

JANUARY 2021

TEAM CANADA DANCE UPDATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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AND
WELCOME 2021**

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2020 IS OVER

WELCOME TO 2021!



2020 has been quite difficult for many. The pandemic has not only affected our personal lives, it also had a devastating impact in the world of Arts & Entertainment in particular. Despite this, artists from all over the world have shared their talents with the world in order to help uplift the spirits of everyone to help them through this unprecedented time.

Safety is paramount. That is why we had to cut our 2020 auditions short and could not attend any IDO events in person. We were able to all come together and offer many online classes for our dancers taught by our very own dancers as well as from around the world. Dance really is a tight knit community and is there for each other when we need it the most.

As for Team Canada, we have begun planning for our 2021 season even though there is so much to be determined. We have some exciting online competitions planned and will plan for fall IDO in person events ***if they can be safely attended***

WORLD DANCE CHALLENGE - MEXICO
NEW 2022 DATES ANNOUNCED



The 2020 IDO World Dance Challenge in Monterrey, Mexico, was postponed both in 2020 and now in 2021 due to the pandemic. We know that many dancers are excited for this event that will be bringing the best of the best from all over the world for a competition, workshop, expo, and auditions in one convention right here in North America. It is unfortunate, however, that the world will not be safe to travel to an international dance competition as we had previously hoped. With vaccines rolling out all over the world, we are hopeful to bring our dancers to the event next year. The 2022 dates will be July 20-27, 2022. Fingers crossed that the world can get this under control so we can compete against dancers from around the globe! See our webpage for more info or visit www.worlddance.online.



IDO CONTINENT vs CONTINENT

THE FIRST IDO ONLINE COMPETITION!

IDO will be holding its first ever CONTINENT vs CONTINENT World Championship! This exciting event will take place from March to October with various rounds until the top winner in the world is announced.

All Canadian dancers are invited to participate in the first round - which is the Nationals. Every country will pick their top 20 dancers in each IDO category and age group and send them to the next round - the Continental. Our Canadian champions will compete against dancers from across North America and those top 20 dancers in each IDO category and age group will be sent on to compete against the other continents. We will be using video submissions from 2019 to present. The final round of the competition will offer ca\$h prizes and we want our Canadians on that virtual podium!! We will send info out once confirmed.



UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Currently, we are planning online auditions for 2021.. Please refer to our website under the AUDITIONS tab for more information and in-person dates. We are accepting for IDO World Championships in Europe for the fall. We will have multiple teams from across Canada attending the following:

IDO Continent vs Continent	Virtual	Mar-Oct., 2021
IDO World StreetDance Championships	Decin, Czech Republic	Sept. 23-26, 2021
IDO World Hip Hop/Breakdance	Copenhagen, Denmark	Oct. 17-21, 2021
IDO World Acro Championships	St. Petersburg, Russia	Oct. 28-30, 2021
IDO World Showdance Championships	Riesa, Germany	Nov. 15-20, 2021
IDO World Tap Championships	Riesa, Germany	Nov. 23-27, 2021
IDO World Ballet/Jazz Championships	Ossa, Poland	Nov. 30-Dec 4
IDO World Modern/Contemporary	Ossa, Poland	Dec. 5-9 2021

****CONTACT US IF YOU ALREADY AUDITIONED IN 2020****

2020 and 2021 TEAM POSITIONS

Those that auditioned in 2020 and started to pay had their spots held over until 2021 teams. We did this to allow dancers more time to pay and look for sponsors. If for any reason IDO cancels the 2021 competitions, we will once again refund any money paid by our dancers if they cannot make the 2022 season. If Team Canada Dance does attend the Worlds and you do not wish to attend, your money will be returned minus the deposit.

REMINDER

PLEASE - ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES. Our auditions tabs will always be updated with new information as well as our front page. We are still having issues with our social media and hope to get that resolved ASAP. Please don't forget to add us to keep informed!

**We wish you and your family a safe and succesful dance season.
Email us if you have any questions.**

SEPTEMBER 2020

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**IDO WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
CANCELLED**

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AUDITIONS

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 OFFICALLY CANCELLED



The remaining 2020 World Championships have all been officially cancelled through IDO. The uncertainty that the fall brings during this novel coronavirus, as well as possible mandatory quarantine measures have made it impossible to plan any world dance event safely. **Safety is paramount.**

As for Team Canada, we have already stated that if you have been accepted to a 2020 team and have already registered, your positions will be held for 2021. We will contact those dancers who will be moving up an age category as they will need to discuss with the choreographer. Dancers can register on Amilia and make payments for 2021 anytime. If you need assistance, please let us know.

Despite the uncertainty in the world, we are confident that the 2021 IDO World Championships will go ahead. If for any reason they are cancelled, we will follow the same protocol as 2020.

WORLD DANCE CHALLENGE - MEXICO

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The 2020 IDO World Dance Challenge in Monterrey, Mexico, was postponed this year due to the pandemic. The new dates are **July 19-25, 2021**. We know that many dancers are excited for this event that will be bringing the best of the best from all over the world for a competition, workshop, expo, and auditions. However, if the Covid-19 situation is not under control by next summer, the event will have to postpone once again due to safety concerns and travel restrictions. The 2022 dates will be July 20-27, 2022 *if it must be delayed once again. Fingers crossed that the world can get this under control so we can compete against dancers from around the globe! See our webpage or **www.worlddance.online**.



COMMONWEALTH CUP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS - AUSTRALIA

POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

Once again, due to the world pandemic, the 2021 Commonwealth Cup Dance Championships (CCDC) have been postponed until 2022 in order to ensure this world event can be safely attended by all who are travelling to

Melbourne, Australia. Please check our website under "Affiliated Competitions", the auditions tab, and/or www.commonwealthdancecup.com for further information. At this is competition disciplines are adjudicated in a mix between IDO and North-American styles. We have attended this event twice in Sun City, South Africa and it was very special and many of our dancers have made life-long friendships.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



We are planning auditions for the 2021 season. Please always refer to our website under the AUDITIONS tab for confirmed dates/locations. We will confirm dates after the fall school opening. We will be holding auditions for both the IDO World Dance Challenge heading to Mexico, and the IDO World Championships in Europe. We will have multiple teams from across Canada attending the following:

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**see the World Dance Challenge section in previous page*

REFUNDS

We gave a full refund to all dancers who have paid for 2020 and are unable to attend in 2021. Places were held with the deposit and payments can be made anytime for 2021 to give dancers more time to pay. If for any reason IDO cancels the 2021 competitions, we will once again refund any money paid by our dancers if they cannot make the next year.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL/WINTER - EUROPE 2020

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COVID-19 UPDATE FOR OUR FAMILIES

REFUNDS * FULL OR HOLD

As we continue to navigate Covid-19, we will remain diligent in following the restrictions and directives of our Canadian Public Health. Currently, it is impossible to predict the status of where Canada and the rest of the world will be in the next few months, we feel that we must postpone our Team Travels until the 2021 season.

Our rehearsals were to be in August, however, most provinces will still be restricting gatherings at that time. Also, it will be difficult to start practices without knowing if we will be allowed to travel or not in the fall. If competitions are not postponed, and we are allowed to travel, we have to question whether or not there will be a mandatory quarantine after we arrive and/or return home. These are questions that cannot be answered at this time unfortunately.

You have the choice of a FULL REFUND or to hold your payments over to 2021. People who wish to take the full refund must re-audition again next year whereas the others will not. If you have any issues with stopping your payments, please email us to find out how. You may also stop your payments yourself through Amilia.

It is with great sadness that we announce this postponement. Canada has been attending these Championships since 1998 without missing a year. However, the health and welfare of our dancers and their families will always take precedence over any dance event.

We wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer. Email us if you have any questions

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**COVID-19 UPDATE FOR
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**2020 IDO WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
EUROPE - FALL/WINTER**

**2020 IDO WORLD
DANCE CHALLENGE
MONTERREY, MEXICO**

**DANCING AND FURTHER
TRAINING AT HOME**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL/WINTER - EUROPE 2020

This global health crisis caused by Covid-19 is a unique challenge for many of us, and it has impacted many members of the Team Canada Dance and International Dance Organization (IDO) family. We would like to express our concern and support for all of you and your families, our staff, and all others affected by this outbreak.

As we work as a community to prepare for the impact of Covid-19, we wanted to share how Team Canada Dance is addressing the current situation and the impact on our 2020 teams. The health and safety of our dancers/families, choreographers, and dance studios are our primary concern. Due to the fluid situation, we are making decisions on a day-by-day basis and will update you when our plans change. Please check our website regularly for updates, check your email, our social media, and/or contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Presently, the IDO has either postponed or cancelled events up until August 2020 and they will be re-evaluating on a month by month basis with special consideration for the countries involved.

WORLD DANCE CHALLENGE

MONTERREY, MEXICO

Due to the current world crisis, the IDO has decided to POSTPONE the IDO World Dance Challenge in Monterrey, Mexico that was originally scheduled for July 2020 to July 2021.

You will now have another year to save and prepare for this exciting event! Including dance masters from around the globe adjudicating and offering amazing workshops, over \$20,000 USD in cash prizes to be won during competition, exhibitions, and even

auditions, this is one event you won't want to miss! All genres are included; Performing Arts (Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Showdance, Acro, and Ethnic/Folk), Street Dance (Hip Hop, Breakdance, Streetdance Show, Disco), and Couples Dance (lating styles).

Team Canada Dance is thrilled to start offering the couples/latin division to our ever expanding repertoire, which will be headed by the world recognized dancer and adjudicator Elena Shvaitser. We want to encourage Performing Arts dancers to give it a try - you'll love it! Check out www.worlddance.online for more information .

TRAIN AT HOME

From our family to yours!

Many of you are likely already dancing at home, either on your own or with your studios. We have some excellent links to several instructors from around the world that you might want to try. Some are from our very own choreographers, dancers, and host studios, others are from our dance friends from around the world. For a complete list, please visit our website www.teamcanadadance.ca OR visit the worlddance.online. ***WE HAVE ALSO BEEN SHARING MANY MORE THROUGH ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA.**

Don't forget to send us your videos of you training and other pics/videos from past championships as we'd love to post them. Tag us on social media too, we love to see how you are getting through your days in this difficult time. As always, **happy dancing!**

