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## **2018 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists Applications Open From April 3 to May 12, 2018**

VICTORIA, B.C. – Applications for the **2018 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Dance Artists** open on April 3, 2018. **Interested dance artists must apply by May 12, 2018, 4 p.m. PDT.**

The Chrystal Dance Prize is Canada's richest dance prize for international collaboration. Earlier in 2018, \$12,000 was awarded in the Independent Dance Artist category to Victoria dance theatre artist Stacey Horton, and \$25,000 to 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.

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. 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 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School of Ballet (ABT), Butler University and more. The 2017 Emerging Artist Award winner was Matilda Çobanlı who is studying at the Salzburg Experimental Academy of Dance and Adrian de Leeuw who is pursuing his training at the Alonzo King LINES Ballet School in San Francisco.

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 Artists Guidelines \(http://bit.ly/1j1tDiH\)](http://bit.ly/1j1tDiH)
- Or contact [Stephen White \(producer@dancevictoria.com\)](mailto:stephen.white@dancevictoria.com), Executive Producer, Dance Victoria, at 250-595-1829



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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)