

Canada's National Ballet School Announces Mavis Staines as Artistic Director/Chief Executive Officer

TORONTO, ON (September 13, 2013) – The Board of Directors of Canada's National Ballet School has changed the previous dual leadership model to that of a single Artistic Director/Chief Executive Officer. The Board is pleased to announce that Mavis Staines, C.M., DHumL, now in her 25th year as Artistic Director, has assumed the responsibility of this new role, reporting directly to the Board of Directors. An Order of Canada recipient, Staines is recognized around the world for her vision as an educator and for her commitment to advancing the art form of ballet. In her capacity as Executive Director, Cathryn Gregor will report to Mavis Staines and they will continue to work in close partnership.

This shift will ensure the overarching artistic vision for NBS is integrated into all aspects of the School and reinforce NBS' position as one of the world's leading professional ballet/academic institutions. A core component of this vision is the significance of the strategic initiatives, developed out of the School's strategic plan. Recently appointed as Director, Strategic Initiatives, John Dalrymple is leading this effort to implement and integrate a variety of key strategies to support the School in becoming financially secure. The strategies play a pivotal role in strengthening the diversity of community programs and outreach initiatives unique to NBS.

Brenda Eprile, Chair of the Board of Directors, says: "I'm delighted Mavis has accepted this expanded role and am excited by the passionate and visionary leadership she will bring to NBS as the organization move to a new level of global dance and broader community engagement." Mavis Staines is keen to continue working with the Senior Management Team and Board of Directors to realize the artistic vision while bringing the strategic initiatives to fruition during her tenure.

About Canada's National Ballet School

Established in 1959, Canada's National Ballet School is a world leader in the training of professional dancers and teachers. Dedicated to moving the world by teaching and celebrating dance, NBS is committed to promoting the art of dance through community engagements in addition to offering recreational and professional programs. NBS graduates can be found as dancers, choreographers, artistic directors, teachers and administrators in over 65 dance companies worldwide, and in even more schools around the globe.

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