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**CINCINNATI BALLET PRESENTS THE CHILDREN'S
NUTCRACKER LUNCHEON**

*Families are invited to create new memories and enjoy fun times with their children as they
celebrate Frisch's Presents The Nutcracker*

Cincinnati – Cincinnati Ballet's timeless family holiday event "The Children's Nutcracker Luncheon" returns Saturday, December 18 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Grand Ballroom at The Duke Energy Convention Center at the corner of 5th and Elm Streets downtown.

Children and families will enjoy a child-friendly lunch and sumptuous ice cream sundaes. The event features ballet selections from *Frisch's Presents The Nutcracker* performed by Cincinnati Ballet's Otto M. Budig Academy students. After the performance, children will be asked to join the dancers on the floor and participate in the Rat King Parade.

"This festive, annual event brings joy and lasting holiday memories to children from all over the Greater Cincinnati region," says Susan Shelton, BRAVO! co-chair. "Kids will get to meet ballet dancers and the Nutcracker face-to-face. It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

"It's a way to connect young people with Cincinnati Ballet's extravagant holiday adventure *The Nutcracker*," says BRAVO! co-chair Kathryn Harsh. She and Shelton are working with event co-chairs, Julie Kline and Lori Pilone and their committee to plan the event. "The Children's Nutcracker Luncheon gives children and families an extra-special treat: time together in celebration of this amazing ballet."

WHAT: Cincinnati Ballet presents The Children's Nutcracker Luncheon
WHEN: Saturday, December 18, 2009
11 am to 1 pm
WHERE: Grand Ballroom
Duke Energy Convention Center
525 Elm Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
TICKETS: Individual tickets \$45; Family and Friends Table \$650 (table of 10)
Performance tickets sold separately.

SPONSORS: Pampers and Kroger

Contact Melissa Scott at (513) 562-1116 for information on Sponsor or Family tables.

**Please note: Tables must be paid in full when reserved*

About Cincinnati Ballet

Since 1963, Cincinnati Ballet has been the cornerstone professional ballet company of the region, presenting a mix of important classical full-length ballets and an adventurous, 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 is "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 more than a thousand participants in multi-level programs across two studio campuses. BRAVO! is the Ballet Resource and Volunteer Organization committed to the financial stability and the artistic excellence of Cincinnati Ballet.

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