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San Jose Cleveland Ballet Board Examines Options for New Company

(San Jose, CA) San Jose Cleveland Ballet's Board of Trustees has held several meetings to discuss its options in light of the cessation of operations by Cleveland San Jose Ballet, an Ohio corporation. The two entities are separate corporations with separate budgets, administrative staffs and boards. The San Jose corporation has been operating in the black with a \$4.5 million budget for the current season.

The San Jose Board has determined that it wishes to test the feasibility of retaining the major elements of the former company as it founds a new ballet for the Silicon Valley. Among the areas being investigated are the availability of dancers from the troupe to join the new company, the interest of Artistic Director Dennis Nahat to lead the venture, and our ability to obtain financial resources necessary to make this move. The Board's goal is to provide uninterrupted service to our loyal audience members in the Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area.

Board President Linda F. Sarles and Executive Director Andrew Bales met with company's dancers in Cleveland yesterday and discussed their interest in moving to San Jose to become part of the new dance company. The dancers were asked to indicate their interest by tomorrow. (Thursday, September 14th)

Our season is still set to open October 12th. A press event and donor celebration for the 15th Anniversary of the Company had been set for Friday afternoon. That event is still being held. (See below for times and location.) Several major announcements are anticipated and the status of the feasibility assessment will be presented.

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Press and Donor Event:

Friday, September 15th at Fanny & Alexander's Restaurant in San Jose. You may enter either through 71 San Pedro Street or 72 N. Almaden Avenue. The San Pedro street side will have a 'Farmer's Market' set up until approximately 4 p.m.

Call the restaurant for directions. (408) 287-1737 x 1

Parking is available on Market Street between Santa Clara and Saint John Streets.

There will be two seatings: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.