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## **Chrystal Dance Prize - *Training* Supports**

### **Three Dancers Studying Abroad**

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria, home of Canada’s [Chrystal Dance Prize](#), announced today three winners in the 2021 Chrystal Dance Prize – *Training* category for emerging dance artists. A panel of dance professionals selected the winners through an application process.

**Mikaela Kos** from Coquitlam, who is studying contemporary dance at the **Palucca Hochschule für Tanz** in Dresden, Germany, was awarded \$5,000. This is Kos’ second time winning the CDP-*Training* Award. She will use the funds as she transitions from the Bachelor of Dance program to an apprenticeship in the school’s associated Theater Pforzheim.

**Ashvini Sundaram** from Surrey was awarded \$3,500 to study Bharatanatyam (Indian classical dance) with the highly sought-after contemporary dancer/choreographer/teacher **Rama Vaidyanathan** in New Delhi, India. Sundaram, who is currently working on her Master of Fine Arts in Dance Choreography from York University, has aspirations of becoming a contemporary choreographer and is interested in intercultural textures between Bharatanatyam and ballet and contemporary dance.

**Maya Milic** from Vancouver was awarded \$3,500 to continue her dance studies at **The School of American Ballet** in New York. Milic will be entering her third year in September and wishes to dance professionally with the New York City Ballet. She is also a BC Provincial Rhythmic Gymnastics Champion and World Ballet Arts Competition Grand Prix Winner (Canada).

The [Chrystal Dance Prize](#) is awarded twice annually. The *Training* category supports emerging western Canadian dance artists continuing their full-time training at an international institution. The *Projects* category supports independent artists, companies or collectives working on exceptional projects with an international artist (interpreter or choreographer).

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 awarded \$52,000 between the two awards in 2020/21.** In the *Projects* category last fall, \$30,000 was awarded to support a collaboration between Vancouver’s [OURO Collective](#) and German-born, LA dancer RubberLegz for their project *7y98D*, and Vancouver-based dance artist



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[Ralph Escamillan](#) was awarded \$10,000 to develop Piña, a new dance work with Filipino dancer Raul “Buboy” Raquitico. The next competition for independent artists will occur in the fall of 2021.

### **About Dance Victoria**

Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and to 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](#)

### **Media Materials & Contact**

Photos are available of the CDP winners by contacting [marketing@dancevictoria.com](mailto:marketing@dancevictoria.com).

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