



World Ballet School Day celebrates a new generation of dance artists

September 1, 2021 – The World Ballet School Day 2021 organizing committee is delighted to announce that the second annual **World Ballet School Day** will be streamed online at www.worldballetschoolday.com on **Saturday 13th November** throughout the day.

World Ballet School Day (WBSD) connects the next generation of young professional dance artists with young people from around the world. Created by students for students, this event is a platform for young artists in training to share a message of solidarity through the language of dance and ballet.

Students from the seven schools of the organizing committee will join together in discussion to provide insights into the world of professional ballet and dance training, introducing segments from each school featuring behind the scenes and performance footage, exploring the following themes:

1. **Adaptability** – This topic will share how the dance world must evolve to meet the societal conditions of today and showcases how students and their schools have adapted to COVID.
2. **Identity** – Students will focus on how they see themselves on the stage and identify as artists discovering themselves, as well as showcasing the ideas around celebrating/embracing diversity.
3. **Pathways** – As COVID continues to challenge how students will enter the profession, this topic will share and discuss a variety of ways dancers are becoming professionals.

This year, the committee extends an invitation for ballet schools to participate in this second edition of WBSD by submitting a short video clip (no more than 20-30 seconds) of dance content that best represents their organization and connects with the above themes. These submissions will be edited into a celebratory representation of our global dance community. Submissions can be made online at www.worldballetschoolday.com beginning Sept 6.

The seven educational institutions in the WBSD 2021 organizing committee include: The Ailey School, Boston Ballet School, Canada's National Ballet School, English National Ballet School, New Zealand School of Dance, Palucca University of Dance Dresden, and the Prix de Lausanne. The idea was originally conceived by Viviana Durante from the English National Ballet School.

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WBSD will be available online for catch-up for one month.