

# Turnout

*Donor Events for Your Calendar!*

August 2020



Dear NBS Supporters,

I'm pleased to share this latest edition of Turnout. There are so many things we are excited about in these final weeks of summer and as we look forward to the start of the 2020/21 School year for our students in the Professional Ballet/Academic Program.

We are particularly excited that NBS' campus is once again filled with music and youthful energy. Since July, with safety protocols in place, many of the Professional Ballet Program students have resumed in-studio training and we look forward to welcoming back all our professional students to our campus in September when the new School year begins. Today and as we plan for the year ahead, NBS' online ballet training and online learning resources will continue to be essential for all of our students. The flexibility of the online format has allowed student in the professional and community programs to engage in a wide variety of activities while ensuring that health and safety remains a top priority for all.

I would like to thank everyone for the outstanding response to our recent donor survey. Through your online and mailed responses, you have offered valuable feedback and perspectives that are incredibly helpful as we plan donor activities for the new school year. We will be happy to share more details with you in the coming weeks, but for now please know that we are planning online events in the fall for our donors and supporters to be a part of the excitement of the new school year.

On behalf of the students, staff and all of us at NBS, my sincere thanks for your support.

Tessa Bulham  
Director of Development



## Upcoming Events

### Welcome Back

Wednesday, October 28th (Evening)\*

The start of the 2020/2021 school year is a time to recognize the vital support and commitment of NBS' donor community during challenging times. Join us for an online gathering to share gratitude, announcements and a discussion of what to expect in the year ahead. Donors will receive an invitation to this event once the date and time are confirmed.

### NBS Supporters' Meeting and Presentation

Online Event - Date and Time to follow\*

NBS' Supporter's Meeting will move to an online format this year, with all the important information, news and updates from NBS Leadership that supporters have come to expect from this annual event. The event will also feature a presentation from NBS Professional Ballet Program students.

*\*Event dates and times are subject to change.*

## Other News & Announcements

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback through our recent donor survey! If you have thoughts to share and have not yet completed the survey, we would love to hear from you. Access the online survey, or contact **Aimee Hawkins** at **416-964-3780 x2105** to request a mailed version or discuss your responses over the phone.

[Access the donor survey](#)

## Special projects

### Fall in Love with Ballet

*Fall in Love with Ballet* is NBS' new online resource that features performances and supporting materials curated and created to provide a glimpse, through the lens of young artists, into the beautiful world of ballet. This month, fall in love with *Come In*, a choreography by Aszure Barton that was originally set on Mikhail Baryshnikov, which she modified for an all-male cast of NBS students. [nbs-enb.ca/loveballet](https://nbs-enb.ca/loveballet)

### Baycrest NBS Sharing Dance Seniors – At Home Pilot

Baycrest and Canada's National Ballet School (NBS) are pleased to offer a **free** six-week dance course as a pilot this summer, which can be accessed from your home or wherever you are. Through its artistry and physicality, dance supports overall physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Regular dancing also helps develop skills and confidence, while enriching your day-to-day life through creative expression. The six dance classes will remain available into the Fall, so there's still time to register at [nbs-enb.ca/sharingdanceseniors](https://nbs-enb.ca/sharingdanceseniors)

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As NBS proceeds with the detailed and careful process of offering onsite Professional Ballet Program training for the 2020/2021 school year, visitor access to the School will remain restricted. However, we are pleased that NBS' digital technology resources will allow us to host online events in the fall. We hope to transition to offering "hybrid" events, with onsite gatherings for small numbers of visitors, when it is safe to do so.

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### Sharing Dance with Baycrest and NBS

**Thursday, August 27 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

*Zoom from your own home*

Baycrest and Canada's National Ballet School have co-developed Sharing Dance Seniors, a dance program suitable for older adults that is accessible online from your home. Join us for the opportunity to dance alongside National Ballet School facilitator, Angie Seto, and learn more about the program's development and the power of dance from Baycrest's Melissa Tafler.

Dance experience is not required. This program is suitable for all ages and abilities, from kids through great-grandparents, and everyone in between. Link to register - [NBS Baycrest dance event](#)