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THE DANCING WHEELS COMPANY OPENS ITS 39TH SEASON WITH A LINCOLN THEATRE DEBUT PERFORMANCE SEPTEMBER 20

Considered one of the premier arts and disabilities organizations in the US, The Dancing Wheels Company is a professional, physically integrated dance company that unites the talents of dancers both with and without disabilities. Dancing Wheels will open its 39th season with a one-night-only, first-ever performance at the Lincoln Theatre, presenting *Connections & Intersections*, a program featuring select works from the company's vast repertoire that explores humanity and relationships.

The Lincoln Theatre Association presents The Dancing Wheels Company at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.) on Friday, September 20, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in-person at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), online at www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com, or by phone at (614) 469-0939 or (800) 982-2787. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the show if still available.

This performance is made possible through the generous support of Huntington Bank.

Included in the *Connections & Intersections* program:

“Walking on Clouds” [excerpts]

Paralleling stories from the Civil Rights Movement and Disability Rights Movement, this piece mixes words and movement to explore humanity and the boundaries of differences and equality - both emotional and historical - between people with disabilities and people of color.

“Missing You”

This work examines how couples do or do not connect within their differences, and how these contrasts have the potential to bring people together.

“Od:yssey”

This piece is an exploration of the intersection of paths along one's journey or experience.

About The Dancing Wheels Company

Mary Verdi-Fletcher, the first professional wheelchair dancer in the US, founded Dancing Wheels in Cleveland in 1980. Born with spina bifida, Mary wanted to offer others with disabilities full and equal access into the world of dance. An almost unimaginable concept at the time, Mary's vision and passion have since helped to revolutionize our very notion of dance – as well

as what defines a dancer. If dance is an expression of the human spirit, then it is best expressed by people of all abilities. For more information, please visit www.dancingwheels.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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Support for the Lincoln Theatre's 2019-20 season is provided in part by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the City of Columbus, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Nationwide, and the Ohio Arts Council to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

About the Lincoln Theatre

First opened in 1928, the Lincoln Theatre is a landmark in African-American and jazz history. After undergoing a \$13.5 million renovation funded by a partnership of public and private support, the Lincoln reopened in May 2009 as a multi-use, state-of-the-art performing arts and education center serving the diversity of the central Ohio community. The Lincoln is a bustling hub of activity 365 days a year hosting performances, rehearsals, and classes in the performing arts, as well as a wide variety of community events such as film festivals, meetings, and receptions.

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