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AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET'S *CINDERELLA* AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) -- The American Repertory Ballet will present Graham Lustig's modern-day version of *Cinderella* Sunday, March 19 at 4 p.m. in the Sharp Theater. Lustig's imaginative re-envisioning of the classic rags-to-riches tale is set in the urban present. But love still overcomes all with the help of inventive dancing, elaborate stage magic and a romantic score by Sergei Prokofiev.

Lustig is an award-winning, internationally recognized choreographer and teacher whose ballets have been performed on four continents. He was named artistic director of the American Repertory Ballet and Princeton Ballet School in June 1999. He has choreographed works for the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company in Salt Lake City, the Fort Worth/Dallas Ballet Company, the Washington Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Ballet West and Singapore Dance Theatre among others. His repertoire ranges from the tongue-in-cheek sophistication of *Paramour*, inspired by the writings of Anais Nin, to the dramatically costumed *Pomp*, created for North Carolina Dance Theatre.

The American Repertory Ballet, whose mission is to convey the joy of dance and present the best in contemporary ballet, is New Jersey's leading dance company. The company and its official educational arm, the Princeton Ballet School, are part of the Princeton Ballet Society.

Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$21 for senior citizens and \$15 for youth. The Sharp Theater is located at the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts. For more information call 201.684.7844. This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of Stage, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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