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Ballet Announces Subscription Sale

Canton Ballet under the artistic direction of Cassandra Crowley announces the company's 2008-09 season with performances to be held at the Palace Theatre. Family and individual series subscription tickets are available now. Series tickets may be purchased by calling the ballet office at 330-455-7220 anytime during regular business hours or visiting the website at www.cantonballet.com after September 15.

Opening the new season will be performances on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19 at 2 p.m. Featuring the 30th anniversary of Canton Ballet's *Peter and the Wolf*, the fall season also will include the family friendly short pieces *Bugs*, *Crayons*, and *Moving Violations* in a program for children and adults of all ages.

Canton Ballet's performances of perennial holiday favorite *The Nutcracker* will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 12, 13, and 14. This Tchaikovsky extravaganza by the local ballet has become a tradition for all of northeast Ohio. Performance times are 2 and 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of the coming kimono exhibit at the Canton Museum of Art,

the ballet's spring offering will be an all-Japanese program featuring a new work by an acclaimed New York choreographer plus the award-winning *Three Japanese Dances* and a new Japanese-themed work by Canton Ballet resident choreographer Angelo Lemmo. Performances will be Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

A family subscription includes two adult and two child tickets for each of the three seasons ranging in cost from \$137-\$170. An individual subscription of one ticket for each season ranges from \$22-\$58.

Single performance ticket availability will be announced prior to each season beginning in October.

All performances will take place at the Palace Theatre at 605 Market Avenue N. in downtown Canton. Canton Ballet is located in the Cultural Center of the Arts at 1001 Market Ave. North in Canton.

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With an annual budget of \$600,000 dollars, Canton Ballet is the state's largest pre-professional ballet company and its school ranks among the three largest pre-professional dance-training centers. Since its inception in 1965, Canton Ballet has produced over 130 premieres. It has also developed a series of educational and outreach programs that serve up to 5,000 people annually, as well as the Kerri Hunter Minority Scholarship program that provides full tuition for talented minority and underserved youth. Canton Ballet has been an honor company in Regional Dance America since 1983.