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Jazz for Lease CD Release Party at
ballet tech cincinnati Jazz Jam Session May 16th
Benefits the Children of Haiti

Cincinnati, OH— **ballet tech cincinnati** has hosted monthly Jazz Jam Sessions on the third Sunday of each month since January 2008 at its Kennedy Heights World Headquarters facility. On Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 6-9 PM, **ballet tech cincinnati** and Omniworks Music, Inc. host the *Jazz for Lease* CD Release Party to Benefit the Children of Haiti. Admissions and a portion of the proceeds from CD sales will benefit the children of Haiti through the Matthew:25 Ministries, an established ministry that has been working for the people of Haiti since 2005. The *Jazz for Lease* CD was recorded in November 2009 at the **ballet tech cincinnati** annual fundraiser. Sound man Jimmy Clem worked onsite with Garrett Curtis from The Art of Recording www.TheArtOfRecording.com. Curtis provided Recording, Mixing and Mastering of the 3 CD music recording, which features the entire *Jazz for Lease* show: 3 ½ hours of great live music. Most of the artists from *Jazz for Lease* including Eddie Brookshire, Lavieena Campbell, N. Michael Goecke, Eugene Goss, Bruce Menefield, Nyeemah, Benita Price, Willie Smart, Hank Stephens, Erwin Stuckey, Ryan Wells, Ricardo Wilkins and Surprise Guest Artists will appear at the Jazz Jam. The May 16th Jam Session is open to the public, and offers a unique opportunity for jazz musicians of all ages and skill levels.

Musicians participate as performers or simply observe skilled jazz musicians in action, and audience members enjoy great jazz music from a variety of performers in a relaxed atmosphere. The Jazz Jam Sessions have become a great venue for jazz music in a no smoking/no alcohol venue that is comfortable for performers and audience members of all ages and offers professional artists, college and high school musicians a venue to perform together. The House Band provides keyboard, drum set, amplifiers, mikes and a rhythm section for sit in musicians. Come out and enjoy the special celebration! Admission for the *Jazz for Lease* CD Release Party is only \$10/\$5 for performing musicians. Soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Since it moved into its Kennedy Heights Headquarters, **ballet tech cincinnati** has presented a wide variety of family oriented programming, including community dance classes for all ages: Movement Discovery, Tap, Ballet, Modern, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Salsa Latin Dance; *Leaping for Literacy* "Dance it Out" sessions and Workshops in partnership with Success by Six Shared Reading Initiative; community dance performances, summer camps and workshops, and more. For more information, visit www.ballettechcincinnati.org, or call 513.841.2822

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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 programming that has 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 15,000 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 1500 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.balletechcincinnati.org
