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Today at CMC  
Noon-1:15 p.m.

## Ohio Governor Bob Taft

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## Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, September 22

### BalletMet: Balancing Artistic Acclaim with Financial Success

Gerard Charles, artistic director, BalletMet; Pam Bishop, development director, BalletMet; Sonia Welker, company dancer, BalletMet

Moderated by: Ray Hanley, president, Greater Columbus Arts Council

(See article)

Wednesday, September 29

### Columbus City Schools: What's on the Schedule?

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Dr. Gene Harris, superintendent, Columbus Public Schools; Stephanie Hightower, president, Columbus Board of Education

Columbus Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Gene Harris, is focused on the bottom line. "Academic achievement, increasing skills so that kids who graduate from Columbus Public Schools can go on to college, the military or good jobs." This Week Newspapers, August 12, 2004 New programs are in place to increase parental involvement, the new Virtual High School has received 72 applications and facilities are continually being built or renovated. Dr. Harris continues to face challenges; however, as she tries to emerge from state designated "academic watch" in addition to meeting new federal improvement goals. To meet these challenges, the Columbus Board of Education will ask voters to approve a 6.95-mil operating levy on November 2. Board President, Stephanie Hightower, will share with the audience how the district intends to spend the money and maintain accountability.

Wednesday, October 6

### Celebrating 100 Years of Ireland's Abbey Theater

Presented in Partnership with: CAPA

Ben Barnes, artistic director, Abby Theater

Ireland's Abbey Theater, considered "the most famous theatre in the world," celebrates its 100th anniversary with a U. S. tour of J. M. Synge's sparkling comedic masterpiece *Playboy of the Western World*. The Abbey Theater was founded in 1904 for the purpose of putting on plays written and acted by Irish people. CMC, in partnership with CAPA, is pleased to welcome Ben Barnes, artistic director of the Abbey Theatre since 2000. This year, Barnes will direct *The Playboy of the Western World* for Abbeyonehundred in Ireland and throughout the United States. Barnes views 2004 as the beginning of a new chapter for the Abbey. "Change is the friend of progress and that facet of this organization must come under rigorous scrutiny and re-appraisal if the Abbey is to position itself to survive and thrive in a world, which in the words of our founder, W.B. Yeats, is "changed" and "changed utterly."

Wednesday, October 20

### Strong Alone. Fearless Together. YWCA and Columbus

JoAnna Williamson, president and CEO, YWCA Columbus

Moderated by: Yvette McGee Brown, chair, YWCA Board of Trustees

The new YWCA national brand is a visual representation of its mission, placing its hallmark initiatives at the forefront. Don't miss an exciting opportunity to hear from JoAnna Williamson, YWCA President and CEO, about this organization's work in the community, and its commitment to improve the lives of thousands of women, children and families in central Ohio. This Forum will be moderated by Yvette McGee Brown, President, YWCA Board of Trustees.

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We all agree that the Arts play an important role in any community.

There is the cultural value as well as the economic impact. Community arts organizations throughout the country are having to deal with the ever increasing pressure for national and international recognition while struggling with funding, declining attendance and increased competition.



Bishop



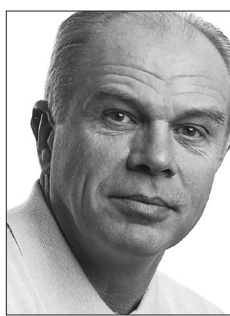
Charles



Welker

BalletMet has received broad critical acclaim for their recent performance at The Joyce Theater in New York City, but faces challenges at home with a declining facility and competition that includes The Rockettes for holiday entertainment dollars.

Please join us for a discussion about the challenge within our community arts organizations to balance artistic integrity with financial success and to find out how BalletMet intends to succeed at both!



Hanley

## Welcome!

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Kathleen M. Fox



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Tim Michaels  
pictured above

Check the forums YOU will be attending in the circle.  
Write the NUMBER OF GUESTS attending in the square.

☐ Wednesday, Sept. 22

BalletMet

☐ Thursday, Sept. 23

CMC Member Reception  
5:30-8 p.m. at OSU Stadium

☐ Wednesday, Sept. 29

Dr. Gene Harris and Stephanie Hightower

☐ Wednesday, Oct. 6

100 Years of Ireland's Abbey Theater

☐ Wednesday, Oct. 20

JoAnna Williamson, president and CEO  
YWCA Columbus

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136 E. Broad St.

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or **SEND** this form to CMC, 100 E. Broad St.,  
Suite 2350, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Forum Fees:** Enter the number of attendees next to each  
forum title listed above. Early discount of \$3 applies if  
registered by the Friday before the forum.

	Member	Guest	Public
Early	\$14	\$19	\$22
Regular	\$17	\$22	\$25

**Table Reservations:** Select the number of seats needed  
at your table and circle the appropriate rate.

	Member	Guest	Public
8 Seats	\$135	N/A	\$180
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Forums begin at noon on Wednesdays and are held at the Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St. (unless otherwise noted). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to network with other members and guests. Forums times, locations and costs may vary depending on the speaker. Always check the schedule for changes.

**Member Forum Registration Fee:** \$14 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$17 thereafter. **Guest of a Member:** \$19 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$22 thereafter. **General Public:** \$22 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$25 thereafter.

**Pre-Paid Reservations:** All (members, guests, public) reservations must be pre-paid. American Express, Mastercard, VISA, checks and

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**Cancellations:** Cancellations must be made no later than the Monday before the forum for a full refund. You will be called if space is not available.

**Guest Policy:** CMC welcomes guests of members with a special fee. Our policy remains the same: a non-member may attend two forums per year as a guest of a member at \$19 per forum; thereafter that guest will be charged the general public fee of \$22 per forum. All guests' names are needed in advance.

**Tickets:** As a registered attendee, you will receive a ticket at the registration table for your meal. A server will collect your ticket.

**Special Meals:** CMC is on a rotating menu. If you would like information on the meal for a specific forum, please contact the CMC office at (614) 464-3220. CMC offers vegetarian meals and fruit plates as alternative entrees. Alternative entrees must be pre-ordered.

**Walk-Ins:** CMC makes every effort to accommodate walk-in guests at forums. CMC cannot guarantee a seat and/or meal to walk-in guests. In order to determine seating/meal availability, walk-in guests may be asked to wait until just the beginning of the forum to register.