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Indianapolis City Ballet Welcomes New Board of Directors Membership *Jim and Muffi James Join Organization*

Indianapolis, IN—Indianapolis City Ballet is excited to welcome our new Board of Directors members, Jim and Muffi James. As C.E.O of the 21st Amendment chain of liquor stores, Jim James and his wife Muffi have made it a priority to be active in the community of Indianapolis. While Muffi James shows her commitment to not-for-profit organizations through involvement on the Board of Directors at the Indianapolis Opera, both Jim and Muffi have generously donated to help fund Indianapolis City Ballet's Evening with the Stars performances since the beginning in 2009.

The James' have been honored in Indianapolis for their philanthropic history, as they have supported many causes including the Marge Tharplee Downtown Beautification Fund, which aims to keep Indianapolis looking its best by offsetting the cost of annual beautification programs.

“We are grateful and proud to have Jim and Muffi James join the Board of Directors. As Indianapolis City Ballet is expanding its membership, the James' experience and continued generosity will be extremely beneficial, helping to build the organization and prepare for an expansion of programming,” said Indianapolis City Ballet Executive Committee Chairman Bob Hesse.

Indianapolis City Ballet seeks to serve as a ballet center in the Midwest; to produce or present ballet works of the highest standard; to grow the marketplace for dance; to provide educational resources to the dance community and general public; to serve the people of Indianapolis and represent Indianapolis, through ballet, to the nation and beyond; and, through the artistry of ballet and the dedication of its artists, to inspire current and future generations to achieve their goals whether in or outside the dance world.

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