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THE ITHACA BALLET PRESENTS THE FAMILY FAVORITE CINDERELLA
May 6-7 at the State Theater in Ithaca, NY

ITHACA – The Ithaca Ballet proudly presents the return of Alice Reid’s beloved family favorite, *Cinderella*, on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. Adapted from the fairy tale, the ballet tells the story of a young girl deprived of her rightful station and treated cruelly by her stepmother and ugly stepsisters. With the help of her fairy godmother, she is magically transformed and attends the royal ball where she attracts the attention of the handsome prince. Alas, the magic fades and she returns to her previous state leaving behind only her dance slipper. The prince searches the countryside for the beautiful girl who fits the slipper. Eventually he finds her and they live happily ever after.

Under the direction of Cindy Reid, the full length production of *Cinderella* is based on an original ballet by Alice Reid, to the well-known score of Prokofiev, with new choreography by Lavinia and Cindy Reid. Principal dancer Deena Schmidt co-stars as Cinderella with guest artist Johann Studier, formerly of the Houston Ballet, as the Prince. The production also includes dancers from the Ithaca Ballet company, guest children from the Ballet Center of Ithaca (the official school of the Ithaca Ballet company), as well as demi-character dancers, Allen MacNeill and Bill White, as the ugly stepsisters.

Tickets for the Ithaca Ballet’s production of *Cinderella* can be purchased at the Clinton House, 116 N. Cayuga St., in Ithaca, by calling 1-800-284-8422, or at the door. Ticket prices are: Adults - \$15, Seniors - \$12, Students - \$10, and Children - \$6. Group discounts are available. This performance is made possible in part with public funds from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County/NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program.

RELATED EVENTS

Ithaca Ballet Dances at the Ithaca Festival

June 3, 2006

On Saturday, June 3 at 4:00 pm, the Ithaca Ballet will present a free performance of excerpts from their repertoire at the Center Pavilion in The Commons. Over the years, hundreds of Ithaca Festival attendees have enjoyed these performances.

Annual Student Recital

June 16, 2006

On June 16, 2006, at 7:30 pm, the Ballet Center of Ithaca, the official school of the Ithaca Ballet, will present its Student Recital 2006 at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School. Tickets for the Student Recital 2006 are Adults - \$6, Seniors and Children - \$3.50, and will be available at the door. Seating is General Admission.

Summer Ballet Camp

June 26 to August 4, 2006

For the 26th year, the Ithaca Ballet will offer a summer day camp in ballet. Children from eight to eighteen years are encouraged to attend. Daily activities include dance technique classes in ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, stretch and character as well as workshops in stagecraft, nutrition and daily recreation activities. Dancers can select from one of two three week sessions, or a six week session. All sessions conclude with a performance experience. Camp hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Ballet Center of Ithaca, 504-506 North Plain Street in Ithaca.

Founded in 1960, The Ithaca Ballet, housed at the Ballet Center of Ithaca, is Upstate New York's only repertory company. The ballet is a professional ensemble corps, having a varied repertoire of classical and contemporary works. Nationally known, the company tours the Finger Lakes Region.