

# CLEVELAND BALLET

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**KEEPING UP WITH THEIR ANNUAL FLORIDA TOUR, CLEVELAND BALLET  
PLANS TO GIVE BACK TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY  
Cleveland Ballet's Winter Escape Tour features more than performances in 2023**

**CLEVELAND, OH** - In addition to growing performance dates in South Florida, Cleveland Ballet is planning visits to Golisano Children's Hospital of South Florida and the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County during their 2023 Winter Escape Tour.

"It's incredible to be able to spread the joy and wonder of ballet to communities that feel like a second home to us," says Co-Founder and Artistic Director Gladisa Guadalupe. "South Florida has welcomed us these past three years and we couldn't be more excited to give back in more ways than one."

The nationally renowned company is no stranger to educational and communal outreach initiatives, having worked closely with Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the Cleveland Browns Foundation's Stay in the Game! Network, the Cleveland Cavaliers Community Foundation and University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. For the 2022-2023 season, Cleveland Ballet was able to invite area youth to their performances of *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*, courtesy of Ohio Arts Council, Edwin D. Northup II Fund (a PNC Charitable Trust), Akron Community Foundation and the Phyllis H. & William H. Evans Charitable Foundation.

The acclaimed company will first visit Golisano Children's Hospital of South Florida. As the only children's hospital between Tampa and Miami, it delivers vital and lifesaving care for children and their families. The troupe will spend time with patients and their families as well as do a short demonstration of movements for the wonderful healthcare team on-site.

Along with a growing partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Ohio, the company is pleased to visit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. The organization provides young people with opportunities to engage in programs that help them achieve academic success, take charge of their health by building healthy habits and foster the skills they need to become leaders in their communities.

Cleveland Ballet will visit both the Golisano Children's Hospital of South Florida and the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County on Tuesday, February 28th before concluding their 2023 Winter Escape Tour on Wednesday, March 1st at a private gala event in Naples.

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## **En Pointe at Royal Poinciana Golf Club**

Cleveland Ballet proudly presents a wonderful opportunity for friends and new acquaintances in Florida to experience the thrill of a live performance by internationally recognized Principal dancers who have joined the company from prestigious companies around the world.

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

## **White Swan Pas de deux from *Swan Lake***

Staging by Gladisa Guadalupe after Marius Petipa

Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Performed by Zachary Catazaro and Sydney Henson

## ***Momentum***

Choreography by Gladisa Guadalupe

Music by Felix Mendelssohn

Performed by Bruno Palheta, Emanuel Tavares & Alexander Guzmán

Marla Aleyda, Kaela Ku & Katharine Cowan

Lauren Stenroos, Erinn Crittenden & Nashializ Gomez

Levian Mondville, Lorenzo Pontiggia & Covington Pearson

Sydney Henson, Madison Campbell & Alia Federico

## **About Cleveland Ballet**

Founded in 2014 by Ukrainian businessman Dr. Michael Krasnyansky and Gladisa Guadalupe, a wonderful dancer originally from Puerto Rico, Cleveland Ballet is the fastest growing classical ballet company in the nation. In eight short seasons, the company has grown from five to thirty-two professional dancers from nine different countries while upholding their commitment to sustaining and creating traditions and cultivating appreciation for one of the most dramatic and elegant art forms. Building on the vision and business acumen of Adella Prentiss and impresario Giacomo Bernardi, Cleveland Ballet is set on cultivating and maintaining Cleveland's budding dance audience. Only three years into their career, Cleveland Ballet became a resident company of Playhouse Square, the largest theater district outside of New York City.

Cleveland Ballet's 2022-2023 Season is one of their most ambitious to date. Following a successful summer residency at Vermilion's Harbourtown Fine Arts Center, the company began their Playhouse Square residency with Tchaikovsky's classic *Swan Lake* to glowing reviews before heading to Stan Hywet for a sold-out tour of *The Little Nutcracker*. Closing out the first half of their season was Cleveland's favorite holiday tradition *The Nutcracker*. Debuting in the new year is *Momentum!*, a daring debut at

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Florida's Amaturio Theater at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Returning to Cleveland for their Playhouse Square season finale, the troupe will have the company premiere of George Balanchine's *Serenade* along with the world premiere of *Symphony of Life* with the newly formed Cleveland Ballet Orchestra. This will be the first commissioned score for the company, written by world-renowned Israeli composer Anna Segal and choreographed by former Mariinsky Theatre dancer Ilia Zhivoi. Cleveland Ballet Orchestra, a twenty-five piece ensemble, will be led by conductor Caleb Young - making his Playhouse Square debut - and concertmaster and esteemed violinist Alexandra Preucil. The company will have their eighth season finale at Vermilion's German's Villa, a stunning location fit for a breathtaking program to officially close the season.