Dear NBS Supporters,

The end of the school year is fast approaching, and although we continue to adapt our plans to shifting circumstances, I am pleased to share ways that you can join in the celebration and excitement no matter where you are.

First, NBS Sharing Dance Day returns in an online format on May 28, beginning at 12:30 pm ET. If you joined last year's online event, you'll know how digital technology has helped Sharing Dance Day showcase a wider range of artists and dance styles than ever, and that there is truly something for everyone in this multi-hour, interactive broadcast. See the event listing below to learn about how you, your friends, and your family can participate.

I also invite you to join us for the 2021 Professional Ballet-Academic Program graduation ceremony, which takes place on June 18. This event is shared online again this year, but contains no less excitement and emotion. If you have followed the journeys of any PBP students, this is a special opportunity you won't want to miss.

As I write this in mid-May, I know that—for so many donors—this month has always signalled the start of Spring Showcase. I'd like to thank you for sharing how much this performance event means to you, and your hope that it can return soon. Although we are disappointed to go another year without Spring Showcase, we share your hope that it can return next year.

This is a full edition of Turnout, with many opportunities to engage with the NBS community. I hope you'll take a few minutes today to explore it.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Tessa Bulham
Director of Development
Upcoming Events

Join NBS Sharing Dance Day 2021!

Friday, May 28 | Beginning 12:30 pm ET
Virtual event

Using your digital device, dance along with Canadian artists as they share and teach a diversity of dance styles, introduce you to new music rhythms, and more. Best of all, no dance experience is required. Tune in on May 28th for the national broadcast! The event will stream on the webpage below, as well as on NBS’ Facebook and YouTube pages.

Visit our website for more information: https://www.nbs-enb.ca/en/community-dance/nbs-sharing-dance-2021/nbs-sharing-dance-day

NBS announces the winners of the Ken McCarter Award for Distinguished NBS Alumni

Established in 2017, the Ken McCarter Award for Distinguished NBS Alumni highlights the inspiring range of significant contributions that NBS alumni make in their chosen fields and communities. This year’s laureates are:

Miriam Weinstein Adams, CM (class of 1963): an influential figure in Canadian dance history, creating ground-breaking projects and partnerships that shape the way we view, practice, and document the art form. As co-founder of Dance Collection Danse—Canada’s national dance archives and publishing house—Adams has stewarded a legacy and history of dance in Canada for the benefit of many generations.

Jason Beechey (class of 1988): a global leader in creating opportunities for young dancers-in-training and a powerful advocate for the broad social relevance of dance-training institutions. As Rector of the Palucca Hochschule für Tanz Dresden, Beechey offered singular leadership during COVID-19, developing some of the first protocols that positioned dance-training institutions around the world to successfully reopen after initial lockdowns.

Learn more about the award and the 2021 laureates here: https://www.nbs-enb.ca/en/about-nbs/alumni/ken-mccarter-award-for-distinguished-nbs-alumni
Alumni “together in spirit” during recent virtual event

On May 14 and 15, more than 250 NBS alumni gathered virtually to reflect on the School's first six decades. It was a wonderful weekend full of meaningful conversations, reconnection and celebration of the shared NBS experience. The event included panelists from across the decades, along with current students (future Alumni) to explore where a ballet education can lead and the transferrable skills obtained from an NBS education. The event explored Alumni's lived experiences and provided insight into the power, the joy and the opportunities that come from connecting with the NBS network.

Visit the webpage to learn more, and stay tuned for a highlights reel that we hope to share in the next few weeks: https://www.nbs-enb.ca/en/about-nbs/alumni/alumni-event

First Position Patrons host panel discussion about fundraising in the arts

Tuesday, June 1 | 6-7 pm EST
Virtual event

NBS’ First Position Patrons is a unique collective of young patrons united by a passion for supporting young artists and the power of dance. In this edition of their new Virtual Speaker Series, the First Position Patrons explores the importance of fundraising in the arts and supporting the arts community at large, now and in a post-pandemic world.

Learn more and register for this virtual event: https://www.nbs-enb.ca/support-nbs/first-position-patrons
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 or would like a further update, please feel free to call us at 416.964.3780 and ask for Aimee.