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premieres *Leaping for Literacy* Production of **Myth**

Friday and Saturday April 24-25 at the Aronoff Theater
and Sunday May 3 at Cincinnati Ballet Company Kaplan Theater

Cincinnati, OH— **ballet tech cincinnati** will present the world premiere of the *Leaping for Literacy* production, **Myth**, which brings the epic, ancient myths from a variety of cultures to life, including Roman, Greek, Norse, Indian, Native American, South American, African, Chinese, and others in a fun, family-friendly show that encourages families to read together. This production will highlight a collaborative group of local choreographers from a variety of dance backgrounds and a diverse cast of dancers of all ages and experience levels from the Greater Cincinnati area. Local choreographers who will collaborate on the project include **ballet tech cincinnati** Artistic Associate J. Karin Bond-Williams and Principal Choreographer Kasib Hasan, East Indian dance choreographer Ketki Modi, former Cincinnati Ballet Company Senior Soloist Jay Goodlett and Peruvian dance choreographer Doni Jesson, Artistic Director of Danza Contigo Peru. The collaboration with Danza Contigo Peru will feature many of its company dancers in the show. Cincinnati Ballet Company is another collaborator in the production. Their Trainees will perform in the Aronoff Center performances and the Cincinnati Ballet Company Kaplan Theater performance on May 3rd.

Myth, a *Leaping for Literacy* Production, is a vehicle to unite Early Childhood Success by Six Shared Reading. Healthy Living Choices and Family Literacy initiatives along with its mission to present diverse, innovative productions that have a phenomenal community impact.

The Aronoff and Kaplan Theater productions will offer a Family Four Pack special that provides families and groups the ability to purchase two (2) regular priced adult tickets and get two (2) free tickets for youth 12 and under. Group rates are also available for Girl Scouts/ Boy Scouts/American Girl, church and other groups. Contact the Aronoff Box office, 513.621.ARTS or **btc** at 841.2822 for more information.

The performances will be at the Aronoff Center on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 8PM and Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 2PM and 8PM and at Cincinnati Ballet Company's Kaplan Theater on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 7PM. The performances will feature indigenous music and choreography from the wide range of cultures represented in **Myth** and colorful

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sets and costumes along with a fast-paced story line and short vignettes that will keep the youngest and oldest of our audience members engaged and captivated.

TICKETS

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

SPONSORS

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