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**Dance Victoria Supports Ballet BC's Commission of a
New *Romeo and Juliet* through the Chrystal Dance Fund**
Request for Proposals for the 2018 Chrystal Dance Prize Opens Oct 2, 2017

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria through its Chrystal Dance Fund is supporting Ballet BC's commission of a new *Romeo and Juliet* choreographed by French dance maker [Medhi Walerski](#), one of the most original voices in international dance today. Dance Victoria's contribution supports the inclusion of Arts Umbrella graduate dance students in the production, increasing the number of the corps de ballet. The new *Romeo and Juliet* will premiere at Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre from February 22 through 24, 2018 (8 pm + 2 pm on Feb 24). Tickets: <http://balletbc.com/performance/program-2-2018/>

In addition to this commission, the Chrystal Dance Prize supports new works by independent dance artists living in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia or the Yukon who wish to work with a dance artist (dancer, choreographer or interpreter) outside Canada.

In 2018, Dance Victoria will award \$17,000 (\$12,000 for Independent Dance Artists and \$5,000 for Emerging Dance Artists). The prize for Independent Dance Artists may include a two-week residency at Dance Victoria Studios and the potential of presentation in an upcoming Dance Victoria season.

Independent Dance Artists proposals are due November 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Two dance artists from Vancouver were awarded the Independent Dance Artist prize last year. Meredith Kalamán used the prize to stage *Femme Fatales* in Greater Vancouver and Berlin. Arash Khakpour created a new duet, *Untitled Distance*, with Swedish dance artist Emmalena Fredriksson that premiered in Vancouver and Örebro, Sweden this summer.

The Chrystal Dance Prize is generated from a 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 DanceVictoria.com (<https://dancevictoria.com/in-the-community/chrystal-dance-prize/>) or contact [Stephen White \(producer@dancevictoria.com\)](#) at 250-595-1829. More information about [Medhi Walerski](#) is here: <http://balletbc.com/bio/medhi-walerski/>

The Chrystal Dance Prize also accepts applications from Emerging Dance Artists completing their training at recognized international dance institutions. These applications will be due in mid-March 2018. Visit DanceVictoria.com in early 2018 for information about this prize.



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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.