

CLEVELAND BALLET

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CLEVELAND BALLET LAUNCHES NINTH SEASON WITH OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE AND RECEPTION AT HARBOURTOWN FINE ARTS CENTER IN VERMILION

CLEVELAND – Cleveland Ballet will premier its ninth season with an outdoor performance and reception on Saturday, August 26, at Harbourtown Fine Arts Center, its summer residency in Vermilion, Ohio.

The evening starts at 7 p.m. with wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres outdoors at the historic center, followed by a performance of Cleveland Ballet. Under the artistic direction of Gladisa Guadalupe, the renowned company will perform excerpts from its upcoming fall performance at Playhouse Square on September 22-23: *Pas de Dix* from the grand ballet *Raymonda*, the new and inspiring *Nocturne* with music by Frederic Chopin, and *Carmen* set to the music of Georges Bizet.

The evening features a special appearance by Valentina Kozlova, recognized as one of the best interpretations of *Raymonda* of our time, who will share her knowledge and expertise of this masterpiece. Kozlova will recount her life journey of becoming a world-renowned prima ballerina seeking political asylum in the United States following behind dance legend Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Tickets are \$95 for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and performance. The rain date is Sunday, August 27.

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