



# DANCE VICTORIA

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## 2017 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists Applications Open From April 3 to May 12, 2017

*VICTORIA, B.C.* – Dance Victoria is accepting applications from dance artists to be considered for the **2017 Chrystal Dance Prize - Emerging Dance Artists from April 3, 2017 to May 12, 2017**.

The Chrystal Dance Prize is Canada's richest dance prize for international collaboration. Earlier in 2017, close to \$20,000 was awarded to Vancouver dance artist Arash Khakpour and \$16,000 to Vancouver dance artist Meredith Kalamán in the *Independent Dance Artist* category. Dance Victoria will award an additional \$6,000 in an *Emerging Dance Artist* category for young dancers completing their training at a recognized international dance institution. Past awards have been provided for students attending The Juilliard School, the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School of Ballet (ABT), Butler University and more. The 2016 Emerging Artist Award winner was Matilda Çobanlı who went on to study at the Salzburg Experimental Academy of Dance (<http://www.sead.at>). You can learn more about Matilda's experiences in Salzburg and the impact that the Crystal Dance Prize has had on her as a developing dance artist in this [video](https://vimeo.com/210280062) (<https://vimeo.com/210280062>).

**Deadline for application submissions is May 12, 2017.**

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, visit:

- [Emerging Dance Artist Guidelines & 2016 Emerging Award Winner](http://bit.ly/1j1tDiH) (<http://bit.ly/1j1tDiH>)
- Or contact [Stephen White](mailto:producer@dancevictoria.com) ([producer@dancevictoria.com](mailto:producer@dancevictoria.com)), Executive Producer, Dance Victoria, at 250-595-1829

### **About Dance Victoria**

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> season, 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](http://DanceVictoria.com)