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Dance Victoria Suspends Its 2020/21 Season Due to COVID-19

VICTORIA, B.C. - Today, it is with heavy hearts, that Dance Victoria announces the suspension of its programming for the 2020/21 Season.

The highest priority is the health and welfare of our patrons, performing artists, staff and volunteers. The decision to suspend all performances is to comply with the Province of British Columbia's COVID-19 health regulations. It is a heartbreaking decision for dance and performing arts lovers, our artistic collaborators, our community and our organization. Dance Victoria is committed to returning to its performances when it is deemed safe to do so by the Province of British Columbia and its top health officials.

With the assistance of the Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse Box Office, Dance Victoria is processing full refunds for all subscribers that purchased tickets for the 2020/21 Season.

Dance Victoria is considering a curated season of small scale, intimate performances at its studios, in compliance with health mandates and recommendations. An announcement will be made later this summer to subscribers, donors and the general public once details are confirmed. The season will emphasize the second part of Dance Victoria's mission which is to support local/regional dance artists and the creation of new work, since artists are hugely affected by COVID's suspensions and closures. Dance Victoria will do this through select small performances, providing resources in the form of fees and commissions, and offering access to its studios for artist residences and workshops.

The arts bring our community together and give us hope and inspiration, especially in challenging times. It is hard to comprehend what life in Victoria will be like in the coming months with dark theatres and limited entertainment offerings. If you have the means, Dance Victoria appreciates donations of any size to help us maintain organizational stability. Each donation will receive a charitable tax receipt for the value of your contribution. We want to thank our generous supporters who have already stepped forward by making a gift, and to all those who donated their tickets back to Dance Victoria for the cancelled performances in March and May.



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This fall we will use our social media channels and e-communications to keep you abreast of developments. We are eager to stay connected to our subscribers, donors, sponsors, and supporters throughout this difficult time.

On behalf of Dance Victoria, we hope you remain healthy and well, and we look forward to bringing the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre once again.

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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