



GREGORY HANCOCK  
DANCE THEATRE



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**GREGORY HANCOCK DANCE THEATRE**  
**CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

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**Tickets:**

[www.gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org](http://www.gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org)

**Price:**

Single ticket pricing varies. Group rates available.  
Season tickets available for The Tarkington  
performances – 317-843-3800

**Performances:**

***CELEBRATION!*** – September 22-23, 2017  
The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts  
***THE NUTCRACKER*** – December 1-3, 2017  
Pike Performing Arts Center  
***GHDT'S HOLIDAY SPECIAL*** - December 16-17, 2017  
The Academy of GHDT  
***SIMCHA*** – Weekends – February 3-18, 2018  
The Academy of GHDT  
***SUPERHERO; the story of a man called Jesus***  
March 30-31, 2018  
The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts  
***G2 IN CONCERT AND ACADEMY SHOWCASE***  
June 1-3, 2018  
The Academy of GHDT  
***THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME***  
June 29-30, 2018  
The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts

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**Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre** celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON. Established as a professional theatrical dance company in 1997 and residing in Carmel, Indiana, GHDT has presented more than 150 artistic works by Gregory Hancock, founder, choreographer and artistic director of GHDT, to diverse and dedicated audiences. Best known for cultural storytelling, vibrant music, powerful dancing and authentic costuming, GHDT continues to bring thought-provoking and heartfelt productions to the stage. Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is the resident professional dance company at The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana.

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre opens its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season with ***CELEBRATION!*** This performance will take you down memory lane with highlights from 20 years of GHDT's storytelling through dance. GHDT will surprise you with archived favorites, excerpts from company masterpieces, and a new work! GHDT has been recognized for its exceptional theatrical dance performances while bringing creative programming to Central Indiana audiences for 20 seasons!

**Dates: September 22-23, 2017**

**Venue: The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel, Indiana**

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre presents ***THE NUTCRACKER***, a full-length modern version of the holiday classic, this coming December. Klara, a homeless orphan girl discovers the true meaning of the season through the gift and giving spirit of a homeless man. Experience the magic as the stage is filled with movement, music and color! Featuring the highly-talented dancers of G2, the pre-professional company of GHDT, and the students from The Academy of GHDT along with other young student dancers, ***THE NUTCRACKER*** is sure to add joy and cheer to your holiday season. This is a family favorite and appropriate for all ages.

**Dates: December 1-3, 2017**

**Venue: Pike Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis, Indiana**

New this season, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre will present ***HOLIDAY SPECIAL!*** Welcome in the season with this entertaining cabaret-style stage show featuring popular holiday music, original choreography by the GHDT professional dancers, and vocal performances by special guests! It will be a perfect evening for a night out on the town. Two performances only and seating is limited.

**Dates: December 16-17, 2017**

**Venue: The Academy of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel, Indiana**

A popular repertoire piece of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, ***SIMCHA*** will be performed in a cabaret-style setting in February 2018. This appropriate title is derived from the Hebrew word meaning gladness or joy and is often referred to for festive occasions. This production will offer a variety of Yiddish and Klezmer music with vignettes showcasing dance and costume from Jewish culture and heritage. Light refreshments will be served to round out the enchanting and festive evening.

**Dates: Saturdays and Sundays, February 3-18, 2018**

**Venue: The Academy of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel, Indiana**



Back by popular demand and for one final chance to see this masterpiece before it goes back into the vault for hiatus, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre will perform ***SUPERHERO; the story of a man called Jesus***, an experience of unprecedented emotion and is the must 'see of the season during Easter weekend. A story of betrayal, trust, sacrifice and great love, SUPERHERO is masterfully set to modern music and movement and is an emotional roller coaster from the first pulsating rhythms to the final sweeping notes. ***SUPERHERO; the story of a man called Jesus***, has been lauded as “*exquisite,*” “*captivating from start to finish,*” and “*a most moving portrayal of The Passion.*”

**Dates: March 30-31, 2018**

**Venue: The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel, Indiana**

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre’s dedicated, pre-professional company, G2, will perform popular and classical pieces from the GHDT repertoire. Experience a performance filled with high energy, passion and evolving artistry! Accompanied by the talented students of The Academy of GHDT, ***G2 IN CONCERT AND ACADEMY SHOWCASE*** is guaranteed to inspire, engage and entertain audiences of all ages.

**Dates: June 1-3, 2018**

**Venue: The Academy of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel, Indiana**

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre closes its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season with the long-awaited return of the GHDT masterpiece, ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame***. A beautiful and timeless tale of love and jealousy, GHDT’s ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** celebrates Victor Hugo’s dark tale with a contemporary flair. Set on the streets of Paris and the historic church, Notre Dame de Paris, this captivating performance tells the dramatic story of Esmeralda, the gypsy girl and Quasimodo, the church bell-ringer, through beautiful sets, vibrant music and powerful dancing. Prolific storyteller, Gregory Hancock uses poignant moments mixed with athletic artistry to masterfully capture the intricacies of relationships between key characters and the ensemble alike. “*This spell-binding full-length ballet is a tour-de-force of modern dance not to be missed.*”

**Dates: June 29-30, 2018**

**Venue: The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel, Indiana**

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