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Canada Dance Festival Celebrates 25 Years of Dance in the Capital June 8 – 16, 2012

OTTAWA, ON - April 18, 2012 - A vibrant lineup of over 100 of Canada's best dancers, which includes internationally renowned artists Kidd Pivot Frankfurt RM, The 605 Collective, and Paul-André Fortier, recipient of the Governor General's Performing Arts Award, will make the National Arts Centre in Ottawa their stage at the Canada Dance Festival June 8 -16.

"This year's artists will capture the imagination of dance lovers, both young and old, experts and those new to the form," says Jeanne Holmes, Artistic Producer for the Canada Dance Festival. "We are thrilled to bring this caliber of dance from across the country to the nation's capital."

The festival, always delivering the latest in contemporary performance will once again showcase the incredible range of dance artists working in Canada today, including four world premieres. These works commissioned for the 2012 program include: a new duet by Paul-André Fortier, recipient of the 2012 Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award (Dance); Aszure Barton and Artists will launch the festival with a new work co-produced with the festival, the National Arts Centre and the CanDance Network; Vancouver's The 605 Collective, who performed an excerpt from a commissioned work titled *Inheritor EP* at the 2011 festival, return with a full-blown production of their show this year, much to the delight of their many fans; choreographer Harold Rhéaume and his popular Quebec-based company Le fils d'Adrien danse bring his most ambitious work to date *FLUIDE*.

Another festival must-see is the gathering of 60 emerging dancers from five professional dance training schools from across Canada. These young artists will perform a new work *Joe & Rodolphe* based on the work of prolific Canadian choreographer Jean-Pierre Perreault.

The full festival lineup includes the following artists:

Aszure Barton and Artists	Kidd Pivot Frankfurt RM
Le fils d'Adrien danse	inDance
Fortier Danse-Création	Raven Spirit Dance
Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers	George Stamos
Ottawa Dance Directive	Mayday
The 605 Collective	Lisa Phinney Langley
Toronto Dance Theatre	adelheid / Heidi Strauss
Benjamin Kamino and TDT/ Jean-Sébastien Lourdais	



Festival tickets are on sale now at the NAC box office or online through www.ticketmaster.ca. For more information about the Canada Dance Festival, visit www.canadadance.ca.

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About the Canada Dance Festival:

Since 1987, the Canada Dance Festival has been presenting, advancing and celebrating Canadian dance excellence. We ignite passion, inspire creativity, and unify community in support of dance in Canada. Held annually each June in Ottawa, the Canada Dance Festival, co-produced with the National Arts Centre, showcases dance artists from across the country.

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