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Ballet Company Secures Sets & Costumes FULL SEASON CONFIRMED

Auditions Set for New Company Dancers

(San Jose, CA) The two independent Boards of Trustees of **Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley** (formerly San Jose Cleveland Ballet) and Cleveland San Jose Ballet have signed a definitive agreement for the sets and costumes of the co-venture company. **Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley** now takes full ownership of the production assets. The agreement involves both cash and forgiveness of debt between the two former partners.

Through this agreement **Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley** has acquired all sets, costumes, shop equipment, music library, toe shoe inventory, ballet barres, rehearsal and student costumes, the marketing and production audio/video archives, and other miscellaneous rehearsal and promotional equipment. This agreement was made possible by a generous lead gift from San Jose Trustee Charmaine Warmenhoven.

"Acquiring the sets and costumes of the ballets our audiences have come to enjoy, and many more that have never been seen here, is a critical step in building our new company" said BSJSV Executive Director Andrew Bales. "This sets the stage—literally—for all that comes next. We are very excited to have this contract signed." The acquisition of the production materials allows **Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley** to commit to the full 25-week dancer contract and the entire 2000-01 five-show season including Dennis Nahat's dazzling holiday offering of ***The Nutcracker*** this December.

Thirty-four Charter Company Member dancers and trainees have now committed to contracts with the company. Twenty-nine dancers are preparing to move to the San Jose area. **Artistic Director Dennis Nahat will be conducting auditions in San Jose on Sunday, October 15th to add to the company.** There are seven places available that Nahat will seek to fill between now and January. Additional auditions will be held in New York City and elsewhere. New members of the company will be expected to reside in or near San Jose. For audition information contact Donna Delseni (408) 288-2820 extension 215.

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