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2019 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists Applications Open From April 1 to May 13, 2019

VICTORIA, B.C. – Applications for the [2019 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists](#) are now open. **Interested dance artists must apply by May 13, 2019, 4 p.m. PDT.**

The **Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists** is a scholarship program for dancers/dance artists wanting to continue or complete their training and/or studies at a recognized institution outside Canada. Dance Victoria will award up to \$6,000 for emerging artists. Applicants must be residents of western Canada and this prize only supports full-time studies. Intensives and summer programs are not eligible for support from the Chrystal Dance Prize program. Preference will be given to Victoria residents; however, it's worth noting there are years when no Victoria students apply making it an open field. If artists are entering a second or third year of study, and are living in a foreign country, their permanent address or place of origin must be in western Canada.

Past awards have been provided for students attending The Juilliard School, the Alonzo King LINES Ballet Training Program, the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School of Ballet (ABT), Butler University and more. The 2018 Emerging Artist Award winners were Holden Cole from Port Alberni who was entering his first year at The Juilliard School (\$3,000) and Adrian de Leeuw in his second year of training at the Alonzo King LINES Ballet School in San Francisco.

The **Chrystal Dance Prize** is Canada's richest dance prize for international collaboration. Since 2010, Dance Victoria has awarded its Chrystal Dance Prize for Independent Artists annually to dance artists from Western Canada working with international artists. In 2019, the Awards Committee of Dance Victoria committed \$65,000 to Vanessa Goodman working with New York artist Belinda McGuire to develop a project titled *The Other Half* (\$10,000); Kidd Pivot co-production support for its new production, *Revisor*, which will be presented at the Royal Theatre in February 2020 (\$25,000); Out Innerspace Dance Theatre for the further development of its next full-length work *Aftermath* (\$20,000); and Dancers of Damelahamid for the continued development of its new full-length work titled *Minowin* (\$10,000).

The Chrystal Dance Prize is generated from a substantial bequest made by Dance Victoria patron, Dr. Betty "Chrystal" Kleiman, to the Victoria Foundation. A committee of dance professionals is assembled each year to select the recipients.

For additional information about the Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Artists, visit



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About Dance Victoria

Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and supports the development of new dance for the international stage from its studios in Quadra Village. Dance Victoria is a non-profit charitable society. DanceVictoria.com