artistic Director, and Steven Anderson, Phoenix Theatre Artistic Director, bring to life the story of *Aladdin*, a tale for the young and the young at heart.

Showtimes: March 7, 8pm; March 8, 2pm & 8pm; March 9, 2pm; March 13, 7:30pm; March 14, 8pm; March 15, 2pm & 8pm; March 16, 2pm

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ROMEO AND JULIET

May 1 – 4

Ohio Theatre

Choreography: David Nixon

Music: Sergei Prokofiev

Based on the play by William Shakespeare

Tickets: \$18.50-\$64.50

Choreographer David Nixon's ballet stays true to Shakespeare's tragic tale of two star-crossed lovers through expressive dancing, stunning sets and costumes and unforgettable music.

Showtimes: May 1, 7:30pm; May 2, 8pm; May 3, 2pm & 8pm; May 4, 2pm

TICKETS

Single tickets can be purchased through the BalletMet Box Office (614.229.4848), www.balletmet.org, CAPA (614.469.0939) or Ticketmaster (614.431.3600). Group discounts are available through BalletMet (614.229.4848).

SPECIAL OFFER: SENIOR DRESS REHEARSALS

Special sneak peek performances for dance fans age 55 and above are offered for select productions beginning at 11 a.m. General admission tickets are \$13 per performance or \$42 for all four performances through the BalletMet Box Office (614.229.4848).

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Thurs., Oct. 11, 2007 | Capitol Theatre

ALADDIN

Fri., March 7, 2008 | Capitol Theatre

LOVESTRUCK

Fri., Feb. 8, 2008 | Capitol Theatre

ROMEO AND JULIET

Thurs., May 1, 2008 | Ohio Theatre

SPONSOR SUPPORT

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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 102 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 79 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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