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## Pointe West Performances to Collaborate with Akron Symphony Orchestra

Pointe West Performances is very pleased to announce two appearances with the Akron Symphony Orchestra as part of its 2006-2007 Season. PWP's Artistic Director, Suzanne Winland, comments: "This brilliant new collaborative spirit which Christopher Wilkins – ASO's new Conductor – is bringing to Akron is already transforming and energizing the artistic scene in this town!"

PWP, an arts consortium based in Copley, will be presenting both its Student Company and the professional division of the company, Pointillism Jazz Consort, in its first collaborative appearance with ASO Family Series Concerts entitled "Caribbean Cruise" on Sun., Oct. 29 at 3:00 p.m. at E.J. Thomas Hall. Pointillism Jazz Consort is also proud to present professional dancer/actress, Danielle DuFore Garcia of Washington, D.C., as part of this collaborative performance.

Maestro Wilkins, nationally recognized for his creative programming, is using organizations such as PWP to enhance the pre-show enrichment presentations and visual impact of this family event. An audience participation dance lesson of the Cuban Danzón, displays of traditional Afro-Caribbean dance, and stories about the Cakewalk are a few of the experiences PWP will share with the audience. During this 'cruise' through the Caribbean Wilkins, with PWP, the Juneteenth Cultural Club of Akron, and the Miller South Steelband, will follow the path of jazz to the U.S. It will be loads of fun for family members of all ages – complete with Pirates of the Caribbean costuming – so bring everyone!

The second PWP appearance with ASO will be during the Holiday Pops Concert on Friday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. at E.J. Thomas Hall, conducted by Matthew Kraemer. Get acquainted with Akron's hottest professional dance company – Pointillism Jazz Consort – in movements from Duke Ellington's "Nutcracker Suite." This jazzy twist on the holiday favorite will appeal to kids of all ages – from 5 to 105! Pointillism presents Ellington's "Nutcracker" segments with the Akron Symphony Orchestra as part of the "Gift to the Community Tour" which PWP produces each season.

This fresh and exciting trend in arts programming, the artistic vision of Christopher Wilkins and Pointe West Performances promises to be a crowd pleaser for young and old alike. Join the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Pointe West Performances as they collaborate to melt the fall chill with "Caribbean Cruise"!

Pointe West Performances is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit arts organization

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(Interviews about programming by Pointillism Jazz Consort and PWP's upcoming season may be arranged through our Executive Director, Kim Lucas, at the PWP Company phone number listed below or by e-mail: [klucas@pointwest.org](mailto:klucas@pointwest.org). Promotional photos available upon request.)

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