



## **New Executive Director Announced at Canada's National Ballet School**

Toronto, ON, Friday, September 13, 2019 – Today, Canada’s National Ballet School (NBS) announced the appointment of John Dalrymple as the School’s new Executive Director.

“NBS is poised to implement the next chapter of the School's dynamic and ambitious strategic plan,” said Mavis Staines, Artistic Director and CEO of NBS. “John's rare depth and range of talents have already seen NBS move from strength to strength, underscoring my conviction that the School will flourish through his leadership in this role.”

John joined NBS in 2010, holding increasingly senior positions, including Associate Director of Annual Giving and Director of Strategic Initiatives. In his most recent role as Chief of External Affairs, John has been a driving force behind NBS’ strategic plan, playing an instrumental leadership role in the development and funding of key programs that make dance more accessible to all Canadians, including the now-national community engagement programs for kids delivered in classrooms and community programs, as well as programs for seniors, which are video streamed to community centres and retirement homes across the nation. Under John’s leadership, NBS’ programs are increasing access for talented dancers dedicated to training for a career in ballet, and for people of all ages and abilities who may have never danced before.

Prior to his time at NBS, John was on the management team of the Textile Museum of Canada as Director of Development, and as Acting Executive Director. He has held a teaching appointment at Centennial College in the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culture.

John succeeds Cathryn Gregor, who has held the post since 2013.

“I am joined by the NBS community in expressing deep gratitude to Cathryn for her commitment and leadership that has been critical to NBS' development during the past six years,” said Mavis.

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