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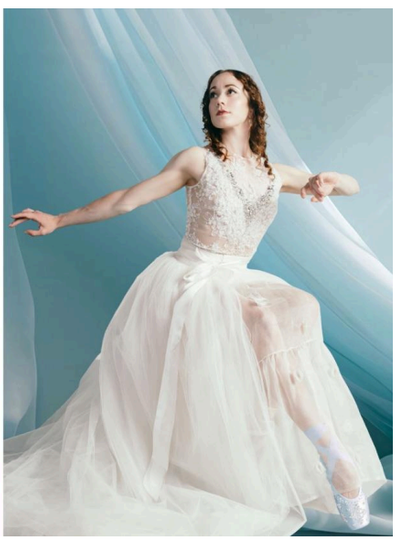

COMING JUNE 4: BALLET AT THE RIVERFRONT

Free performances by professional ballet companies American Midwest Ballet and Ballet Des Moines, plus live music and a festival of arts activities, are coming Thursday, June 4, to the Performance Pavilion at Gene Leahy Mall.

Ballet Des Moines will kick off its summer Transformations Tour with a performance featuring excerpts from its new production of *Cinderella*. The Omaha metro's **American Midwest Ballet** will perform favorite selections from its recent Orpheum Theater production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The event will open at 5 pm with a festival on the Downtown Green, offering arts displays and activities by community partners including the **Omaha Symphony, Omaha Performing Arts, Omaha Children's Museum,** and **Pottawattamie Arts, Culture and Entertainment** [PACE]**.**

The onstage program also will begin at 5 pm with live music by Midwest artists. A community dance class led by American Midwest Ballet artists will follow at 6 pm. Performances by American Midwest Ballet and Ballet Des Moines will begin at 6:30 pm, and the event will conclude by 8 pm.

Seating will be on the lawn, so patrons are encouraged to bring blankets or beach towels if desired. Admission and all festival activities are free.

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Ballet Des Moines' Summer Tour is presented by Bank of America, Nancy Shafer, and Sammons Financial.

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