

Turnout

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August 2021

Dear NBS Supporters,

At this time of year, I am always compelled to look back at the school year past just as much as looking ahead to what's to come. In this case, both glances make me feel thankful and optimistic.

The year behind us was challenging, but thanks to you and the entire community of NBS supporters, we were able to meet those challenges with strength and resilience. Looking back, I'm so proud of the many occasions where we were able to discover new ways to support each other, and achieve success. This is very much thanks to your ongoing support.

Looking ahead, NBS remains steadily optimistic about the potential of the 2021/22 school year. Most of all, we are excited to once again welcome back Professional Ballet-Academic Program students to the studio, and look forward to seeing their gifts in action (read below to learn about how students are currently using their creativity to help develop a more inclusive dress code in and out of the studio). We are also excited to welcome back students in NBS' Associates Program and Adult Ballet Program.

Our optimism is coupled with our ongoing adherence to the latest guidelines set out by the Province of Ontario, and we will continue to update you as the School's restrictions are adjusted and lifted. Although it remains difficult to plan for in-person gatherings, we hope to do so again very soon. In the meantime, we are happy to offer more events in an online format.

Overall, this is a time of many exciting possibilities at NBS, and I look forward to keeping in close touch with you as the new school year begins.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

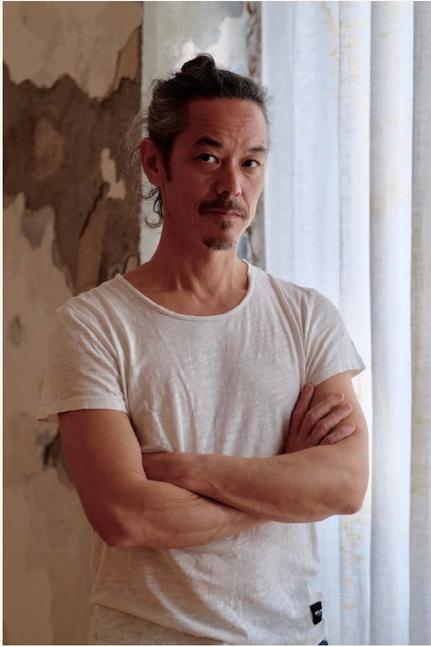


Tessa Bulham
Director of Development



NBS Professional Ballet-Academic Program students in class and training.

NBS announces winner of Judith Gelber and Peter Rabinowitz Award



Established in 2018 through the Judith Gelber and Peter Rabinowitz Endowment Fund, this award supports the professional development of mid-career Artistic Staff members at NBS. This year's recipient is Keith Morino.

Born in Toronto, Keith graduated from NBS in 1987 before pursuing a professional dance career with the *Nederlands Dans Theatre*, with contemporary Spanish company *Metros*, and through freelance performance. In 2001, he joined the staff at the *Institut del Teatre* in Barcelona, and later the faculty of the Professional Dance Conservatory *Escola d'Ensenyament Secundari i Artistic, Conservatori Professional de Dansa* (EESA/CPD) where he was Artistic Director and Academic Director from 2009-2018. In September 2018, Keith joined the teacher training program in the movement language method of Gaga in Tel Aviv, Israel. He became a certified Gaga teacher in June of 2020. He is currently part of the contemporary dance faculty of the EESA/CPD in Barcelona, and the artistic faculty of Canada's National Ballet School in Toronto.

Photo by Rebecca Scheinberg

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) at NBS: From uniform to dress code

Currently, NBS Professional Ballet-Academic Program students are collaborating with staff members to envision a more inclusive dress code (rather than prescribed uniform) for the School's dance and academic programs. Part of NBS' commitment to pursuing equity, diversity and inclusion in all facets of its operations, this effort recognizes that having a choice of dancewear, clothing, hairstyle, and other elements of personal presentation and expression has a significant impact on young dancers' overall health and well-being.

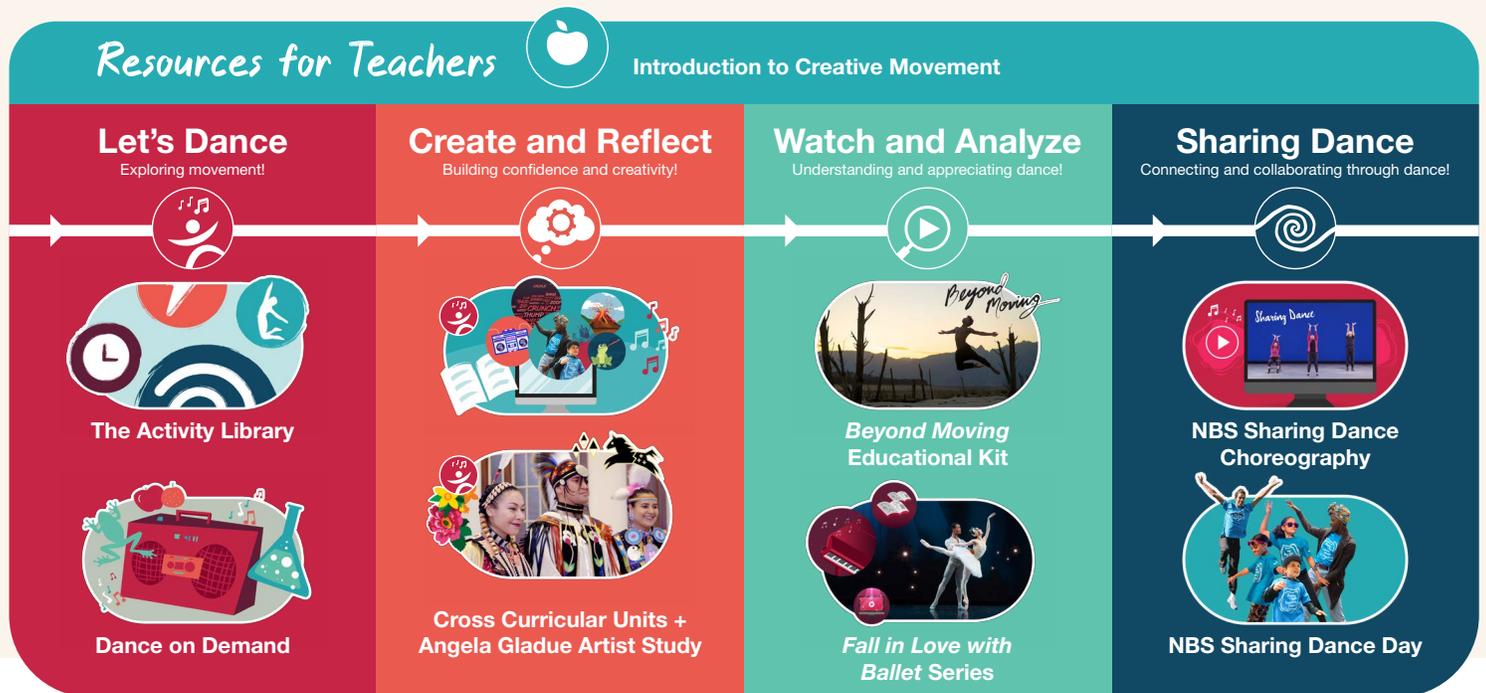


NBS Professional Ballet-Academic Program students in class; Dancewear available at The Shoe Room in a variety of colours.

New resource roadmap helps educators engage students and meet curriculum requirements through dance

For educators wondering how NBS' suite of free online creative movement resources can help them fit dance into their curriculum planning, look no further than NBS' newly-published Educator Roadmap. This easy-to-use guide is the perfect starting point to see how dance can support students at every stage of learning.

<https://www.nbs-enb.ca/en/community-dance/nbs-kids/tools-for-educators>



Pilot project for youth

This fall, NBS launches a new pilot project focused on sharing the physical and emotional benefits of dance with children living with diverse intellectual and developmental needs. This project will be delivered in partnership with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

Learn more about this new initiative at NBS' upcoming Welcome Back Event (see event details above).



SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Back Event

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm (EDT/EST)

Location: Online, private link will be provided to those who RSVP

NBS' Welcome Back Event has grown to be a much-anticipated and well-attended annual event. This event will share details about the back to school process and what that means for students, staff and program participants, as well as sharing updates about exciting projects for the new school year.



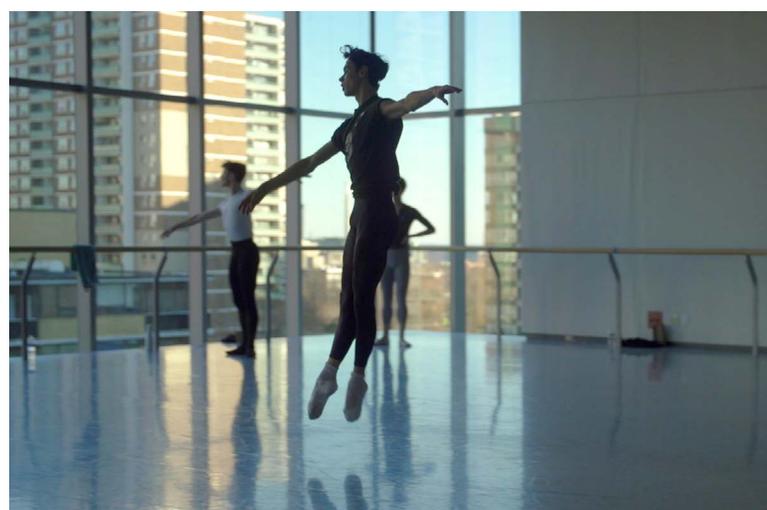
Supporters Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm (EDT/EST)

Location: Online, private link will be provided to those who RSVP

NBS' annual Supporters Meeting is a venue to review the successes and developments of the last fiscal year, and look ahead in detail to the activities of the year ahead. More details will be available in an upcoming edition of Turnout.



Thank you!

Your generous financial support will help talented young artists achieve their dreams of professional dance training, and inspire people of all ages and abilities to enrich their lives through dance.

While visitor access will likely remain restricted, we hope to find opportunities to welcome you and our community of supporters back to the School as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then, we will continue to keep you at the heart of our community by sharing important news and updates.

In the meantime, if you wish to connect with us for further updates, or would like to phone in to attend online events, please feel free to call us at 416.964.3780 and ask for Aimee.