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## **CINCINNATI BALLET NUTCRACKER “REFLECTIONS” GALA HONORS 35 YEARS OF *FRISCH’S***

Cincinnati, OH – November 18, 2009 – Frisch’s Restaurants, Inc. has been bringing the holiday tradition of *The Nutcracker* to life for audiences across the tri-state for 35 years. On Sunday, December 20, 2009, Cincinnati Ballet honors Frisch’s enduring support with the “Reflections” Gala, a retrospective evening commemorating the company’s continual dedication to the arts. This elegant event will transform the Loge and Stage of The Aronoff Center’s Procter & Gamble Hall into a magical winter wonderland.

Gala guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner-by-the-bite, culminating in an exclusive onstage toast and an abundance of desserts in the production’s colorful Act II “Land of Sweets.” The Reflections event will also provide an opportunity to meet and mingle with the stars, as cast members and Cincinnati Ballet Artistic Director & CEO Victoria Morgan will be all present to celebrate the longevity of *Frisch’s Presents The Nutcracker*. Guests can even take home a piece of Cincinnati Ballet history with both live and silent auction items up for grabs including *Nutcracker* memorabilia spanning decades!

*The Nutcracker* “Reflections” Gala event committee, chaired by Ronna Willis, includes Terry Behrman, Judy Dalambakis, Joyce Elkus, Marilyn Osborn, Mary Ray, Vivian Schwab, Carolee Schwartz, Chris Sprecher, Barbara Weyand and Lindsay Wilhelm.

**“Land of Sweets” Desserts provided by:** A Forkable Feast, The Bonbonerie, Cakes by Sugar Plums, Classical Cookies, Cookies by Design, The Fresh Market, Frisch's, Haute Chocolate, Jeff Thomas Catering, Madison's Gelato

**WHAT:** Cincinnati Ballet “Reflections” Gala  
Honoring 35 Years of *Frisch’s Presents The Nutcracker*

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

**WHERE:** The Aronoff Center for the Arts  
(Loge and Stage of The Procter & Gamble Hall)  
650 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**TICKETS:** Gala tickets are \$150. For more information please contact Tammy Gambrel at 513-562-1138 or email [tgambrel@cincinnatiaballet.com](mailto:tgambrel@cincinnatiaballet.com)

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**About Cincinnati Ballet**

For 46 years, Cincinnati Ballet has been the cornerstone professional ballet company of the Cincinnati tri-state area, presenting a mix of important classical full-length ballets and an adventurous and vibrant mix of repertory ballets, regularly with live orchestral accompaniment. Cincinnati Ballet's mission is to inspire hope and joy in our community and beyond through the power and passion of dance. Our mantra: "Everybody dances." To that end, Cincinnati Ballet presents exhilarating performances, extensive education outreach programs (including professional lecture-demos, residencies, scholarship programs and student matinees), and offers top level professional ballet training at Cincinnati Ballet Otto M. Budig Academy, which enjoys an enrollment of over a thousand participants in multi-leveled programs at The Cincinnati Ballet Center. Cincinnati Ballet Academy's "Rhythm & Motion" classes were recently lauded nationally in "36 Hours in Cincinnati, Ohio," a *New York Times* travel article.

Cincinnati Ballet's 2009-2010 season is generously sponsored by The Otto M. Budig Family Foundation and Rhonda and Larry A. Sheakley Family Foundation.

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