

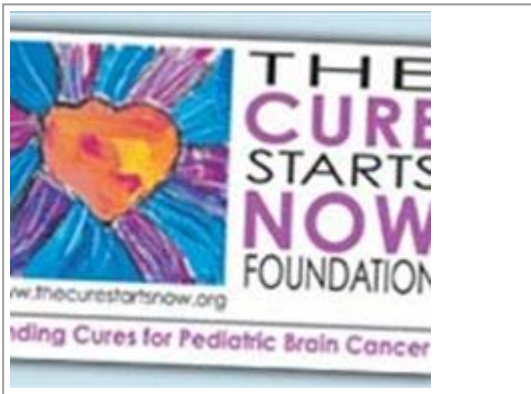
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On Stage With The Ballet: The Cure Starts Now

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The [Cure Starts Now](#) is a foundation with Tri-state roots, started by Keith and Brooke Desserich for their daughter Elena who lost her battle with terminal brain cancer at the age of six.

Her story has been shared with the nation through the publication of a book based on love notes Elena left for her family.

The [Cure Starts Now's](#) mission is education of the disease and raise money for pediatric brain cancer research. In anticipation of their annual fundraising gala, the foundation is auctioning off once in a life time experiences to raise money for pediatric brain cancer.

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One such experience is with the Cincinnati Ballet. It's a little girls dream -- to see the prima ballerinas of the Cincinnati Ballet up close and personal, as they leap, turn and jump.

The Nutcracker Dream gives you a once in a lifetime behind-the-scenes look at the ballet and four special seats to the show.

"You get to meet our dancers, you get to come to a rehearsal, get behind the scenes and watch the coaching and see how a rehearsal actually progresses." says Victoria Morgan, of the Cincinnati Ballet.

It's a chance to see how the entire production comes together, from the costume and sets to the choreography of the Nutcracker, Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Morgan says you'll see the production in a whole new way.

"You get a chance to sense what it's like to be up there and imagine yourself up on stage," she says.

There are souvenirs included with the dream to keep the memory alive. You'll be given your own Nutcracker, pointe

shoes and a poster signed by the ballerinas.

It's a magical experience that could be yours if you are the highest bidder in the [Cure Starts Now](#) auction.

To bid on this item or one of the other experiences being auctioned, or if you'd like to buy tickets to the Once In A Lifetime gala at Cincinnati Music Hall on Saturday, March 7, just click on the link we've provided to [The Cure Starts Now](#).

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