

Students from Canada's National Ballet School to Perform in Stuttgart, Germany

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Tuesday, November 22...Canada's National Ballet School is pleased to announce that two of its students will participate in the 40th anniversary gala performance of the John Cranko Ballet School in Stuttgart, Germany. The gala performance and celebration will take place on Friday, November 25 at the Stuttgart Opera House.

The John Cranko School is affiliated with the Stuttgart Ballet company. To perform with the company, all dancers must have at least one year of training with the ballet school. Named for choreographer John Cranko, the school is one of NBS' 23 International Partner Schools. Each year NBS students participate in an exchange program with students in Stuttgart. Several NBS graduates are now dancers in the Stuttgart Ballet company, including Principal Dancers Jason Reilly, Evan McKie and Myriam Simon, Demi-Soloist Brent Parolin, and Corps de Ballet members Demis Volpi, Heather MacIsaac, Matteo Crockard-Villa and Elizabeth Wisenberg.

The 40th anniversary celebrations of the John Cranko Ballet School involve performances by its international partner schools. NBS Grade 12 students Kota Sato and Jessica Xuan who will dance an excerpt from *Paquita*, as staged by Vera Timashova and Sergiu Stefanschi. Also on the program are performances by students from École de Danse de l'Opéra de Paris, the Royal Ballet School in London, UK, and The School of the Hamburg Ballet.

"I'm delighted NBS will participate in this momentous occasion for the John Cranko School. NBS has a long and close relationship with Stuttgart, and were thrilled they were part of our 50th anniversary celebrations," said Mavis Staines, NBS Artistic Director, "the international dance community benefits from sustaining links between all dancers, companies and schools. Events such as this are a natural way to re-enforce these networks and show support for one another. All at NBS extend the warmest congratulations to our friends at the John Cranko School and we are proud to perform in their celebrations."

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 moving the world through teaching and celebrating dance, NBS is committed to providing dance through community engagement in addition to recreational and professional programs. 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' 50th celebrated its 50th anniversary year from September, 2009 – June, 2010.

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