

Dancing Opens Doors

Canada's National Ballet School Opens Its Doors With Free Summer Block Party

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Toronto, ON, May 11, 2022 – Save the date for the NBS Block Party on June 4! For the first-time-ever, Canada's National Ballet School (NBS) will be throwing a Block Party at its Toronto campus. You, your friends, and your family are invited as our guests (free of charge)! This inaugural celebration at NBS takes place on **Saturday, June 4 from 11:00am to 5:00pm**. The Block Party promises to give the community an all-access pass inside the school and energize the 400 Jarvis Street block with fun family-friendly programming, performances, and refreshments.

“Dancing opens doors to a deeply exciting range of opportunities. This Block Party is part of our vision to open NBS’ doors to the wider community and make the power of dance accessible for everyone,” said Mavis Staines, Artistic Director and CEO of Canada’s National Ballet School. “Whether you are trying dance for the first time, or have years of experience, we look forward to coming together for a day of fun and accessible festivities to celebrate the many ways that dance can be shared to build well-being and connection.”

Join supporters, community members, dancers, NBS alumni, families, volunteers, partners and more for:

- Drop-in introductory dance workshops (AfroFusion, Ballet, Hip Hop) for all ages in NBS’ award-winning studios
- Behind-the-scenes rehearsals, featuring students from NBS’ Professional Ballet-Academic Program
- Surprise “Pop Up” dance performances
- Family-friendly activities, a DJ, food trucks, and more!

Learn more about NBS Block Party [here](#).



NBS Block Party is the keystone event of [Dancing Opens Doors](#)—the principal fundraising campaign for Canada’s National Ballet School over the next three years. The Dancing Opens Doors fundraising initiative will showcase the many opportunities that dance creates, and make more of those opportunities accessible across Canada and around the world.

“If we’ve learned anything over the past few years, it’s the importance of providing a space for entire communities to enjoy the holistic health benefits of dancing,” said Tessa Bulham, Chief of Advancement for Canada’s National Ballet School. “With Dancing Opens Doors, we want to bring the fun to traditional methods of fundraising, and provide as many opportunities as possible for people to experience the transformative powers of dance.”

Dancing Opens Doors and the Block Party are made possible by the following sponsors and supporters: Lead Supporter: The Delaney Family Foundation; Media Partner: The Globe and Mail; Community Champions: John A. Baker & Family, Cadillac Fairview, Fabio Mascarin Foundation, Lynda C. Hamilton, Frank & Debbi Sobey; Block Party Supporters: Sobeys Inc., Reuven International Limited, Torys LLP, Bradley & Hilary Hennick, Andrea Stairs Krishnappa & Nini Krishnappa, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; With special thanks to Cotton Candy Inc., and The Printing & Promotion Group.

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About Canada’s National Ballet School

At Canada’s National Ballet School (NBS), excellence, access and inclusion fuel our belief in sharing the transformative power of dance. Since 1959, NBS’ pursuit of excellence has constantly revealed the life-changing impact of dance. This is what drives the School’s commitment to making dance a part of all Canadians’ lives. Learn more at www.nbs-enb.ca.

Available for interview:

- [Mavis Staines, Artistic Director](#)
- Tessa Bulham, Chief of Advancement
- Block Party workshop teachers

- Students of Canada's National Ballet School
- Other special guests

For Dancing Opens Doors assets, click [here](#).

Note to the Editors:

For those who can't attend NBS' Block Party in Toronto, Canada's National Ballet School is hosting its 12th annual Sharing Dance Day national digital broadcast on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Using a digital device, participants from across the globe can dance along with Canadian artists as they share and teach a diversity of dance styles, introduce participants to new music rhythms, and more. Best of all, no dance experience is required! Since 2010, NBS Sharing Dance Day events have brought together tens of thousands of people in communities from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Learn more [here](#).

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