

# Beijing Dance Theater Makes Ohio Debut

presented by Tri-C Performing Arts, DANCECleveland and Cleveland Public Library

CLEVELAND — Beijing Dance Theater, a world-class Chinese contemporary dance organization, will make its Ohio debut at Playhouse Square as part of the Tri-C Performing Arts season presented by Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C).

The group's American tour stops in Cleveland for performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Ohio Theatre. The programs are co-presented by Tri-C, DANCECleveland and Cleveland Public Library.

"We are fortunate to have this unique company perform in Cleveland and to present them in partnership with DANCECleveland and the Cleveland Public Library," said Terri Pontremoli, director of Tri-C Performing Arts and Tri-C JazzFest.

Founded in 2008, Beijing Dance Theater is led by choreographer Wang Yuanyuan and visual artists Tan Shaoyuan and Hanjiang. The group collaborates with internationally renowned dramatists, musicians and designers to create works with dynamic sets and imaginative choreography.

The February performances in Cleveland feature a mixed repertoire of pieces from Beijing Dance Theater's Hamlet, Wild Grass and Crossing.

## Audiences will see:

\* The story of Shakespeare's Hamlet reimagined in the universal language of ballet, with dance movements capturing the prince's struggles with the fallout from his father's murder.

\* A trance-like fantasia experienced through Chinese writer Lu Xun's Wild Grass, with the piece as beautiful in its design as it is confounding in its movement.

\* An evolving set asymmetrical in form as Crossing progresses through performance solos, duets and trios that pit lyrical movement against the stark realities of space and sound.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$45 and can be purchased at [www.playhouse-square.org](http://www.playhouse-square.org).

北京當代芭蕾舞團創辦于2008年，由創團編舞家王媛媛兼任藝術總監與團長。在她的帶領下，舞團不斷為中國當代舞蹈界推出一部部高質量作品，聯手國內外優秀導演、音樂家和設計師，用極具風格的舞蹈平台，向世界展示當代中國舞臺藝術。

舞團以非凡的創造力和驚人的速度連續創作出十部風格迥異的高水平作品。展現其團隊對當代社會的深入思考：改編自《牡丹亭》的作品《驚夢》，青春激蕩的凱歌式芭蕾舞作品《空間日記》，描摹當下生存與自我覺醒的作品《霾》，瑞典、丹麥及加拿大新銳編舞家攜手創作的《棱鏡》，表達熾熱糾纏的愛情作品《情·色》、《拾穗者》，還有關於漂泊生活的演員編創作品《無足鳥》，以及與法國編導合作的太極、街舞、芭蕾跨界作品《中間》，2011年受香港藝術節委約創作的《金瓶梅》，並在國內外均引起極大反響，為舞團帶來極大的聲譽。其中《霾》已于2011年成功在美國BAM劇院和肯尼迪藝術中心、英國沙德勒之井等頂級劇場上演，舞團在四年內成功出訪了德國、冰島、法國、西班牙、丹麥、瑞典、塞爾維亞、意大利、荷蘭、墨西哥、哥倫比亞、厄瓜多爾等十幾個國家，在三十多個城市的著名劇院進行巡迴演出。其中《棱鏡》獲得2013年由墨西哥國家音樂廳LUNAS頒發的最佳現代舞獎。

2012年5月王媛媛新作《死火》于丹麥皇家歌劇院首演，同年9月新作《野草》首演于蘇州、上海，同時獲得2014年5月德國邀請進行歐洲首演，2014年10月獲得紐約BAM Next Wave藝術節再次邀約及美國五大城市巡演。

2013年舞團再度重磅投入製作年度新劇《夜宴》，此劇脫胎于莎士比亞《哈姆雷特》及馮小剛電影《夜宴》，于2014年展開國內三輪近50場演出。

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Tri-C's 2018-2019 Performing Arts season features 10 productions showcasing classical piano, jazz and dance. It is designed to bring a world-class

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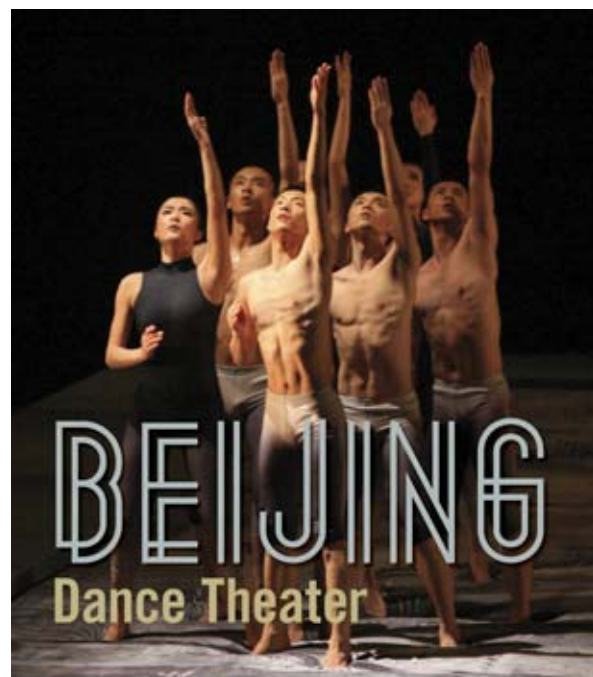
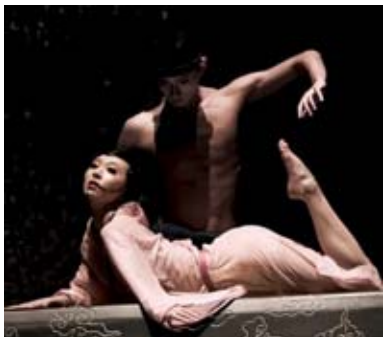
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Beijing Dance Theater makes its Ohio debut with two beautifully lush performances featuring three remarkable works. Founded in 2008, Beijing Dance Theater (BDT) is led by its choreographer Wang Yuanyuan together with visual artists Tan Shaoyuan and Hanjiang. The company collaborates with inter-

nationally renowned dramatists, musicians and designers to create dance works that excite audiences with visually dynamic sets, and imaginative choreography. Delicate, beautiful and filled with technically superb dancers, BDT's works create a meeting point where both traditional Chinese culture influences the movement and innovation pushes the company forward through thought-provoking contemporary choreography.

Born and raised in Beijing, Wang Yuanyuan began her dance journey at the Beijing Dance Academy and later went on to be named the resident choreographer of the National Ballet of China. She furthered her studies at the California Institute of Arts School of Dance in Los Angeles, where she completed a Master of Fine Arts in 2002 and in 2015, she received her Honorary Fellowship from The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA). She was also one of the main choreographers for the Opening Ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. Her works have won numerous awards including 'Best Choreographer' awards at the Varna International Ballet Competition, the USA International Ballet Competition, and the Moscow and Shanghai International Ballet Competitions respectively, making her the most internationally awarded Chinese choreographer to date.



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