



## **Team Canada Dance Organization**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

A very talented member of your community has been chosen by TEAM CANADA DANCE to represent Canada at the official IDO World Ballet & Jazz Championships and/or the IDO World Modern/Contemporary Championships taking place in Ossa, Poland this November 30-December 4, and December 5-9, 2020 respectively. Auditions for Team Canada Dance brought some of the best dancers from across Canada to vie for a position to represent Canada at the prestigious event(s).

The International Dance Organization (IDO) is a World Dance and Dance-Sport Federation with a membership of over 90 nations, representing more than 250,000 dancers from six continents. The best dancers from around the world will be competition for the World Championship title! Please see [www.ido-dance.com](http://www.ido-dance.com) for more information about the World Championships.

Even though many of these dancers train up to 7x/week, are as flexible as any gymnast, graceful as any figure skater, and as dedicated as any Olympic athlete, dance is not recognized as a sporting event in Canada. Dancers of our caliber train for many hours per week in order to represent our country with pride. Team Canada Dance is a non-profit organization dedicated to these dancer-athletes, but we cannot get any funding for them to compete at these championships. Each dancer must obtain their own sponsors as we have been unsuccessful in our attempt to receive any government support. It is more difficult for our Canadian dancers as not only do we have to travel across the ocean to attend the World Championships year after year, but for many European nations, dance is recognized by their Olympic Committees when the dancers win a medal at these championships. Our choreographers not only produce both world level choreography, but they also strongly emphasize good sportsmanship and value being the proud ambassadors that they are for Canada.

Each dancer must raise \$4,100 CDN each (*converted to Euros*) to cover all the travel, hotel, rehearsal and entry fees. Additionally, they must pay for their own costumes and choreography which amounts to \$400/routine. **Any amount that you can donate to help sponsor this very talented dancer from your community will be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!** Please find enclosed a letter from the Team Canada Dance member describing what dancing at the World Championships means to them.

If you have any questions regarding the World Championships or the Team Canada Dance, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Dyer, Team Canada Dance National Director at [bonnie@cdo-online.org](mailto:bonnie@cdo-online.org). We also invite you to check out our website at [www.teamcanadadance.ca](http://www.teamcanadadance.ca) for more information about us.

**Please make any sponsorship cheques payable to the dancer that you are helping to sponsor. 100% of what you are donating goes directly to that dancer for their participation in representing Canada on the world stage.** We offer to feature your logo in our social media and on our website as a thank you for your generous donations. Receipts are available as well.

*Thank you for your time and interest in helping the youth of Canada to be represented at this prestigious world dance event!*

Yours truly,  
Bonnie Dyer  
Team Canada Dance National Director

*"Nothing is more thrilling than to stand on the podium representing Canada and hearing the National Anthem playing as the flag is raised!" - Team Canada Dancer*

**Thank you for helping this dream come true!**