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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Assemblée Internationale 09?

The Assemblée Internationale 09 is a unique opportunity for ballet students from around the world to train, rehearse, perform and discuss issues in a collaborative manner.

Where did the AI name come from?

As the festival is focused on students it seemed appropriate to ask them for a title. We held a competition, and Assemblée International 2009 was selected.

Where did the idea for the AI come from?

To celebrate NBS' 40th anniversary, 10 years ago, a conference called Not Just Any Body was held. NJAB brought together Ballet School Artistic Directors from around the world to discuss some of the challenges they face. Ten years later, we're bringing together some of the same people, and some new ones, to evaluate what kinds of changes have been made over the past decade. This year's conference will be much more student-focused and will spend the bulk of its time discussing the challenges prospective dancers face. While bringing together so many Ballet School Artistic Directors to discuss student issues, it seemed only right to include the students. And since ballet students love to dance, it seemed only natural to involve dancing in the conference as well. Thus, the idea for the Assemblée Internationale 09 was born.

Who's participating in the AI?

We have developed strong and valued partnerships with over 20 professional ballet schools around the world, however, due to limited financial resources, we're only able to extend invitations to those schools with whom we've had established relationships for over five years.

How many students will be participating in the AI?

There will be 102 students dancing in the AI – with additional numbers participating from Canada's National Ballet School. Most of the participating schools are sending 8 students. We're expecting 34 Artistic Staff from the partner schools to attend as well as a number of other VIP guests.