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## It's A Mad, Mad Verb!

### Verb Ballets Celebrates its Sixth Triumphant Season at Cain Park With Hernando Cortez' World Premiere of "Polka Madness" Heinz Poll's "Bolero" & Cortez' "Planet Soup" Return

Friday, July 20, 2007 at 8pm

Cain Park's Evans Amphitheater and box office are located at Goodnor & Superior  
West entrance: at Lee Road & Superior; East entrance: at Goodnor & Superior

Tickets: In advance \$20 center/front sides, \$18 back sides, \$16 lawn;

Tickets: Day of show \$25/ \$23/ \$21

On sale at Ticketmaster and Cain Park Ticket Office: 216-371-3000

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Verb Ballets returns to Evans Amphitheater at Cain Park on Friday, July 20, 2007 at 8 pm. The opening program of its sixth anniversary season features a world premiere of Artistic Director Hernando Cortez' ballet, "Polka Madness." Also on this family-friendly program: "Bolero," by Heinz Poll, the late artistic director (1926-2006) of the former Ohio Ballet, and Cortez' "Planet Soup."

***Polka Madness***, the world premiere of Hernando Cortez' new ballet set to the popular accordion master Frankie Yankovic's tunes, is alive with the frenetic energy of polka music. "New Kid" Johnny Koenig performs Yankovic's songs and some of his own, with his own polka band live at Cain Park. Costumes by Suzy Campbell. *Made possible through the generous support of The Cleveland Foundation.*

***Bolero***, a major revival of Heinz Poll's dramatically sensual ballet, is set to the legendary Maurice Ravel score. The ballet blends Indian and modern dance styles while its drive, propulsion and intensity build with the score. This Verb Ballets company premiere was staged by former Ohio Ballet dancer, Amy Miller, with the permission of Xochitl Tejada de Cerda. Costumes by Christina Giannini. *Made possible through the generous support of The AHS Foundation.*

*Planet Soup*, the Company's signature piece by Hernando Cortez, unifies folk and vernacular dances from around the world in an athletic hybrid of movement styles, including Indian traditional, Irish reels, African rituals and "Tinikling," the authentic Filipino folk dance in which dancers step between clapping poles. Cortez choreographed the original production of Planet Soup in 1999; Edward Sylvia designed the costumes. With funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, it premiered in New York City the same year.

**About Verb Ballets.** Verb Ballets begins its sixth season under the leadership of Artistic Director Hernando Cortez and Executive Director Dr. Margaret Carlson, supported by its energetic staff and board of trustees, who have established it as Cleveland's premiere contemporary dance repertory company. Verb has been named as one of "25 to Watch in 2004" by Dance Magazine, the country's leading news magazine covering dance. Verb Ballets discovers, collects, interprets and stages choreography that matters to the region and to the world of dance. As a curator of expressive movement that is globally connected and nationally respected, Verb Ballets has a mandate to support and foster emerging talent, present excellence in contemporary choreographers, and revive and honor modern dance classics. Additional information may be found at [www.verbballets.org](http://www.verbballets.org).

**2007 CAIN PARK TICKET OFFICE HOURS:** Open through intermission of all performances. Closed every Monday and on July 4; Sat: 9am-5 pm, Tue-Sun: 12 noon-9 pm At Main Ticket Office, located outside east gate to Evans Amphitheater; use Goodnor/Superior entrance. Cash, check/money order, credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express).

**No convenience fee is added to tickets purchased in person at Cain Park.**

**IN PERSON at Ticketmaster outlets:** Most outlets accept cash, MasterCard and VISA. A charge is applied on every ticket.  
**BY PHONE:**

- **Ticketmaster Charge-By-Phone.** Credit card only (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express). Cleveland 216-241-5555. Akron 330-945-9400. Youngstown 330-747-1212. Ticketmaster service charge applied on every ticket.
- **Cain Park 216-371-3000** Credit card only (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express). Tickets held at Cain Park for cardholder's signature. \$1 convenience fee per ticket (\$5 maximum).

**ONLINE:** [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com) Credit card only (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express). Ticketmaster service charge applied on every ticket.

**By MAIL:** Mail completed [ticket order form](#) to Cain Park Tickets, 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Check/money order (payable to City of Cleveland Heights) or credit card with signature (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express). \$1 convenience fee per ticket (\$5 maximum).

**By FAX:** 216-371-6995 Fax your completed order form with credit card information (VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express) and signature (required) 24 hours a day. \$1 convenience fee per ticket (\$5 maximum).

The Company:

Danielle Brickman, Ashley Cohen, Erin Conway, Katie Gnagy, Jason Ignacio, Sydney Ignacio, Catherine Meredith, Brian Murphy, Anna Roberts, Mark Tomasic and Faith McNea and Gretchen Ziolk (summer interns)

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