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Ballet Joins First Friday

Canton Ballet under the artistic direction of Cassandra Crowley announces the company's inaugural performance at First Friday on October 3, 2008. The ballet will perform two works from its repertoire in the Great Court of the Cultural Center for the Arts on two separate occasions between 5:30 and 7pm that evening. The performance will include *Abandon* by award winning New York City choreographer Cara Surico and the world premiere of *Pour Les Jeunes* by Canton Ballet alumnus Zachary Catazaro Clark. Catazaro Clark is a member of New York City Ballet.

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Canton Ballet is located in the Cultural Center for the Arts at 1001 Market Avenue N. in Canton. For more information call 330-455-7220 or go to the website cantonballet.com.

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With an annual budget of over \$600,000 Canton Ballet comprises Ohio's largest preprofessional ballet company and a school which ranks among the three largest preprofessional dance training centers in the state. Since its inception in 1965 Canton Ballet has produced over 130 premieres and held honor company status in Regional Dance America since 1983. It has developed a series of educational and outreach programs serving 5,000 school children annually and a comprehensive financial assistance program which includes the Kerri Hunter Minority Scholarship for talented and underserved youth. Canton Ballet holds membership in national and state dance service organizations RDA and OhioDance and receives funding support from county arts council Arts in Stark and the Ohio Arts Council.