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### **A New Home for Ballet BC**

Ballet BC is thrilled to share the news of a new home for the company on Vancouver's Granville Island.

The existing facility at 1286 Cartwright St. offers a significant increase in both studio and administration space for the organization and will enable Ballet BC to continue to grow and evolve, catapulting the company into an era of expanded creation and innovation. The opportunity to join this vital and vibrant arts and culture community on Granville Island is perfectly aligned with the values of the company. Ballet BC looks forward to a mutually beneficial partnership that invests in the future of both groups.

"We are delighted to have succeeded in securing this much needed space for Ballet BC," says Medhi Walerski, Ballet BC Artistic Director. "It's a transformative milestone for our company and the evolution of its vision and artistic goals."

Following more than a decade at Scotiabank Dance Centre where the company trained and rehearsed, Ballet BC looks forward to contributing to Vancouver's premier artistic and cultural hub and joining an incredible community of neighbours on Granville Island. The company's operations on the Island will provide increased opportunity for collaboration and synergy with many other arts organizations and allow the company to explore further ways to provide critical training opportunities for aspiring professional dancers.

In addition, the new facility will be fundamental for the continued growth of the company's outreach and education initiatives, deepening existing partnerships with local partners, and creating new avenues for engaging audiences.

"The Ballet BC team is grateful for the support of our incredibly dedicated Board of Directors, led by Relocation Committee Chair Stan Hamilton, who were instrumental in making this dream a reality," says Ballet BC Executive Director John Clark. "We can't wait to begin working and creating on Granville Island."

Ballet BC intends to occupy the new space as of summer 2022, once renovations are complete.

## **ABOUT BALLET BC**

Founded in 1986, Ballet BC is currently under the leadership of Artistic Director Medhi Walewski. Ballet BC is an acclaimed collaborative and creation-based contemporary ballet company that is a leader and resource in the creation, production and education of contemporary dance in Canada. Based in Vancouver, the company's distinctive style and approach has made a unique and valuable contribution to the development of dance both at home and around the world. In 2019, the company was nominated for an Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production for their tour to Sadler's Wells in London.

The company presents a diverse repertoire of Canadian and international work from the late 20th and early 21st centuries, including choreography by William Forsythe, Cayetano Soto, Sharon Eyal and Gai Behar, Johan Inger, Medhi Walewski, Ohad Naharin, Crystal Pite, Emily Molnar and more, and is deeply committed to the creation and performance of new works.

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