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Dance Program honored at Beck Center's Spotlight Gala on Saturday, November 2, 2019

Annual fundraising event will be held at new venue, [RedSpace](#), an eclectic urban setting in downtown Cleveland, just north of Cleveland State University

Lakewood, OH—[Beck Center for the Arts'](#) annual [Spotlight Gala](#) will have guests celebrating 50 years of dance programming and it will be held in the new event space, [RedSpace](#). The benefit will take place **on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 6 p.m.** This year our honorees are **Lynda Sackett**, founder of the dance program and outreach, teacher for over 50 years; **Melanie Szucs**, Associate Director of Dance, faculty member for over 35 years; and **Betty Kemper**, advocate and champion of our dance program. These committed individuals have made their mark here at Beck Center for years in the dance department— what a tribute to a program that is still going strong and growing today! Melanie who has kept the department on their toes for 35 years will choreograph and produce the evening's entertainment, which proves to be a step ahead.

"The committee has put together a fun and meaningful evening, and I'm excited for everyone to experience the cool vibe of RedSpace this year, too!" said Spotlight Chair, **Traci Nolan**. According to Beck Center President and CEO **Lucinda Einhouse**, "Beck Center's Spotlight gala is a great opportunity to celebrate the quality of programming and the grand legacy of this organization. We especially look forward to putting the spotlight on these three great ladies and the dance program which they have nurtured."

Proceeds of **Spotlight** advance Beck Center's mission to provide arts education, performances, exhibitions, creative arts therapies, and outreach programming to the community, which include people of all ages and abilities. This year's event includes entertainment provided by Beck Center's celebrated dance program, dinner prepared by renowned **Chef Chris Hodgson of Driftwood Catering**, music and dancing by **DJ DIVA**, and an auction and raffle.

Due to the growing popularity of this event, **Spotlight** dinner tickets are already selling quickly. Please contact **216.521.2540 x43** or visit beckcenter.org to purchase tickets or for more information.

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