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### **Razzle Dazzle XVII**

*Beck Center and Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities help give those with special needs a chance to shine in original musical theater production*

**Lakewood, OH—** Beck Center for the Arts Creative Arts Therapies Department and the **Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities** (CCBDD) are pleased to present *Razzle Dazzle XVIII: Wide World of Sports* **May 4 – 5, 2018**. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5. Performances will be held in Beck Center's Music and Dance Building.

Performers are volunteers with the CCBDD and members the Rocky River Adult Activities Center's talented inclusive musical theater program. We've snatched a page or two from ABC's *Wide World of Sports* playbook to showcase our own unique brand of athletic competition and human drama. Join us to experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat!

Tickets for the opening night performance are \$15 with proceeds benefitting Beck Center's Creative Arts Therapies program. The Rocky River Adult Activities Center Choir will open the evening with a fun-filled and inspiring musical performance. A post-show reception with a meet-and-greet by cast and crew members is included in this general seating event. Tickets are on sale now at 216.521.2540 x10 or [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).

Two encore performances will be held Saturday and will open with very special musical guests. These shows are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and will provide support to Beck Center's Creative Arts Therapies program.

"*Razzle Dazzle* is always a much anticipated event each year at the Beck Center," said **Ed Gallagher**, Director of Education. "This is a wonderful collaboration. Cast members of all abilities come together to create an engaging and entertaining show. We are proud of everyone involved and truly value our partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities."

Programming at Beck Center for the Arts is made possible through the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council. Beck Center gratefully acknowledges the generous funding provided by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

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