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**CLEVELAND BALLET AND AKRON ART MUSEUM CONNECT FOR SPECIAL
PERFORMANCE OF *SYMPHONY OF LIFE***

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CLEVELAND, OH – Cleveland’s premier ballet company is thrilled to announce *Ballet in the Garden*, with support from the Albrecht Family Foundation and Acme Fresh Market, at the Bud & Susie Rogers Garden at Akron Art Museum this June 17.

Coming off of a remarkable eighth season finale at Playhouse Square featuring the world premiere of *Symphony of Life*, the company is bringing this beautiful new piece for friends and new acquaintances in Summit County in a more personal setting.

“We are so delighted to be able to bring this wonderful ballet to Akron,” says Artistic Director Gladisa Guadalupe. “It’s amazing to be able to give people the opportunity to see the beauty of ballet in an intimate setting.”

This will be the first time the company has visited Akron Art Museum, a stunning cultural hub in Summit County. Akron Art Museum first opened in 1922 as the Akron Art Institute and features 20,000 square feet of gallery space. The Bud & Susie Rogers Garden was completed in 2016, a beautiful addition that allows artists to welcome an exploration of various art experiences.

“We are honored to have the Cleveland Ballet perform at the Museum this summer. The garden will provide the perfect backdrop for *Symphony of Life*,” said Jon Fiume, CEO and Executive Director of the Akron Art Museum.

Symphony of Life features an exclusively commissioned score from world-renowned Ukrainian-born Israeli composer Anna Segal with the artistic story told through choreography from former Mariinsky Theatre dancer and choreographer Ilia Zhivoi.

Tickets are \$25 (Lawn), \$40 (Plaza) and \$65 (VIP). There will be a special VIP Reception beginning at 5 p.m. in the museum for those with tickets before the performance at 6:30 p.m. To purchase, visit [here](#).

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ABOUT CLEVELAND BALLET: From the fascinating history of dance in Cleveland starting at the beginning of the 20th century, Dr. Michael Krasnyansky, a successful Ukrainian businessman who settled in the Cleveland area, and his wife Gladisa Guadalupe, a wonderful dancer originally from Puerto Rico, have made their mission to build on the vision and business acumen of Adella Prentiss and impresario Giacomo Bernardi. Prentiss and Bernardi were instrumental in the development of Cleveland's dance audience. They were responsible for bringing one of the world's foremost ballerinas of the 20th century, Anna Pavlova, as well as the internationally famous Diaghilev Ballets Russes which performed in this city during their first U.S. tour. Today and under their artistic vision, business expertise and leadership Dr. Krasnyansky and Ms. Guadalupe have established the city's resident ballet company, Cleveland Ballet, successfully filling the void of classical and contemporary ballet. Please see <https://case.edu/ech/articles/c/cleveland-ballet> and <https://case.edu/ech/articles/d/dance> for more information.

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