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## ballet tech cincinnati

opens 9<sup>th</sup> Season with

### **The Emerald City**

At the Aronoff Center October 9-10<sup>th</sup>

Cincinnati, OH— **ballet tech cincinnati** premieres its 9<sup>th</sup> Season on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 8PM and Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 2PM and 8PM with the original dance production, **The Emerald City**, an innovative twist on the L. Frank Baum stories about Dorothy, The Scarecrow, The Tin Man, The Cowardly Lion, The Wizard, Good and Evil Witches and their cohorts, and the People in the Land of Oz, with live jazz music, original choreography, pre-professional dance students, professional and community dancers from 5-60+ years in age. The show will feature multimedia images, colorful sets and costumes in the production that integrates many concepts of the L. Frank Baum stories into a fun, fantastic journey to **The Emerald City** of Oz.

#### **TICKETS**

Tickets are available now \$26; to purchase, call 513.621.ARTS (2787) or go to [www.balletechcincinnati.org](http://www.balletechcincinnati.org) or [www.cincinnatiarts.org](http://www.cincinnatiarts.org). Enjoy the Arts/START, Senior Group and Family FourPack Discounts available. For more information call 513.841.2822

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### **ballet tech cincinnati**

The mission of *Scripps-Corbett Award* winner and ONE Award Finalist, **ballet tech cincinnati** is to educate, entertain and inspire by providing diverse and innovative performances that have a phenomenal community impact. Founded in 1997, **ballet tech cincinnati** is a non-profit 501 (C ) (3) organization offering community dance classes and performances in its Kennedy Heights World Headquarters and numerous other venues including the Aronoff Center as a resident company. **ballet tech cincinnati** presents many community performances each year featuring a wide variety of pre-professional and professional dancers, dance styles and music. Last season, we served over 12,000 audience members. We have the most diverse audience of any Cincinnati area presenter, and we are the only company that presents guest companies, an international Gala, and preprofessional dancers as part of our season series. **Dance 2 Community Kids** community outreach program introduces youth from underserved communities to dance and the Aronoff Center expanding the audience for the arts and downtown Cincinnati venues. Over 1300 children have attended ballets in this outreach. **The Leaping for Literacy Project** presents an annual spring production based on beloved children's stories, Touring Company performances in area schools, free outreach performances in area libraries and bookstores, a poster and poetry contest, and a book giveaway to promote family literacy. **ballet tech cincinnati** also collaborates with Cincinnati Ballet Company, Closing the Health Gap and The West End Arts Access Initiative to extend our reach and make dance more accessible for everyone. For more information about **ballet tech cincinnati**, visit [www.ballettechcincinnati.org](http://www.ballettechcincinnati.org)

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