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Expressions of Interest for Western Canada's Richest Dance Prize Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects* Opens Sept 1, 2020

VICTORIA, B.C. – Western Canada's richest dance prize for international collaboration, the **Chrystal Dance Prize**, is accepting expressions of interest from dance artists, companies and collectives in Western Canada for 2021. The **Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects*** supports exceptional dance research and/or creation between a Western Canadian dance artist, collectives or companies and an international dance artist or artists (interpreter or choreographer). Dance Victoria will award \$40,000 in the Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects* category. The prize money may be allocated across multiple projects or can be awarded for a single project.

Fast Facts About the Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects*

- The Chrystal Dance Prize is generated from a bequest made by Dance Victoria patron, Dr. Chrystal "Betty" Kleiman, to the Victoria Foundation.
- Dance artists, companies and/or collectives applying for the prize must live or be headquartered in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia or the Yukon.
- The prize supports collaborative projects that involve Canadian artist(s) working with another dance artist (choreographer or interpreter) outside of Canada.
- The prize is open to any dance artist that has an established career or is currently active in a professional dance setting, has a body of work with a range of dance artists or companies, and is making application as an independent dance artist. Companies and collectives submitting proposals must also have a body of work and a history of commissioning work
- A committee of dance professionals is assembled each year to select the recipients.
- The prize recipient(s) will also have the opportunity for a two-week residency at Dance Victoria Studios.
- **Expressions of interest are accepted from September 1, 2020 until October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.**

To learn more about the two-step application process, visit DanceVictoria.com (<https://dancevictoria.com/in-the-community/chrystal-dance-prize/>). Any questions can be directed to [Stephen White \(producer@dancevictoria.com\)](mailto:Stephen.White(producer@dancevictoria.com)) or by calling 250-595-1829.

Dance Victoria recognizes that working side by side in a studio with international artists may not be feasible in 2020/21 due to COVID-19. Applicants are given the opportunity in the



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application to explain how they intend to manage their collaborations given current travel restrictions.

The Chrystal Dance Prize – *Training* also accepts applications from dance artists completing their training at recognized international dance institutions. More information about the Chrystal Dance Prize – *Training* applications will be on DanceVictoria.com in early 2021.

About Dance Victoria

Dance Victoria brings the World's Best Dance to the Royal Theatre and your home 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