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# Dance, by and for families

## Children's books inspire three-story performance

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If your daughters love the American Girl book series, don't miss "Made in America" Friday and Saturday at the Aronoff. The ballet tech cincinnati show is a production for families danced by families - five in fact.

Three mother-daughter pairs, a father-daughter pair and a pair of brothers dance the stories of a courageous Mexican-American girl in the 1840s, an African-American in the 1940s Negro Baseball Leagues and an Appalachian girl in the 1930s.

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The Leaping for Literacy project choreographs one-act dance numbers based on classic children's literature book series: "Dear America," "American Girl," and "My Name is America." The show is seasoned with an ethnic array of music from Appalachian, African-American and Hispanic cultures - including blues, gospel and Appalachian fiddle - and dance styles spanning ballet, jazz, clogging, modern and musical theater.

Epiphany Davis, 17, and her mother, Marvel Gentry Davis, are savoring a bittersweet, last dance together before Epiphany heads to New York University in the fall to study performing arts. A senior at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Epiphany credits her

mom, ballet tech cincinnati founder and producer, with exposing her to dance.

"It's a lot of fun that she's there with me onstage - and I can go to her for direction," she says.

Barbara Rainey is beginning to instill a love of dance early in daughter Kevon, a first-grader at ID Christian Academy in Forest Park.

"It's the first time I'm doing anything professional," says Rainey, "and we so enjoy dancing together."

"The opportunity to dance with my daughter is a rare experience most fathers don't have," says Dahei Haile, who portrays a young Negro League player in "Four Bases."

"It's a whole new way of bonding," says his daughter, Kalia, a 10th-grader at Oak Hills High School, who says she sees a whole new side of her dad when they perform "Alta California," "Over the Rhine" and "Four Bases."

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Ballet tech cincinnati opens "Made in America" at 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff Center, 650 Walnut St., downtown. Tickets are \$22 by calling 513-621-2787; family four-pack is \$44. Information: [www.ballettechcincinnati.org](http://www.ballettechcincinnati.org).

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