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Two Male Dancers from Vancouver Island Win the 2018 Chrystal Dance Prize for Emerging Artists

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria, home of Canada's [Chrystal Dance Prize](#), today announced two winners in the 2018 Emerging Artists award category. A panel of three dance professionals selected the winners through an application process.

Dance Victoria is pleased to support dancer **Holden Cole** from Port Alberni, who was recently accepted into The Juilliard School. Cole trained at Canada's National Ballet School and DanzMode Productions. He hopes to dance with a contemporary/modern company in Europe after his training at Juilliard. Dance Victoria awarded \$3,000 towards his tuition.

For a second year, Dance Victoria will support local dancer, **Adrian de Leeuw**, who recently completed his first year at the Alonzo King LINES Ballet Training Program. Before LINES, de Leeuw was a student in the Bridge Professional Training Program at the Victoria Academy of Ballet. He hopes to dance in Europe and hone his choreography skills. Dance Victoria awarded \$3,000 towards his tuition.

The **Chrystal Dance Prize** is awarded twice annually in two categories. The Emerging Artists award supports western Canadian dance artists continuing their full-time training at an international institution. The Independent Artists award supports mid-career artists conducting research or working on a project with an international artist.

The Chrystal Dance Prize is generated from a substantial bequest made by Dance Victoria patron, Dr. Betty "Chrystal" Kleiman, to the Victoria Foundation. Dance Victoria has approximately \$45,000 to award in the two award categories next year. The next competition for Independent Artists will occur in the fall of 2018. For more information, visit DanceVictoria.com

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

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