Creole Cinderella revival coming to Akron's Civic Theatre

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**Creole Cinderella by Neos bringing Dixieland dance Oct. 19 to Akron Civic**

Akron, OH — With a Dixieland band providing the lively music and pre-WW I New Orleans providing the vintage setting, Neos Dance Theatre is bringing its original Creole Cinderella to the Akron Civic Theatre for a single public performance on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Neos’ unique retelling of the classic tale combines the fun and frivolity of Mardi Gras with fabulous period costumes and tunes such as “Alexander’s Ragtime Band” and “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Tickets are $15 for general seating and $24 for reserved seating. They are available at the door that evening and in advance from the Civic box office by phone at 330-253-2488 and at the walk-up window Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are also available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com/) and at Ticketmaster outlets in Macy’s and select Giant Eagle stores.

“Outrageous, silly and often touching, Creole Cinderella is meant to delight the entire family,” says Bobby Wesner, artistic director and co-founder of Neos.

As the parents of four daughters ages 9 to 16, Wesner and his wife, Neos co-founder and dancer Brooke Wesner, believe that Creole Cinderella appeals to multi-age audiences.

“All of our children love the sights and sounds of this production,” says Brooke.

Children’s Concert Society (CCS) thinks that other children will, too. During the two days before the public performance of Creole Cinderella, CCS is presenting four performances for more than 2,500 youngsters from schools throughout Summit County and beyond, as well as for students who are home-schooled. For more information about the CCS performances, contact Pat Lehnhart at 330-972-2504 or ccs@uakron.edu.

Choreographed by the Neos Dance Theatre’s resident choreographer Mary Elizabeth Fenn, Creole Cinderella was originally created while Neos was under the umbrella of the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, Ohio, in collaboration with Emmy award-winning writer Michael Thomas and The Ribticklers, a Richland County Dixieland band. The Akron performances will feature a band led by Cleveland musician Dave Kasper.

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