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Dear Dance Company Directors, Studio Owners, Teachers and Choreographers:

Dance Ontario is once again soliciting nominations for the **JACQUE FOESIER YOUTH DANCE AWARD**. This annual award seeks to recognize exceptional young dancers ages 19 & under who are not only pursuing excellence in their craft but go above and beyond, making a difference in the lives of others and/or contributing to Ontario's diverse dance community.

Dance Ontario recognizes that there are many young dancers across Ontario doing exceptional things. We are confident that there are such dancers in your studio, school, company, classes or program that you think deserve a nomination.

We look forward to highlighting the recipient of the Dance Ontario Youth Award and their achievements at a ceremony that will take place online during DanceWeekend'21 next January.

Please see a brief summary of criteria below, together with a nomination form.

The deadline is **December 15, 2020 at 5pm**.

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Dance Ontario Awards Committee**

Sashar Zarif, Jennifer Watkins, Lola Ryan



# Jaque Foesier Youth Dance Award Criteria

Dance Ontario wishes to recognize a young talented dancer who goes beyond their training to make a difference, effect change, develop, promote, inspire, educate, connect and contribute.

The Award is named after Jacque Foesier, long-time Dance Ontario Board member and dedicated dance teacher, who made significant contributions to the dance community in the province.

## **Nominee must have:**

- Demonstrated a passion, dedication and commitment in the pursuit of excellence in dance;
- Used dance as the basis for developing creative and innovative ideas aimed at sharing their art or addressing real-world problems for themselves, their peers or the broader community
- Demonstrated a positive impact on their community and beyond as a teacher/assistant, volunteer, organizer or advocate

## **Nominators must submit:**

- **A completed nomination form**
- **A letter of recommendation** if nominator is not a studio/company director, teacher, or choreographer
- **A performance video**, links to YouTube or Vimeo - public or unlisted (which are private) links can be submitted online via e-mail



# Jaque Foesier Youth Dance Award Criteria

**Nominee:**

**Age:**

\*nominee must be age 19 or under at time of nomination

**Genre(s) of dance:**

**Studio/school/company:**

**Nominator:**

**Relationship to Nominee:**

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1 - In a brief paragraph, please summarize how your nominee demonstrates **Passion**, **Dedication** and **Commitment** in the pursuit of excellence in dance.

**2** - Please list the nominee's **training and accomplishments** in dance thus far. Include awards, shows, competitions and other special recognition they have received.

**3** - In a brief paragraph, please summarize how your nominee **contributes to the dance community** and has made a difference in the lives of others.

*All forms and supporting documents can be submitted electronically via e-mail to [contact@danceontario.ca](mailto:contact@danceontario.ca).*

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