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DANCE WITH ME
A BALLET ARIZONA GALA | FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

Ballet Arizona's Annual Gala and Fundraiser to Focus on Supporters and Performers

PHOENIX, Ariz., (December 14, 2017) - On Friday, January 19, 2018, Ballet Arizona will honor longtime supporters Rose and Harry Papp with its popular and entertaining fundraising event *Dance with Me* at Phoenix Art Museum. All proceeds from the event support Ballet Arizona's beautiful and athletic performances as well as its education and community outreach programs.

The fun and fresh annual event will focus on the dancers who make the fabulous performances happen. These young artists have been through years of training and have a dedicated passion for the art in their day-to-day lives. The evening will also spotlight honorary chairs Rose and Harry Papp whose dedication and passion have deeply impacted Ballet Arizona and propel the art organization to where it is today, a nationally acclaimed ballet company.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres among the beautiful artwork of Phoenix Art Museum, followed by a brief performance from the Ballet Arizona dancers showcasing their athleticism and dedication to this beautiful and demanding art form. Once the dinner has ended, a live band will take the stage and guests can take the dance floor with the dancers for the remainder of the evening. Tickets for this black tie event begin at \$600 and table sponsorships begin at \$6,000 for this fun and high energy evening.

Reservations for tickets, sponsorships, and program ads can be purchased by calling Natalie Salvione at 602-343-6522 or at nsalvione@balletaz.org.

Ballet Arizona is the official Ballet Company of the State of Arizona whose mission is to create, perform, and teach outstanding classical and contemporary ballet. The company is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating and commissioning new innovative works.

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Ballet Arizona, approaching its 32nd season, is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ib Andersen - a former Principal Dancer with The New York City Ballet and The Royal Danish Ballet - Ballet Arizona follows his lead to the future of dance in Arizona. The School of Ballet Arizona, under the direction of Carlos Valcárcel, promotes access to the art form of ballet through dance education, with a focus on excellence in the form, directing each student to a lifelong love of dance. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low cost outreach programs. Please visit www.balletaz.org for more information.