

TEAM CANADA DANCE “Press Release” Information

***One person from each area will be assigned to be the **Press Spokesperson** so that all dancers in the area can be included and multiple stories are being submitted.
If you would like this position, please let us know*

Local reporters and TV interviewers will have their own questions and unique styles, however, there are several points that must be included in our Team Press Releases:

- 1) You are part of TEAM CANADA DANCE which is the official World Championship Dance Team representing dancers from across Canada
- 2) The Championships we attend are sanctioned by the International Dance Organization (IDO). More information can be found on their website www.ido-dance.com
- 3) Include the name of your choreographer(s)
- 4) Include the Team Canada Dance website www.teamcanadadance.ca
- 5) You are attending the IDO World Tap Dance Championships this Nov. 22-26, 2022.
- 6) **Include the names of all dancers in your area that will be participating on your 2022 Tap team!** There will be 2 groups representing Canada: one from the east (ON), and the other from the west – but we are all ONE TEAM!

change the **RED text in the sample letter to add your own information*

2022 World Championships Team Canada Dance will be attending: *(seen on our website)*

2022 World Hip Hop & Breakdance Championships

Oct. 26-30 Graz, Austria

2022 World Show Dance Championship

Nov. 14-19 Riesa, Germany

2022 World Tap Championships

Nov. 22-26 Riesa, Germany

2022 World Ballet & Jazz Championships

2022 World Modern & Contemporary Championships

Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

~~2022~~ *2023 World Acrobatic Dance Championship

July 22-29 Monterrey, Mexico **postponed due to world events**

~~2022~~ *2023 World Cups Team Canada Dance will be attending: *(see on our website)*

~~2022~~ *2023 IDO World Dance Challenge Competition & Conference

Sample Press Release:

After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, dancers from across Canada were excited to once again audition for the Canadian National Ballet, Jazz, and Modern/Contemporary Teams. Several local dancers auditioned and have been accepted to be a part of the largest and most prestigious dance team in all of Canada, Team Canada Dance, which will attend the IDO World Ballet & Jazz Championships and IDO World Modern/Contemporary Championship in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, from November 28-December 4, 2022. There are two groups of dancers representing Canada, one from the east (ON), and one from the west (AB) – but we are all ONE TEAM!

The International Dance Organization (IDO) has over 250,000 member dancers from 6 continents. This exciting world championship is considered the “Olympics of Dance”, with only one Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal awarded for each division. The top three medalists stand proudly on the podium as their flags are raised and the winning National Anthem is played. It is incredibly emotional to see their hard work rewarded in such a fashion!

The National Director of Team Canada Dance, Bonnie Dyer, comments “Canada has been quite successful in all dance disciplines at the World Championships and this is mainly due to the high standards of training that our local studios offer”. She continues, “It is also great to see the ‘best of the best’ in Canada, dancers from various studios, towns and provinces coming together onto one team with one goal – to represent Canada!”

*Selected to represent Canada this year is **put dancer name(s) here and where they train***

While many people are relaxing this summer, our very talented youth gladly spend their holidays and weekends to train for this exciting opportunity. Despite support from other countries around the globe for their dancers, here in Canada there is no government assistance for Team Canada Dance athletes, so each dance member must raise their own funds to attend the competitions.

You can list your fundraising activities and how the public can help

The IDO is a member of The Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA) and also a contracted partner of EUSA that is associative partner with FISU. On the website www.ido-dance.com you will find more information on Dance Sport. IDO Vice-President and Sport Director Fiona Johnson-Kocjancic states that the “International Dance Organization promotes dancers as the true athletes that they are. In many of the European countries dance is considered a sport”. The IDO National member organizations that are recognized by the National Olympic Committees in Europe receive yearly money grants for every solo and duo/couple who place Gold, Silver and Bronze in the Adult categories at the IDO World Championships. Dancers are also entitled to governmental money grants, scholarships, paid health insurance, physiotherapists, and body conditioning classes. It is unfortunate that Canada still does not recognize our dancers as the athletes they are when they compete at world level competitions. These athletes train for many hours per day, some up to 7 days a week! Our dancers must fundraise and seek sponsorship on their own to cover the cost to attend these competitions.

We hope that you will help support these young people that will proudly represent your community as well as Canada at the World Championships. They are true ambassadors!

For more information on Team Canada Dance, please visit www.teamcanadadance.ca

Pictures of the dancers are also very good!