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<u>Csárdás Dance Company Announces Hungarian Dance Classes and Workshops</u> <u>for Winter 2007</u>

CLEVELAND (January 20, 2007) – Csárdás Dance Company is pleased to announce Hungarian Dance Classes and Workshops at the Brecksville Center for the Arts (BCA) located at 8997 Highland Drive in Brecksville, Ohio, 44141 near the intersection of Routes 21 and 82. Workshops take place on Saturday, February 17 from 10 – 11am for ages 8-14 (cost \$15.00) and 11:15am – 12:45pm for ages 15-adult (cost \$18.00). Classes take place 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Sundays from February 18 – March 11 for ages 8 and up. Cost is \$50.00 for non-members of BCA. Learn the basics of Hungarian dance from simple csárdás steps to more challenging footwork; you will feel and experience the exuberance of this lively and joyful art form as experienced in Hungarian villages. No experience necessary.

Registration is required for all sessions through **Brecksville Center for the Arts at 440-526-6232** or at <u>http://www.brecksvillearts.org/.</u>

Csárdás Dance Company's Youth Ensemble has performed in various venues around Ohio and neighboring states including Vevay, Indiana, Ohio State Fair, Severance Hall, Taste of Cleveland, Trinity Cathedral, and in special performances with the Budapest Ensemble from Hungary and also in conjunction with the U.S. State Department Visitor Leadership Program and Cleveland Council on World Affairs. The company is scheduled to perform in conjunction with the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble in March at Cleveland's Palace Theatre. Company Managing Director, Toni Gras and dance instructors, Stuart Meyer and Judith Horvath serve as staff of the 12 year-old nonprofit dance organization. Founder and Former Executive Director, Richard Graber currently serves as Communications and Marketing Coordinator for AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH).

For more information, please call **216-533-4194**, <u>info@csardasdance.com</u> or visit the company's website at **www.csardasdance.com**.

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About Csárdás Dance Company

Csárdás Dance Company is a 501©(3) nonprofit professional dance company located in northeast Ohio presenting traditional and contemporary works stemming from Hungarian heritage. Founded in 1994 by Richard Graber, Csárdás strives to promote and further ethnic dance as an art form as it embodies the infectious exuberance celebrated in Hungarian villages. The richness of the Hungarian culture is revealed through performances featuring a broad range of dance dialects and styles. Celebrating the universal joys of tradition, the vibrancy and richness of Hungarian culture is revealed through informative performances and lecture demonstrations. Csárdás has toured locally in Ohio, neighboring states and internationally. Holding a unique place in Ohio's professional dance community, the Company preserves the brilliant splendor of folk elements meshed with contemporary choreography creating a rich and exciting cultural experience.