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## Dance Victoria's Support for Local Dance Artists Free Studio Access Program

This Policy has been developed in concert with the Local Artist Rental Agreement. Artists approved for the Studio Access Program will be required to sign a Local Artist Agreement.

### Program Description

The dance arts are in a constant state of renewal. Dance Victoria contributes to this dynamic by investing in artists' creative process and celebrating the extraordinary commitment of individuals and organizations to the art form. It does this with two awards programs, the Community Dance Award and the Chrystal Dance Prize. Additionally, it offers free and subsidized access to its studios for professional dance artists, resident on South Vancouver Island, who are developing new works or conducting research for a new work.

Dance Victoria supports the work of local dance artists through its Studio Access Program with provision of up to one hundred (100) hours of free and subsidized studio rentals for a single identified local artist-driven project each year. Under the terms of this agreement, the dance artist will be allocated sixty (60) hours of free access and forty (40) additional hours at five dollars per hour (\$5/hr). Any additional hours will be charged to the local artist at Dance Victoria's commercial rate.

Studio access for public showings of work in progress may be subject to commercial rates.

To qualify, dance artists are required to meet with Dance Victoria's Executive Producer to discuss their project.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Studio Access is non-transferable. Activities that include the payment of fees to the local artist from participants (i.e.: classes, workshops or participant fees) are not eligible for support from this program.

Studio Access is project and artist specific. This program does not support multiple projects from one artist over the course of a year.



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## **Definitions**

Dance Victoria defines a professional dance artist as an interpreter, choreographer or teacher who:

- has completed specialized training;
- is recognized as a professional by their peers;
- is committed to dedicating more time to the art form if resources are available; and
- has a history of presentation/public performance.

## **Conditions**

Dance Victoria is pleased to offer free and subsidized rentals to local artists under the following conditions:

- the artist furnishes proof of liability insurance naming Dance Victoria Society as co-insured for the duration of the project;
- the artist communicates their intention to cancel any bookings at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of said booking. Failure to provide adequate notice of cancellation to the office at Dance Victoria Studios will result in the unused hours being counted in the one hundred (100) hours provided for in this agreement;
- the artist acknowledges the support from Dance Victoria on social media and in any printed materials associated with future performances of the project; and,
- the studios (including the public areas) will be left as they were found.

All studio bookings are subject to availability. Priority will always be given to paying renters.

Studio space is provided to local dance artists on an annual basis. Dance Victoria's year runs from July 1 through June 30.