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Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo: The Golden Years 1938-1944

A unique collaboration between the Cincinnati Ballet, the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Public Library brings the Golden Years of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo back to center stage. Its exceptional talent and lavish costumes and sets helped introduce Americans to ballet in the late 1930s and early 1940s. Yet, if not for the patronage of Cincinnati's Julius Fleischmann, it may have never existed. To celebrate this legendary dance company and its contributions to furthering cultural enrichment, a series of programs and exhibits of interest to dance enthusiasts and critics regionally and beyond have been planned that lead up to the Cincinnati Ballet's special tribute performances.

Exhibit at the Main Library

Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo Enchants the Queen City, an archival exhibit at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, focuses on the historical significance of how this extraordinary ballet company helped build the cultural scene in Cincinnati. Colorful souvenir programs, newspaper articles and dance critiques, photographs of the performers, and books on the Ballet Russe are part of the display on view in the Art & Music Department (3rd floor, south building) from September 3 to November 30.

Programs at the Main Library & Green Township Branch

Behind the Scenes of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, a conversation and slide presentation with Cincinnati Ballet Artistic Director Victoria Morgan, dance critic Janet Light, and Cincinnati Art Museum Curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs Kristin Spangenberg, will be held at the Main Library on Friday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. The discussion will focus on how the project began, the Ballet Russe's ties to Cincinnati, and

the ballet company's effort to revive significant choreography inspired by the Cincinnati Art Museum's exhibition.

Cincinnati Ballet's Venture Dancers will preview the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo with performance vignettes on Saturday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Main Library and on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Township Branch Library (6525 Bridgetown Road).

Ballet Russe at the Cincinnati Art Museum

The Golden Age of Costume and Set Design for Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, an exhibit of over 100 original costume and set drawings from 19 ballets performed by this pioneering dance company, will be on display at the Art Museum from October 10-January 12. The designs are drawn from the gift of The Fleischmann Foundation in memory of Julius Fleischmann.

At the Aronoff Center for the Arts

Cincinnati Ballet's Tribute to the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Cincinnati Ballet with Frederic Franklin, a former principal dancer and ballet master with Ballet Russe, and his 70th anniversary in the dance world on Friday, October 18 (8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, October 19 (2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.) at the Aronoff Center for the Arts.

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√**Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.**

√**Interpreter available upon request for the hearing impaired. Please call 369-6944 (TDD 369-6946) at least one week before program.**