

Screenshots from the Professional Ballet-Academic Program and Teacher Training Program 2021 Graduation Ceremonies

Dear NBS Supporters,

With the warm summer weather comes the close of another school year at Canada's National Ballet School. Although this is the second year that end-of-year traditions have been modified as a result of COVID-19, there is still much to celebrate and share with you.

First, I am delighted to congratulate the Professional Ballet Program and Teacher Training Program graduating classes of 2021. During recent online graduation ceremonies, graduates, their mentors and families reflected on a year that has offered many opportunities to grow stronger and broaden their skillset in ways that will stay with them forever. I know you share my excitement to see where these graduates go in the next stage of their journeys, and wishing them the very best.

Traditionally summer is a bustling time at NBS, with students continuing their dance training to maintain strength and skill outside of the academic year. Which is why we're thrilled that onsite ballet training resumed on June 23rd and will continue until August 15th; starting with dancers currently enrolled in the Professional Ballet Program, then applicants aspiring to join NBS' professional program in September; and finally Associates Program participants who will be returning to NBS studios for the first time in eight months. Once again the stimulating training environment sees the dancers easily adapting to all health and safety protocols. Clearly this format will support our transition to welcoming all students back to NBS on a full-time basis in the fall.

Before we say farewell to the 2020/21 school year, we invite you to join us for one more donor event on July 8. Beginning with a brief reflection of the year past, this online event will turn its focus to the year ahead, including sharing some exciting news about NBS' Post-Secondary Program. Please see this edition of Turnout for details—I hope to see you there!

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Tessa Bulham
Director of Development

Thank You for Tuning In To NBS Sharing Dance Day 2021!

More than 6,400 people from coast to coast to coast tuned in to NBS Sharing Dance Day live on May 28—and since then, more than 30,000 people have watched the broadcast on demand! We know that this celebration of movement and music is reaching even further through classroom streaming, sharing among families, and much more. Thank you for making Sharing Dance Day 2021 a resounding success!



If you or someone you know would like to view the event— featuring workshops, performances, interviews and more— click the link below or visit NBS’s website Community Dance section. Here you will also find special curated, 35-minute editions of the Sharing Dance Day broadcast, available in English and French.

<https://www.nbs-enb.ca/sharingdanceday>

Congratulations to Mavis Staines, Peter Herrndorf Arts Leadership Award Recipient



We are honoured to announce that NBS Artistic Director and CEO, Mavis Staines, has been named the 2021 recipient of the Peter Herrndorf Arts Leadership Award presented by Business/Arts. The award notation reads, “Her innovative spirit and courage to break boundaries has transformed education and reinvigorated dance nationally and abroad.” Congratulations, Mavis!

Read Mavis’ award profile here:

<https://awards.businessandarts.org/awards/peter-herrndorf-arts-leadership-award>

Professional Ballet-Academic Program Graduation Ceremony Available to Stream

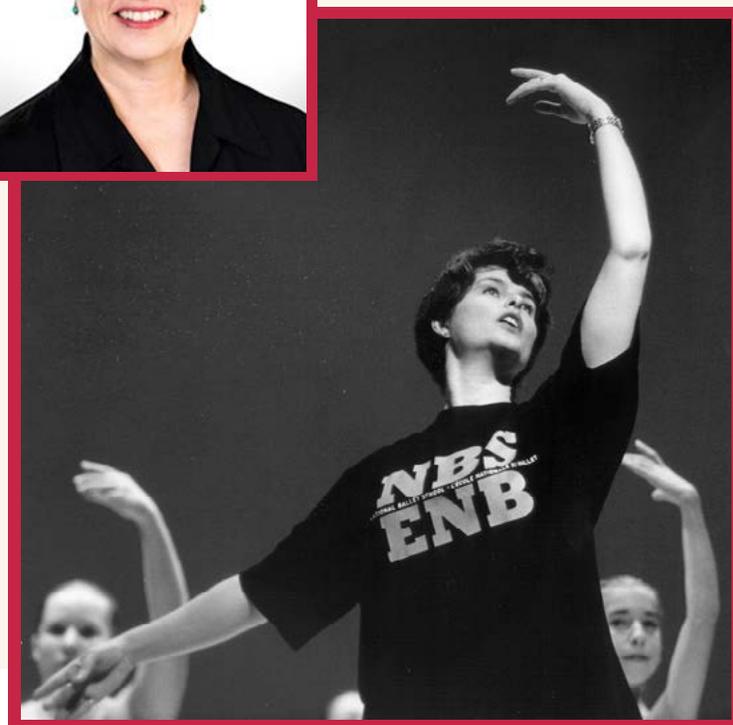


We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of 25 graduates from the Professional Ballet-Academic Program. If you missed the live-streamed graduation, you can now watch the entire ceremony on our website.

Watch the 2021 Professional Ballet-Academic Program graduation ceremony (originally broadcast June 18th) here – <https://vimeo.com/566845553/40c44a8663>

Celebrating the Extraordinary Career of Anuschka Roes

In addition to providing an opportunity to celebrate the 2021 graduates of NBS' Teacher Training Program, this year's ceremony offered a chance to mark the retirement of Anuschka Roes, NBS' Head of the Teacher Training Program for 25 years. Anuschka's mark on NBS is absolutely indelible: from supporting the careers of countless dance teachers, to contributing to the creation of specialized dance classes for people with Parkinson's disease and dementia, to catalyzing more inclusive dance programming for people of all ages, abilities and aspirations. As a small gesture of our appreciation for Anuschka's extraordinary contributions, NBS has named the garden in front of the Betty Oliphant Theatre as "the Anuschka Roes Garden." As we wish Anuschka the very best for her retirement, we also welcome Carmen Cairnes, who assumes the Interim Lead of the Teacher Training Program.



Marking Celia Franca's 100th Birthday

Many members of the NBS community hold a deep love of ballet. In Canada, much of our ability to appreciate world-class examples of the art form in our own communities is thanks to the efforts of Celia Franca, who, in the early 1950s—rapidly and with incredible vision—founded the National Ballet of Canada and co-founded (with Betty Oliphant) Canada's National Ballet School. Celia was born in England on June 25, 1921, and we share our respect and admiration in observation of her recent 100th birthday.

Year-End Donor Event



Year-End Donor Event: Looking Ahead

Thursday, July 8, 2021

7:00 pm (ET)

Virtual broadcast

A chance to bring together members of the NBS community, students and alumni – please tune in as we reflect on a remarkable year, and share exciting news about Canada's National Ballet School's Post-Secondary Program.

NBS would like to take this opportunity to spotlight the support of RBC. Through their support of *Emerging Artists*, students of NBS' Post-Secondary Program are given the best opportunity to advance their career trajectory, building strength, resilience and artistic skills as future professional dance artists.



To RSVP please **[CLICK HERE](#)** or call Emilia at 416.964.3780 x2123

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, would like a further update, or would like to call in for online events, please feel free to call us at 416.964.3780 and ask for Aimee.