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**Through Sunday, August 17
Milwaukee Ballet Costumes at
Racine Art Museum**

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Milwaukee Ballet's Odile (Black Swan) from *Swan Lake*
Luz San Miguel and Valerie Harmon
Photography: Brian Lipchik

Racine Art Museum is excited to partner with Milwaukee Ballet for a first of its kind collaboration in Racine County. Through Sunday, visitors to RAM will be able to view costumes on display from three popular Milwaukee Ballet performances.

These stunning sculptural works complement the museum's summer

celebration of exhibitions featuring fantasy, fairy tales, and storytelling, and in particular, RAM's exhibition ***Once Upon A Time: Fairy Tales, Fantasy, and Contemporary Art***. The show features artists that use a variety of media and techniques to craft stories about what we all have in common as humans. The artists' imaginative works employ exaggerated, surreal, perplexing, or dreamy scenarios rooted in the traditions of fairy tales, legends, and myths.

Each Milwaukee Ballet costume is a work of art, reflecting the pieces in RAM's wearable art collection that also convey ideas through time-tested craft-based processes.

Once Upon A Time: Fairy Tales, Fantasy, and Contemporary Art is made possible at Racine Art Museum by: Platinum Sponsors - Karen Johnson Boyd and William B. Boyd, SC Johnson, Windgate Charitable Foundation; Diamond Sponsor - Sam and Gene Johnson Fund; Gold Sponsors - Herzfeld Foundation, Johnson Bank, National Endowment for the Arts, Racine United Arts Fund; Silver Sponsors - Elwood Corporation, Osborne and Scekcic Family Foundation, W.T. Walker Group, Inc., Wisconsin Arts Board; Bronze Sponsors - 88NINE Radio Milwaukee, CNH Industrial, Corner House, Craft in America PBS Series, E.C. Styberg Foundation, Inc., Educators Credit Union, In Sink Erator, Miracle on Canal Street, The Norbell Foundation, Perimeter Gallery, Chicago, Real Racine, Robert W. Baird Foundation, Ruud Family Foundation, Carol C. Saunders

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open to the public Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm, while Wustum is

closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.

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