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## **Csárdás Dance Company Announces Auditions for Youth Ensemble**

**Csárdás Dance Company** announces **Auditions for its Youth Ensemble on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 3:30 pm** at Royal School of Ballet located at 10670 Royalton Road (Rt. 82), in North Royalton (just west of York Rd.) Interested students should be between 8-18 years of age. Experience in Hungarian dance is preferred but not necessary. It is not necessary to be of Hungarian descent or to speak Hungarian. There is no cost for the Audition. For information on the Company, please visit [www.csardasdance.com](http://www.csardasdance.com). To register for the audition, please contact 216-533-4194 or [info@csardasdance.com](mailto:info@csardasdance.com). **Registration deadline: October 5, 2007.**

**Csárdás Youth Ensemble** is a unique program that celebrates the universal joys of ethnic dance. The program, founded in 1996 by **Founder, Richard Graber**, has proven to be a wonderful experience for youth performers as they learn about Hungarian culture, music and dance, develop coordination skills, meet other children and experience performing at an early age. **Csárdás** reveals the richness of a unique culture through performances featuring a broad range of dance dialects and styles. **Csárdás Youth Ensemble** has helped children get acquainted with their own ethnicity. In doing so, the activity helps bridge gaps of second, third or later generations through the art form of dance. Equally as important and valuable, dancers learn proper dance studio/company etiquette. Dancers also are put in an environment to learn from different instructors and choreographers with varying teaching styles and techniques.

Past **Csárdás Youth Ensemble** performances have included the Ohio State Fair, Severance Hall, Kent State University, Playhouse Square, Berea Oktoberfest, Tower City Amphitheatre, Cleveland Museum of Art, Kodály Music Educators Conference, Blossom Music Center, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Trinity Cathedral, Lorain Palace Civic Center, Kenny Crumpton Show FOX-8 television, as well as many schools and educational facilities throughout Ohio and neighboring states. *The Youth Ensemble visited Hungary in summer 2007 to participate in a Dance Camp with Sandor Timar.*

### **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.

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