

About Richard AZooNY Rinehart:

By day Rich Rinehart is a Manager of Computational Sciences and Emerging Technologies for DB Consultants at the **NASA Glenn Research Center** in Cleveland Ohio. By night he spends his time as a



A Philadelphia scene from the AZooNY “Shed My Night” video

singer/songwriter, composer, producer, and multi-media specialist.

Musically, he has composed 3 symphonies, numerous soundtracks for video, and has most recently released his third CD, an Alternative Rock production of original music entitled **Nuts** under the artist name “AZooNY”.

He is also President of the Grammy Award Winning **Cleveland Chamber Symphony** and

Vice-President of Cleveland’s **Verb Ballets**, the region’s leading contemporary dance company. To date Verb has choreographed and danced to four of his musical creations.

Rich states: “I love new music. But I also feel in this time of shortened attention spans, audiences need to be fully engaged and entertained via multi-media or interesting combinations of performance elements to stimulate both the eyes and ears.”

In his current **Mars Opera** musical project, Rich inserts new technology into the show production, an element sure to capture tech-savvy and young audiences. “I want to keep



Verb Ballets in the AZooNY “Nuts” production

the technological demands on the production staff to a minimal, but it does require a technological awareness not usually employed in traditional theater”.

A love for science and the arts combined with a good dosing of comical wit has fostered the creation of his **Mars Opera** Musical. “I’ve got it all in my Mars Opera: dance, science, social media, symphonic and rock-n-roll music, space aliens, and all in a light-hearted and comical presentation.”

