



# DANCE VICTORIA

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## **Artists in Residence at Dance Victoria Studios Announced for 2020/21 Season**

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria is thrilled to announce that its Board of Directors has approved more than \$100,000 in support of paid [artist residencies](#) at Dance Victoria Studios, commissions of new works, and awards to support independent dance artists.

“The independent dance artist has been impacted significantly by the pandemic with cancelled contracts and performance engagements,” explains Susan K.E. Howard, President of Dance Victoria Society. “My colleagues on the Board of Directors felt very strongly that our continued investment in the artform was crucial.”

Dance Victoria will provide support for the following:

Victoria-based Artists in Residence:

- **Lindsay Katsitsakatste Delaronde** and four other Indigenous performers of the Visible Bodies Collective will continue their investigation into land-based performances.
- **Kemi Craig**, a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People Of Colour) artist, will work remotely with Vancouver’s Justine A. Chambers exploring intersections between dance, familiar gestures, power and embodied experiences of gendered and racialized people.
- **Andrew Barrett**, Impulse Theatre, will explore queer gaming, expectations of masculinity, and what a “home” can mean for his project, *DABBLING IN HEROICS*.
- **Véronique Emmett** will focus on research and development both as a soloist and with other Victoria dance artists invited into her practice.

Vancouver-based Artists in Residence:

- Ballet BC dancer/emerging choreographer **Kirsten Wicklund** will be residence with Peter Smida researching improvisation, text and soundscape for a new work-in-progress.
- **Sarah Hutton** and **Aiden Cass** will further develop *Generous Mess* examining gender equality, gender norms, and domestic power dynamics.



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Dance Victoria enhances the appreciation of dance in the Capital Region by presenting and developing excellent professional dance, supporting emerging and independent dance artists and choreographers, and engaging the community in the experience and celebration of dance. The residencies will further assist independent dance artists by providing access to Dance Victoria studios and financial resources. Additionally, Dance Victoria will award \$52,000 through its [Crystal Dance Prize](#) – *Projects* and *Training* programs with October and April application deadlines.

Visit our [Artists in Residence](#) web page for additional information including images and biographies.

#### **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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