CLEVELAND BALLET

BALLET, BROADWAY, AND THE BIG APPLE SWEEPSTAKES WINNER EUNICE HESTER REFLECTS ON THE TRIP

We had an absolutely fabulous time in NYC!! I can't thank the Cleveland Ballet enough for affording us this opportunity. We traveled a day early, on February 28, which happens to be my birthday. We had wonderful dinners every evening and enjoyed visiting the American Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Morgan Library and Museum. My younger daughter was able to see her favorite painting, *Starry Night*, at MoMA. We also did a lot of walking, visiting various sites in Central Park, Times Square, the Empire State building, and Tiffanys. We enjoyed the Omni Bershire, too. A lovely hotel with wonderful doormen: Lenny the Dancing Doorman (check him out on TikTok), as well as Bobby and William.

And this was all in addition to the main attractions of the trip, the New York City Ballet's performance of *Swan Lake* on Saturday night and *Wicked* on Broadway on Sunday night. The ballet was magical, especially the breathtaking performance of Tiler Peck as Odette/Odile! The two leads in *Wicked*, Mary Kate Morrissey (Elphaba) and Alexandra Socha (Glinda) were in fine voice for their final performances of the roles. Such a great show with such a timely message of inclusion and friendship... The seats were marvelous!

Thank you again,
Eunice









