

Shine Fundraising Gala A Success

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February 9, 2011.....Canada's National Ballet School is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising gala, this year themed Shine, was a success. The event took place at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel on Saturday, February 5. The theme of Shine drew inspiration from the song by the same name in *Billy Elliot the Musical*. The theme was selected to shine a light on NBS, the beauty of dance, the talent and determination required to become a professional dancer; and on the School as one of Canada's leading arts training institutions.

All proceeds raised through the Shine gala are directed to NBS. The evening raised over \$800, 000 with over 400 VIP guests in attendance. The gala featured a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, live auction and Tiffany & Co. sponsored raffle. All proceeds raised will assist NBS in maintaining its policy of talent being the sole criterion for acceptance into the School's Professional Ballet Program.

The highlight of the evening came when NBS students performed several works choreographed by NBS Artistic Faculty member Evelina Krasnova-Ganina. Guests in attendance at the evening included NBS alumni Karen Kain and Rex Harrington as well as Margaret and Eleanor McCain, Minister Michael Chan, Mayor Rob Ford, Councillors Doug Ford and Michael Thompson, Kiki and Ian Delaney, Joan and Jerry Lozinski, Heather and Aaron Regent, Dr. Sheldon Herzig, Cheryl Tabb, Cindy and Craig Thorburn and more.

About Canada's National Ballet School

Canada's National Ballet School is a world leader in the training of professional dancers and teachers. Dedicated to advancing the art of ballet, NBS develops dance professionals in a student-centred environment by weaving innovation with evolving practice in the finest teaching traditions. NBS graduates can be found as dancers, choreographers, artistic directors, teachers, and administrators in over 65 dance companies world wide, and in even more schools around the globe. NBS celebrated its 50th anniversary from September 2009, to June, 2010.

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