

Dear NBS Supporters,

I'm excited to write to you from the start of a new school year at Canada's National Ballet School, where the halls and studios are once again alive with the energy of dance. For the second year now, we approach this exciting time with both optimism and diligence, maintaining health and safety precautions while also celebrating the welcome return of dancers of all ages.



While children under 12 will not be participating in the 2021 Nutcracker cast, all NBS professional ballet students in Grades 7, 8 and 9 began rehearsing on Sept. 25 and their happiness is blowing the roof off the building! Pictured here: Nico Janssen, a Ken McCarter student partner and now a dancer with Royal Danish Ballet Company, in rehearsal with Laurel Toto and fellow students in 2012.

Currently, NBS' Professional Ballet-Academic Program, Teacher Training Program and Company Life Program (which was announced this summer as the new evolution of what was previously titled the Post-Secondary Program) have returned to on-site training. Recreational programs including the Associates Program and Adult Ballet Program are also running on-site, with additional online options available for Adult Ballet Students. NBS' wide range of Community Dance programs – including NBS Sharing Dance Older Adults and NBS Sharing Dance Parkinson's – remain available in an online format. Online activities continue to offer an engaging way to experience the hallmark excellence of NBS instruction from your own home, and I encourage everyone to explore the options available.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) remains a very important focus in both the short- and long-term for all NBS programs and activities. Most immediately this year, NBS observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. The School altered student schedules to accommodate educational activities, including on-site and online assemblies, moments of reflection, and a community-wide commemoration project for students and staff. More information about the School's EDI focus will be featured in our upcoming Year in Review publication, which we look forward to sharing with you later this fall.

As usual, your support has paved the way for another exciting school year with so much to look forward to. We will continue to utilize the monthly editions of Turnout as a way to communicate information on a whole host of activities, including brand new partnerships and program developments. Stay tuned!

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Tessa Bulham  
Director of Development

## Upcoming Events

It is wonderful to see the return of events and live performances around the city. While NBS continues to keep the safety of our students our priority and is continuing to limit onsite activity for now, we are optimistic that we will find opportunities to welcome you and our community of supporters back to the School soon. With this in mind, NBS events will remain online for the next little while and we welcome the opportunity to share post-event summaries with Supporters who were not able to participate online. Events where a phone-in option is available will be identified in the description.

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

### Welcome Back Event

**Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | Time: 7:00 pm EDT**

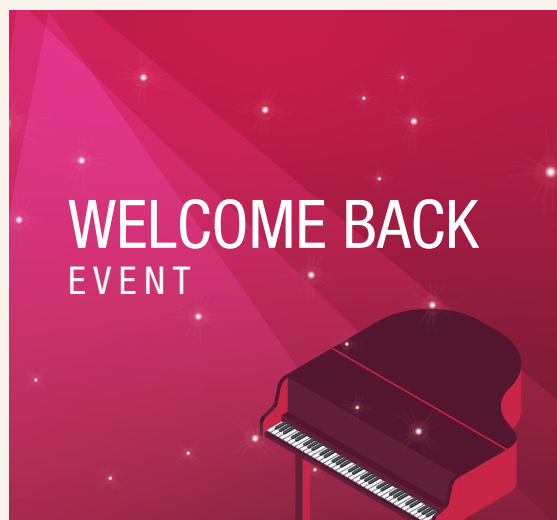
**Location: Event login details will be provided to those who RSVP**

**Offline access details: Please contact Emilia to learn more**

Join us for an *online* social event celebrating dance at the same time as we celebrate a new school year.

Tune in to see a showcase of dance from our students, meet this year's NBS Student Council and hear about a new partnership focused in equity, access and inclusion in dance. As well, we'll share details about a brand new initiative sharing the benefits of dance with children with different physical, intellectual, and developmental needs. We are thrilled to be back in studios, and excited to share that joy with you, our loyal supporters.

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### Supporters Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 | Time: 7:00 pm EST**

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

**Offline access details: A call-in option is available for this event.**

**Please contact Emilia to learn more**

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.

RSVP information will be available in the next 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 or would like a further update, please feel free to call us at 416.964.3780 and ask for Aimee.