

JORDAN CENTER — Jordan Center provides free health services for the medically under-served. Nurse and office volunteers are needed. 513-569-6400.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT — Recruiting business and community volunteers to spend one hour each week for a maximum of eight weeks in area classrooms to help prepare students to be tomorrow's leaders. All lesson plans and training are provided. 513-531-3777 or www.jacincy.org.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION — Seeks volunteers to help with office support and upcoming events. 513-793-3223.

KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI — Work at special events distributing educational materials, helping with blood pressure screenings and assisting with slide presentations. 513-961-8105 or e-mail lhumphrey@kidney.cincinnati.org.

KIDS SAFE — Needs volunteers to cook, serve and share a meal with hungry children ages 3-14 during Thursday, Saturday and Sunday meals and reading tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also seeks volunteers for "Homework Club" Mondays-Thursdays, (during the school year), who tutor, mentor and love needy children ages 5-14. 513-541-7757, ext. 2.

KENTON COUNTY ADULT LEARNING — The Kenton County English as a Second Language program is looking for volunteers to assist in the classroom. Needs volunteers to help adults learn to read, write and speak English using a varied curriculum during day and evening sessions. 859-581-7323.

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERVICES — This social services agency primarily serves abused, neglected and homeless youth and families in crisis. The Youth Crisis Center needs staff assistants at the 24-hour emergency shelter facility. Foster Care needs drivers to transport clients to appointments. The Transitional Living Program needs tutors and mentors to help clients become more self-sufficient. The Family Outreach Program needs childcare workers to help assist social workers and families. The General House Staff needs help cooking, answering phones and supervising youth in the emergency shelter program. Career Connections need drivers to help handicapped and impaired adults get to various appointments. Mentors and tutors are also needed. 513-221-1017, ext. 220.

LIT-ER-ATE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION — Seeks volunteers to help further promote and encourage literacy. People with skills in marketing, strong leadership, financial management, grant and proposal writing especially needed. Send a copy of your resume and a handwritten description of what you have to offer to: 136 Sheehan Ave., Room 7, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216.

LITERACY IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY (LINK) — Seeks volunteers to take a 12 hour tutor training on October 14, 17, 21 and 24. Following the training, tutors will be matched with adults who wish to learn to read. Give someone the gift of literacy. Call Amy at 859-581-7323 to find out more or to register.

LITERACY NETWORK OF GREATER CINCINNATI — Daytime and evening volunteers are needed to tutor adults with beginning literacy, basic skills or GED preparation in one of over 70 area literacy programs: Children's Basic Reading Classes and the newly established Children's Dyslexia Classes. 2:30-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Training provided. 635 W. Seventh St., Downtown. 513-621-READ.

MAN-TO-MAN/WOMAN-TO-WOMAN OF CINCINNATI, INC. — Visit with and be a mentor for an inmate. 513-681-4129.

MERCY FRANCISCAN HOSPITAL-MOUNT AIRY — The hospital's auxiliary gift shop needs people who enjoy working in retail to help with sales, pricing and processing merchandise. ... Surgical waiting desk needs two volunteers every weekday to maintain surgery schedules and serve as a liaison between nurses, doctors and family. Can be very busy 8-hour shifts. ... Volunteer crafters needed to make crafts for sale at various hospital functions. They supply the materials. 513-853-5150.

NATIONAL ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE OF OHIO — This pro-choice group is seeking to fill the position of Choice Action Team Coordinator. Also seeking general volunteers. 1-800-GO-NARAL.

NEW PERCEPTIONS, INC. — Seeks volunteers to assist adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities with their day-to-day sorting and packaging jobs as well as social and recreational projects. Also seeks help with planning and implementing fundraising and special events. Edgewood. 859-344-9322 ext. 55 or npi@one.net.

NORTH FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER — Needs volunteers for yard work and general maintenance. North Fairmount. 513-921-5842.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY COMMUNITY CENTER — Needs volunteers to help school-age children with homework and games. Also seeks help working at bongo to raise funds for the senior center. Covington. 859-431-5700.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — Seeks volunteers to help with family nurturing, property maintenance, church relations, special events and construction. 513-942-9211.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY SYMPHONY — Seeks ushers and box office help for the upcoming season. 859-431-6216 or www.kyso.org.

NORWOOD SERVICE LEAGUE — Needs volunteers to paint classrooms and offices, clean up the yard and clean out the storage area. Norwood. 513-631-4000.

O'BRYONVILLE ANIMAL RESCUE — This organization seeks adult volunteers to work with rescued cats and kittens. For information, call 513-871-PAWS, or www.theanimalrescue.com.

OVER-THE-RHINE SOUP KITCHEN — Help feed the hungry by preparing and serving food and setting the table. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Over-the-Rhine. 513-961-1983 or aposervice@juno.com.

PARACHUTE: FOR ABUSED CHILDREN — The Butler County Court Appointed Special Advocates are currently seeking volunteers for a training program that focuses on child abuse and its causes, as well as many other aspects of the problem. For information about becoming a volunteer, call 513-887-3880 or 513-424-5351, ext. 3880. Or write: Parachute: Butler County Court Appointed Special Advocates, 280 N. Fair Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY — Seeking volunteers to perform essential repairs for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. Volunteers gather the third Saturday of every month. Call to register. 513-351-7921.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD — Looking for help in administrative, special events/fund raising, community outreach and other areas. 513-721-7635, ext. 221.

PRO SENIORS — Seeks volunteers to make weekly visits to nursing homes, make residents aware of their rights and to cover the Hotline for Older Ohioans. 513-345-4160.

RAYMOND WALTERS COLLEGE-BLUE ASH — Raymond Walters College needs volunteers for Skills Enhancement Classes teaching ABLE, ESL basic skills and GED preparation. Training available. Call 513-745-5691.

READING VOLUNTEERS — Needed for one hour a week to tutor kindergarten through fourth grade students in the Cincinnati Public School System. Training is provided and volunteers can serve at a time convenient to them. 513-602-2424.

REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER — Volunteers age 14 and up needed Monday-Friday between 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Redwood is a non-profit agency serving adults and children with disabilities. 859-331-0880.

SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. — Seeks assistants for the meals-on-wheels program. Also needs tutors and mentors. 513-557-2700.

SAVE THE ANIMALS FOUNDATION — Volunteers age 18 and up are needed to feed, clean and love cats and dogs at a no-kill shelter. For cats, 513-378-0300; for dogs, 513-588-6609.

SCHOOL MENTORS NEEDED — Local non-profit organization needs volunteers to mentor school kids at local elementary schools. If interested call 513-242-7613, ext. 378 or e-mail Arholdenburg@Staloyiscincinnati.org

SENIOR SERVICES OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY — Needs volunteers who could spend a few hours each month grocery shopping, delivering meals, helping with chores or just visiting. Hours are flexible and one-time projects are available. 859-491-0522.

SERVICES TO AREA YOUTH (STAY) — Seeks tutors to help prevent high school dropout. Harrison. 513-367-1441 or e-mail stay@fuse.net.

SEVEN HILLS - EAST END — Needs help preparing and serving food in the soup kitchen as well as picking up food from the FreeStore/Foodbank. 513-321-7520.

SIERRA CLUB — Every day sierra club volunteers are exploring and protecting the environment in Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio, and they need your help! Their conservation committee meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Avon Woods Nature Center on Paddock Road. To find out how you can help call 513-841-0111.

SMARTMONEY COMMUNITY SERVICES — This financial resource organization in Over-the-Rhine seeks volunteers in several areas. 1731 Vine St., Downtown. 513-241-7266.

SOPHIA-ONLINE DATABASE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING — A database for affordable housing in Cincinnati

is looking to increase its current 1,500-unit list. Volunteers are needed to work on human service housing database. 513-761-1480.

ST. JOHN — Provides a variety of emergency services and self-sufficiency programs. Needs help sorting food and clothing. Downtown. 513-241-2186 or e-mail scbrown@health-partners.org.

ST. JOSEPH HOME — This home, which works with disabled children and adults, needs people to work one-on-one with residents. Be a friend or an assistant on community outings. Must be at least age 15. Training provided. St. Joseph Home, 10722 Wycarver Road, Sharonville. 513-563-2520, ext. 117.

ST. RITA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF — Needs tutors and teachers' aides. Must know sign-language. Seeks volunteers to watch children in the day care. Also needs help landscaping the grounds and cleaning inside and outside of the building. 513-771-7600, ext. 325 or e-mail bellegia_h@hccanet.org. Evendale.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER — Seeks volunteers to help maintain the facility. Newport. 859-581-3390.

STARFIRE COUNCIL — Reconnect with the simple pleasures. Go on small outings with adults and teen-agers with disabilities to shows, restaurants, boat trips and more. Starfire Council, 2330 Victory Pkwy., Suite 100 A, East Walnut Hills. 513-281-2100.

SUMMERFAIR INC. — Summerfair Inc., a non-profit arts organization dedicated to supporting visual and performing artists in greater Cincinnati, is looking for volunteers for their annual SummerFair festival. Send an e-mail to the organization at summerfair@fuse.net. 513-531-0050 or www.summerfair.org.

SUPPORTED LIVING OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY — Volunteers needed to provide meaningful companionship and to assist adults with mental retardation/developmental disabilities in community activities. 859-261-0909.

TEEN CHALLENGE CINCINNATI — Seeks volunteers to drive clients to appointments and serve as mentors. Milford. 513-248-0452.

TENDER MERCIES — Volunteers are needed to serve meals, work in the administrative department, assist staff with maintenance and help with special events for Tender Mercies, an agency that provides housing and individualized supportive services to homeless persons. 513-639-7027.

TERRACE GUILD — The social service agency seeks volunteers to help answer phones, distribute food, tutor adults and children and to work within the community. 4848 Winneste Ave., Winton Hills. 513-641-0382.

THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAM — Volunteers needed to work with horses and children or adults with disabilities or restrictions. Must be at least 14 years old. No experience necessary. 513-923-4390.

THREE SQUARE MUSIC FOUNDATION — Currently seeking volunteers for choir direction, computer instruction, dance and drill team instruction, tutoring, mentors, event planning, fund-raising and much more. 7373 Brookcrest, Suite 350, Roselawn. 513-731-3227 or ThreeSquare@yahoo.com.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF GREATER CINCINNATI — UCP seeks volunteers to assist in advancing the independence of adults with physical disabilities. They are looking for: musical volunteers, to encourage participants through songs; an exercise instructor for a weekly class promoting participants to move; computer trainers to tutor adults students in the use of Word Perfect, MS Office or Excel. Interested volunteers may contact Eileen and Patti 8:30-4:30p.m. weekdays. Alfred J. Rendigs Center, Victoria Parkway. (513) 221-4606.

UNITED MINISTRIES — Help pick up, sort and stock food, clothes and shelves to help families in need. Seeks help with building maintenance, yard work and yard sales. Also seeks GED tutors. Erlanger. 859-727-0300 or www.umnky.org.

UNITED WAY — The United Way Volunteer Resource Center offers volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in donating some time. Opportunities include: Starfire Council, City of Cincinnati Planning Department, Mercy Franciscan at St. John, ProKids, Great Oaks Institute, Great Rivers Girl Scout Council, Council on Child Abuse for Southern Ohio and Toward Independence. 513-721-7900 or e-mail volunteer@uwgc.org.

UPTOWN ARTS — This after-school arts program in Over-the-Rhine seeks volunteers to work with professional artists in assisting young children as they learn art, music, dance and theater. No experience is necessary. 2:15-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. 513-651-1500.

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD & CLOTHING CENTER — Work in the Back-to-School program packaging school

FINE TUNING

CLASSICAL MUSIC, TUNES, ETC.

BY RICK PENDER

The past year has included milestones for several Classical music ensembles. The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra (once known as the Northern Kentucky Symphony) marked its first decade, while the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra celebrated 25 years with **ERICH KUNZEL** at its helm. The Pops is one of America's most recorded ensembles, with 70 releases on the Telarc label — it almost always has something up there on the Classical charts. This year also saw the release of **PAAVO JÄRVI**'s second recording with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra: Jan Sibelius' *Symphony No. 2*, paired with the fifth symphony of Järvi's fellow Estonian, Eduard Tubin. Järvi's presence is felt everywhere in the local Classical scene (and it's not just because his face looms from those billboards proclaiming "Bravo, Paavo!") — he's drawing bigger audiences to concerts at Music Hall and getting rave notices when he guest conducts elsewhere. (In March he takes the CSO to New York's Carnegie Hall.) Another handsome young conductor, **MISCHA SANTORA**, is doing a fine job with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, too, finding ways to present the smaller orchestra in approachable, intimate settings that appeal to young audiences. UC's College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) trains and employs musicians of the highest caliber: **XIAN ZHANG**, a CCM assistant professor of conducting, this fall was a co-winner of the prestigious Maazel/Vilar Conductors'

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Competition, a sort of World Series of orchestra conducting. CCM's presence also means a constant stream of new ensembles for local music fans: Two relatively new groups worth hearing are the **ARC ENSEMBLE**, which focuses on chamber music composed after 1900, and **CINCINNATI BAROQUE**, led by **THOMAS JUNEAU**, a professional ensemble of 20 singers supported by up to 20 instrumentalists to perform music from the 18th century by composers such as Bach and Handel. ... The biggest splash in the world of high-end music this past season was surely the Cincinnati Opera's production of **DEAD MAN WALKING**, only the new opera's third staging, garnering international attention during the July performances at Music Hall. Composer Jake Heggie spent lots of

time in town, as did Sister Helen Prejean, whose story the opera tells (as did the Academy Award-nominated film of the same name). Perhaps even more satisfying than this contemporary work was a spectacular staging of Richard Strauss' **ELEKTRA**, a seldom-presented 1909 piece — this was, in fact, its Cincinnati premiere — with a cast of renowned singers including Deborah Polaski (who happens to be a CCM grad), Inga Nielsen and Anja Silja. It made lots of knowledgeable opera fans around America and the world sit up and take notice.

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SHAKE IT

BASICALLY DANCE

BY KATHY VALIN

Cincinnati's last calendar year in dance was a rich one, with lots of strong evenings from big presenters — **CINCINNATI BALLET** led by Artistic Director Victoria Morgan and **CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATER** (CDT) led by Artistic Director Jefferson James, plus a strong showing from other local groups, especially The First Annual Gala of International Ballet Stars from **BALLET TECH PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION**. The latter is directed by Claudia Rudolf Barrett with Alexei Kremnev as associate artistic director, assisted by Anna Reznik and occasionally by Desmond Richardson, all confirming yet again that Cincinnati is ready and willing to support dance on a high level and also receptive to innovation. Our town was also chosen to host the OhioDance Annual Festival this year.

The rest of my short list of superlatives: Cincinnati Ballet's historical tribute to **FREDRIC FRANKLIN** and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo plus (finally) a full roster of principals — the breathtaking Lorna Feijoo and Kristi Capps, Nelson Madrigal and Dmitri Trubchanov — and the sterling work of the company's amazing longtime music

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director **CARMON DELEONE**. High marks also to ballettech ohio's *Pinocchio* and *La Fille Mal Gardée* and CDT's **PERFORMANCE AND TIME ARTS** series, which sprinkled talented local modern dancers during the year; many of the latter also appeared in CDT's presentation of Maureen Fleming. More high notes were CDT's presentation of Ronald K. Brown/Evidence and the sold-out Pilobolus Dance Theatre, plus Cincinnati Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty*, for both its classic breadth and its pairing of new principal dancers Kristi Capps and Dmitri Trubchanov.

Two out of town notes: In New York City last summer I was lucky enough to see the New York City Ballet, as well as the year-end performance from the School of American Ballet — wonderful experiences that also reminded me, though Cincinnati is not New York City, we have nothing to apologize for locally. Finally, on an inadvertent trip to San Antonio, Tex., I was lucky enough to see The Rolling Stones and am happy to report that Mick Jagger is still one heck of a dancer.

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