



## The Hnatyshyn Foundation's Developing Artist Grants

### Contemporary Dance

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The Hnatyshyn Foundation's Developing Artist Grants program is designed to provide assistance to the most promising young Canadian performing artists enrolled in qualified post-secondary educational or training programs in the performing arts.

A panel of arts advisors appointed by the Foundation will adjudicate the performance work of the nominees. **The grants must be applied towards tuition, materials, and/or room and board.** In the event the student chooses not to attend the nominating institution or fails to complete a full year of study, the grant must be returned to The Hnatyshyn Foundation in its entirety or on a pro rata basis.

#### Nomination Requirements – Contemporary Dance

This \$12,500 grant is intended for Canadian performing artists enrolled in full-time studies at qualified Canadian post-secondary educational and training institutions that offer full-time post-secondary professional programs of at least three years duration in contemporary dance. **The institution must nominate the candidates and may submit up to two candidates per year per discipline.** Nominees will be identified by the institution on the basis of exceptional promise for a distinguished career in performance and may be nominated by only one institution. Candidates may be nominated in more than one year but may receive the grant only once.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must be:

- Entering in the fall of the final or penultimate year of a full-time post-secondary professional training program in contemporary dance at a qualified Canadian educational or training institution;
- Canadian citizens or permanent Canadian residents (holders of study permits or temporary resident visas are not eligible);
- Nominated by the institution;
- Between the ages of 18 and 30.

#### Nomination Procedure

All nominations/submissions must be completed using our online system. Nominees will be invited via email to submit their documentation once their nomination is received.

Documentation supporting this nomination should include:

- Completed nomination form (see details below);
- Letter of support from the institution or teacher stating how the candidate has demonstrated exceptional promise.

Documentation supporting the candidate's submission should include:



- Curriculum vitae and artist statement;
- Proposed course of study;
- Two solo dance performances in two contrasting styles by a recognized choreographer or choreographers no longer than a combined TOTAL of 15 minutes, recorded within the past 12 months (no self-choreography);
- Official educational transcripts;
- High-resolution headshot. **Note: required only if the material submitted features more than one performer, for identification purposes.**

### **Nomination Deadline**

Completed nomination forms must be submitted online by the deadline indicated for the present year at [www.rjhf.com](http://www.rjhf.com).

Successful candidates and their nominating institutions or teachers will be notified in late June. No jury comments will be provided. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

### **NOTES ON SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Curriculum Vitae**

In addition to the usual information, your curriculum vitae should include details of dance training the candidate has received, any awards or prizes for excellence in dance, and any significant public performances by the candidate.

#### **Artist Statement**

Your artist statement should help the jurors understand what you believe to be the most important aspects of your art and the techniques you use in its creation. Consider the following: What do you consider the most important aspect of performance? What are your goals and aspirations as an artist? Who or what inspires you and why?

#### **Letter of Support**

The letter of support from the nominating institution or teacher should be no more than two pages. It should clearly indicate the candidate's strengths and the referrer's evaluation of their potential for a distinguished career in performance. Please note that excerpts from the letter of support may be used by the Foundation in a press release announcing the grant winners.

#### **Recording/Audition**

The audition material must be in the form of video recordings. The recording should be of the highest possible quality the candidate can provide and would ideally be situated in a concert style venue or studio with natural reverb or no reverb at all. A list of the accompanying music, the name of the piece, and the choreographer(s) must be provided. If the recording of a public performance is provided, audience applause should be reduced to a minimum and the nominee must be clearly visible in the



clip. Videos  
can be up to  
250MB each in any of the following formats: .m4v, .mov, .mp4, .wmv, .flv, .asf, .mpeg, .mpg, .mkv

### **Nominate and Apply Online**

Deadlines are announced in the winter of the nominating year: typically in late January or February.

Deadlines, links to nominate, and other relevant information are available on our website at those dates, and will be communicated to the subscribers of our mailing list as well as on our social media.

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The Hnatyshyn Foundation reserves the right to accept or refuse the nomination of candidates at its own discretion. All decisions of The Hnatyshyn Foundation are final and not subject to appeal.

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