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Budapest Ensemble from Hungary
"Csárdás: The Tango of the East"

As a pre-concert treat, come and see northeast Ohio's own
Csárdás Youth Ensemble perform at 3:00 in the lobby!



CSÁRDÁS – The Tango of the East
Dance and Music Spectacular
Featuring the Budapest Ensemble from
Hungary

After its successful tour of 2000 and 2004, the Budapest Ensemble happily returns to North America. Encouraged by reviews that called it “admirable ...vibrant ...compelling” (The New York Times) and “rousing ...remarkable ...terrific” (The Boston Globe), this company of fabulous dancers and superb musicians is set to charm audiences once more with its popular production :

CSÁRDÁS – The Tango of the East.

Part of the secret of the show's success is that it is far more than monoethnic nostalgia. **CSÁRDÁS** is an engaging - at times breathtaking - production that captures the hearts not just of people of Central European descent but of North Americans from all backgrounds.

The story line of the show would do Disney proud. It starts with a modern day Táncház – an urban dance revival session and then takes a fantasy time-trip through the historical regions of Central Europe. There are love spells and enchantments; hardships and conflicts; jealousies and star-crossed lovers. The story culminates in a grand celebration that will set your toes tapping and your heart warming. All this, of course, to fiery Gypsy music with some of the most intense and spectacular dancing you'll ever see.

Csárdás, the national dance of Hungary, was also wildly popular among Slovaks and is adored by Transylvanian-Romanians, Polish Highlanders, Croatians and Serbs. And when it came to Csárdás music, Gypsies were the undisputed master musicians. No wonder classical composers like Liszt, Brahms, Bartók and Kodály drew inspiration from the music of these legendary musicians.

Zoltán Zsuráfszki, the Artistic Director of the Budapest Ensemble, is one of the world's leading folk-choreographers. He has staged successful productions on themes as varied as regional folk customs, the passion of Christ or the legend of Dracula. He is also a great motivator and mentor for his dancers. The Budapest dancers are masters at their art. Unlike Riverdance-style or Broadway companies, who can appear mechanical - though technically excellent - the Budapest dancers infuse their performance with individuality and personality. That's because their role models are the old village dancers in Central Europe, women with regal bearing and men whose verve, strength and native elegance was legendary.

The “BUDAPEST” is a popular ensemble at home as well as being celebrated throughout the world, having toured extensively during its 46 years of existence on six continents. Their most recent visit to North America in 2004, was with their exciting show “Gypsy Spirit”, which garnered popular and critical acclaim. Check out their web site at www.csardas.org .

Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 4:00

Medina Performing Arts Center

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Tickets: \$25, 35, 45

To purchase tickets call: 330-636-3400 www.mcsoh.org/pac