

## February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Hudson, OH)

The 2016 year marks REAL.EDGE.DANCE COMPANY's Sixth Performance Season. RED has many events planned. The **Annual Concert Series Performance** will take place this October (Dates TBA) that will premiere new dance works and music, as well as highlight dance works from previous seasons. An exciting addition of the sixth annual concert series, RED is providing a special performing opportunity to community dancers & movers. RED will set its 2011 dance work "*The Natural Being*" on selected individuals who will perform this dance work as the finale to this year's concert series. RED is holding auditions at the RED Dance Center April 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm. These special RED apprenticeships are for community dancers of all ages and levels of dance experience. An exciting and unique performing opportunity for novice to advanced dancers, RED seeks adults, teens, mothers-daughters, fathers-sons, and community members who want to dance and gain a performing experience on a professional stage alongside the professional dancers of RED.

RED is resuming its educational **Outreach Performances of "The Social Order"** to local elementary and middle schools in 2016. In early 2014, RED traveled to middle schools in NE Ohio to perform the company's dance work "*The Social Order.*" "*The Social Order*" explores and expresses the societal topics of "bullying" and "ostracizing" individuals through the art of modern dance. The dance work artistically demonstrates various social interactions, phases of negative social behavior, and its consequences. The purpose of the outreach is to spark critical, intellectual discussion with students in grades 3-8, and to encourage them to think about their social skills and how they treat fellow students and peers.

RED is continuing its **Outreach Performances to Nursing Homes** for elderly community members around Summit, Stark, and Wayne Counties. These special performances bring positive stimulation that supports the emotional and social health of individuals in the care of nursing home centers. RED will visit 7-10 nursing homes throughout the sixth season. Since 2011 RED has traveled and performed at over 40 nursing homes that have reach over 700 elderly and mentally ill community members residing in nursing home care facilities. RED believes it is important to ensure that dance reaches elderly citizens in hope that the exposure of the art of dance supports their emotional health.

The **RED DANCE CENTER**, established in June 2015, is currently offering dance technique classes and master classes with guest artists for community dancers of all ages via the **RED School of Modern Dance**. There will be intermediate and advanced summer dance intensives this July and August, daily Modern and Ballet dance technique classes, as well as master classes featuring local guest artists/teachers in all styles of dance year round. All classes are open and currently accepting new students and drop-ins.