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Dear Friend of Canton Ballet,

Canton Ballet is honored to host the 2010 annual Nutcracker Ball on Thursday, November 11, at historic downtown Canton's Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography. The gallery rooms will be transformed into *The Nutcracker's* Land of Snow featuring delicious appetizer and dessert stations, entertainment, and silent and live auctions.

Your support is needed more than ever! We are graciously asking for your help to make our 2010 Nutcracker Ball event a success through your tax-deductible donation of an item for the silent or live auction, or a cash donation toward the purchase of an auction item. For your convenience we have enclosed a donation agreement which may be returned to Canton Ballet by mail or fax. If you desire, a volunteer will assist you with any questions you may have or arrange for pickup of your item.

Funds raised by Nutcracker Ball will support the youth of the Canton Ballet company and school, Ohio's largest preprofessional ballet organization. This support includes financial aid for students ages 7-18 who otherwise would be unable to study ballet; operational support to bring world renowned guest master teachers such as Laura Alonso to Canton Ballet; educational outreach which serves up to 5,000 area school students annually; and Canton Ballet's continuing to enthrall audiences with performances such as *Peter and the Wolf*, our beloved annual family holiday favorite *The Nutcracker* and *Cinderella* in spring 2011.

We appreciate your past help and thank you in advance for your continued support of our Canton Ballet students. Please save the date, Thursday, November 11, and join us for a glorious evening in the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography!

Sincerely,

Ruth Bazzoli
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