

CLEVELAND BALLET

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**CLEVELAND BALLET'S 2021-2022 COMPANY IS AN IMPRESSIVE COMBINATION OF
EXPERIENCED AND YOUNG TALENTS**

DANCERS FEATURED FROM 9 COUNTRIES

Cleveland, OH- With 28 company artists on the roster, Cleveland Ballet is excited to be back performing to live audiences at Playhouse Square for the 2021 season. Joining our roster of returning dancers are a group of nationally and internationally recognized artists; the company now consists of artists from the United States, Armenia, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Italy, Japan and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

This upcoming season brings together world-recognized and distinguished artists from top tier ballet companies. These include the New York City Ballet, the Bavarian State Ballet, the Israel Ballet Company, the A. S. Armenian Opera as well as the Ballet National Academic Theatre. Our fast-growing audience members will enjoy the cultural diversity and higher artistic standards of our young, mature and experienced performers. "The synergy of our talented artists will bring the company to the highest artistic caliber", said CEO and President Michael Krasnyansky, PhD.

Cleveland Ballet will enter its 7th season by adding a newly staged production based Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes' classic work, *Don Quixote*, on October 15th and 16th at the Mimi Ohio Theatre at 7PM. Choreographed by Co-founder and Artistic Director Gladisa Guadalupe, a family holiday favorite and enchanting story of *The Nutcracker* will be brought back on December 3 to 5, making its debut into a larger audience capacity house, Connor Palace. With a brand-new choreography and production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, at the Mimi Ohio Theatre, accompanied by the magnificent musical score of Felix Mendelssohn, Cleveland Ballet will culminate the 2021-2022 season.

Performances of *Don Quixote* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be performed without intermission, maximizing audience safety. Masks are required for all performances. For updates on the most current safety protocols, please visit www.playhousesquare.org/plan-your-visit-main/health-safety. Season subscriptions and individual tickets are on sale now at 216-640-8799 or email Chris at chris.swindell@playhousesquare.org.

ABOUT CLEVELAND BALLET: From the fascinating history of dance in Cleveland starting at the beginning of the 20th century, Dr. Michael Krasnyansky, a successful Russian 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 has 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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