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Csárdás Dance Company Announces Hungarian Dance Workshops with Founder Richard Graber

CLEVELAND (October 6, 2006) – Csárdás Dance Company is pleased to announce Founder and former Executive Director, **Richard Graber**, will conduct Hungarian dance workshops open to the general public on **Saturday, November 11, 2006** 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. Workshop times are **9:30 am – 11:00 am for ages 8-14 and 11:15 am – 12:45 pm for ages 15 to adult**. Cost for the workshop is **\$15.00** for non-members of BCA. Graber will instruct basic Hungarian dance sequences, including the csárdás, as well as dances from different regions of Hungary. Graber will also set a new choreography on the **Csárdás Youth Ensemble** that weekend in private sessions.

Registration is required for all sessions through **Brecksville Center for the Arts at 440-526-6232** or at <http://www.brecksvillearts.org/>. Please confirm the exact location and time of the classes and workshops by calling BCA.

Since Graber's departure as Executive Director of Csárdás Dance Company to Houston, Texas, in 2005, the ensemble has continued performing in various venues around Cleveland including 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 Indiana this fall. Company Managing Director, Toni Gras and dance instructors, Stuart Meyer and Judith Horvath serve as staff of the 12 year-old nonprofit dance organization. Graber currently serves as Communications and Marketing Coordinator for AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH).

For more information, please call **216-533-4194**, info@csardasdance.com 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.