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Opera in the Heights

8PM Saturday, January 23, 2010



Cincinnati Opera and **ballet tech cincinnati** present "Oh Freedom!" Through storytelling and song, "Oh Freedom!" chronicles the African-American struggle from the slavery era through the Civil Rights Movement. This 45-minute piece suitable for all ages, especially families, includes a variety of music from spirituals and gospel to opera arias, including "Go Down Moses," "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," "Summertime," and many more.. Soprano Andrea Jones-Sojola and Baritone Keith Dean star in this first presentation of the Cincinnati Opera in District A at **ballet tech cincinnati**, 6543 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45213.

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Tickets available at the door or for purchase through the Cincinnati Opera Box Office at (513)241-2742

\$5. For more information call **ballet tech cincinnati** at 513.841.2822. E-mail info@ballettechcincinnati.org , or visit our website www.ballettechcincinnati.org

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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.ballettechcincinnati.org

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