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**Csárdás Dance Company Announces Performances with
The Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall**

Csárdás Dance Company is pleased to announce that its **Youth Ensemble** will be performing on stage with **The Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall** for 3 performances in April. **Csárdás Youth Ensemble** will perform to **Brahms Hungarian Dances 5 and 6** and **Dvorák Slavonic Dance No. 1**. Founder **Richard Graber**, and former Artistic director, **Christopher Smith**, visited Cleveland from Houston, Texas to choreograph a work to the Brahms' and Dvorák dances. Current Csárdás Rehearsal Instructor, Stuart Meyer, assisted with the Dvorák choreography.

The performances are Friday, April 18 at 12:00 noon for a special educational concert for schools only, and Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm in conjunction with the Family Concert Series. Ticket information can be found on The Cleveland Orchestra's web site at www.clevelandorch.com/ or by calling (216) 231-1111 or (800) 686-1141.

Csárdás Dance Company has performed previously at **Severance Hall** in conjunction with the Family Concerts in November 2005. At that time, they performed to traditional Hungarian music in Reinberger Hall.

Questions concerning **Csárdás Dance Company** can be directed to info@csardasdance.com or 216-533-4194. The company's web site is www.csardasdance.com.

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

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. **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!