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**Pointe West Performances' "Masterpieces in Motion" Concert Series
"The Fire of Dance: Spanish & Gypsy Traditions"**

Pointe West Performances Dance Company will present the fifth concert in its "Masterpieces in Motion" Series on Sunday, 20 March 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Akron Summit County Public Library Main Auditorium. Entitled "The Fire of Dance: Spanish & Gypsy Traditions," a spicy blend of ballet, contemporary jazz dance, and musical selections performed by professional musicians flavors the concert. The eclectic presentation of the company includes variations from "Don Quichotte," "La Esmeralda," "Paquita," "Le Cid," in conjunction with the jazz pieces featuring a "Tango Trio" with music by Cleveland composer Margi Griebing-Haigh. Premieres of jazz repertory for the company include six pieces choreographed by Jazz Director, Joli Oliver, and Artistic Director, Suzanne Winland. The musical selections of the program include performances of Griebing-Haigh's "Twisty Vista Tango," performed by Karen Griebing and Jamie Hitel, as well as solo and ensemble selections for strings, percussion, and classical guitar. A composition by Akron native, Roger Zahab, called "bedford square" will be featured in the concert, as well.

"It promises to mirror the passionate traditions of the Latin and gypsy influences so beloved in dance," remarked Artistic Director, Suzanne Winland. "Our company is honored to have the rare gift of live accompaniment for its productions. This is the tenth anniversary season of PWP and the rich eclectic repertory of new choreography blended with classical traditions is enriched immeasurably by the original compositions and musical contributions of area musicians. In this age of 'canned music,' I am honored that we are able to work with fine musicians to present a concert."

For more information, call the PWP office at 330.668.1254 or visit online at www.pointewest.org.

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