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**THE OTTO M. BUDIG ACADEMY OF
CINCINNATI BALLET OFFERS FREE DANCE WEEK
JANUARY 15 – 21, 2008**

(CINCINNATI, OH) – December 28, 2007 - If your New Year's Resolution includes getting fit, but you aren't quite ready to join a gym, here is an opportunity to try something different, during The Otto M. Budig Academy of Cincinnati Ballet's FREE DANCE WEEK! January 15 – 21, 2008.

All three locations of The Otto M. Budig Academy of Cincinnati Ballet once again offer FREE DANCE WEEK, January 15 – 21, 2008. FREE DANCE WEEK is not only for complete beginners. We are also inviting students who may already study at another location or are not currently studying and would like to resume taking classes again.

FREE DANCE WEEK is an exceptional opportunity for Tri-State students of all ages and levels of ability to sample from a multitude of classes, including ballet, jazz and adult ballet offered at three convenient locations. In addition, innovative Rhythm & Motion classes are offered. This extremely popular dance workout class offers an intense way to move in styles like African, Modern and Hip Hop to an eclectic mix of music.

No prior registration is necessary to participate in FREE DANCE WEEK. All students will be required, however, to present a signed release form before taking class. The release form is available at www.cincinnatiaballet.com, and at all Academy locations during the event.

“The Otto M. Budig Academy is the official school of Cincinnati Ballet, and boasts over 25 professionally credentialed teachers,” says Olga Mikerina, a Kirov-trained teacher who is also Director of Academy Operations. “It is the only area school associated with a professional dance company. Our students get priority at auditions for children's roles in Cincinnati Ballet's *Frisch's The Nutcracker*.

“We teach proper dance technique to students of all levels and ages. You do not, however, need to aspire to a professional career to enjoy our classes. We have programs for students with diverse interests, because everybody can gain from the study of dance.

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“Students ages 3 through adult enjoy the same spacious modern studios and state-of-the-art suspended floors the professional dancers use. Our FREE DANCE WEEK is a great chance to see what it’s all about for free!

“You’ll have fun, get fit, and meet great people.”

About Cincinnati Ballet

For 44 years, Cincinnati Ballet has been the cornerstone professional ballet company of the Cincinnati tri-state area, presenting a mix of full-length and mixed repertory ballets, regularly with live orchestral accompaniment. The company has maintained an annual *Nutcracker* series since 1974. During 2006-07, Cincinnati Ballet celebrated the tenth anniversary season of Artistic Director Victoria Morgan, who has choreographed extensively for the company, and attracted an intriguing mix of renowned choreographers to challenge her dancers in well-received world premieres. Under Morgan’s guidance, Cincinnati Ballet has also established a national and international presence and enjoyed ground-breaking collaborations. The Otto M. Budig Academy, the official school of Cincinnati Ballet, is dedicated to developing dancers with a strong classical technique and unified style.

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