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Csárdás Dance Company Announces 15th Anniversary Performance

Csárdás Dance Company is delighted to announce its 15th anniversary celebration. Csardas is a professional organization presenting traditional and contemporary works stemming from Hungarian heritage. The organization was founded in 1994 by former director's Richard Graber and Christopher Smith. Over the last 15 years, **Csárdás Dance Company** has enriched the lives of thousands of people with colorful main-stage performances, educational "informance" presentations in schools, and with a myriad of community outreach initiatives. The company has performed in venues in across northeast Ohio, in neighboring states and in Hungary on numerous occasions.

Csárdás Dance Company will present a dinner/dance performance on **Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the West Side Hungarian Reformed Church, 15300 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44135**. The evening will consist of a Chicken Paprikas dinner, followed by a performance which will feature current Csardas members as well as alumni performers. Guests are encouraged to participate in "free-style" dancing following the performance. Tickets for the event are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children (14 and under).

For ticket information please email or call info@csardasdance.com or 216-533-4194. Also visit www.csardasdance.com

The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

About Csárdás Dance Company...

Csardas 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. **Csárdás** Dance Company offers classes and workshops in Hungarian dance for the general public and occasionally auditions for its **Youth Ensemble**.

Csárdás is pure joy, high spirits and excitement!