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## **ballet tech cincinnati**

### Calling all young artists and poets for ***Talking Eggs*** Poster and Poetry Contest

**ballet tech cincinnati** is looking for young artists and poets who can translate the traditional Louisiana Creole Cinderella-esque Fairy Tale in a creative and innovative way. **ballet tech cincinnati** will sponsor a ***Talking Eggs*** poster and poetry contest for area students in grades 3-12. Poetry should be submitted by students in the Greater Cincinnati Area, be inspired by the original dance production, ***Talking Eggs*** and/or promote literacy and a love for reading. The Poster contest is also open to all students in the Greater Cincinnati Area. Submit artwork that's creative, colorful and fun. The Poster Contest winner's design will become the poster distributed city wide and the playbill cover for the production. The winners' and runners up's designs and poetry will be on display in the Aronoff Center lobby and ***Talking Eggs*** playbill. Visit [www.balletechcincinnati.org](http://www.balletechcincinnati.org) to download the application and for more information. Submissions due February 1, 2010.

**ballet tech cincinnati's *Talking Eggs*** will offer entertainment for the entire family at the Aronoff Center for the Arts Jarson-Kaplan Theater at Friday, February 19, 2010 at 8PM and Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 2PM and 8PM. The original dance production features a lively variety of music, original choreography, pre-professional dance students, professional and community dancers from 5-60+ years in age. Come out and see why audiences say, "It was wonderful!", "I really appreciated the diversity of the choreography...and the diversity of the dancers", "It was awesome!"

With the goal of promoting literacy and a love of reading, ***Talking Eggs*** will bring to life the award winning book by Robert San Souci based on the traditional Louisiana Creole Cinderella-esque Fairy Tale. With interactive elements to engage even the smallest and most wiggly of audience members, this production is a must see for area families and a great opportunity for multi-generation family fun. ***Talking Eggs*** will introduce and inspire a love of dance to help build a new generation of dance aficionados. The audience will experience first hand the fun of reading as the fantastical world comes to life. This production will create a positive experience in the hearts of all who attend, inspiring a love of reading, rhyming, dance and more~ smiles, laughter, and the motivation to experience more dance! Call or stop by the Aronoff Center box office for the Family Four Pack special where families can get 4 tickets for the price of two.

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## TICKETS

Tickets on sale now at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center Box Office: \$26. To purchase, call 513.621.ARTS (2787) or go to [www.balletechcincinnati.org](http://www.balletechcincinnati.org). ETA/START, Senior and Group Rates available.

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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 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](http://www.balletechcincinnati.org)

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