# TEAM CANADA DANCE UPDATE 202020

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#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 OFFICALLY CANCELLED



The remaining 2020 World Championships have all been officially cancelled through IDO. The uncertainty that the fall brings during this novel coronavirus, as well as possible mandatory quarantine measures have made it impossible to plan any world dance event safely. **Safety is paramount**.

As for Team Canada, we have already stated that if you have been accepted to a 2020 team and have already registered, your positions will be held for 2021. We will contact those dancers who will be moving up an age category as they will need to discuss with the choreographer. Dancers can register on Amilia and make payments for 2021 anytime. If you need assistance, please let us know.

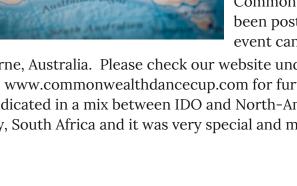
Despite the uncertainty in the world, we are confident that the 2021 IDO World Championships will go ahead. If for any reason they are cancelled, we will follow the same protocol as 2020.

#### **WORLD DANCE CHALLENGE - MEXICO**

#### NEW DATES ANNOUNCED



The 2020 IDO World Dance Challenge in Monterrey, Mexico, was postponed this year due to the pandemic. The new dates are **July 19-25, 2021**. We know that many dancers are excited for this event that will be bringing the best of the best from all over the world for a competition, workshop, expo, and auditions. However, if the Covid-19 situation is not under control by next summer, the event will have to postpone once again due to safety concerns and travel restrictions. The 2022 dates will be July 20-27, 2022 \*if it must be delayed once again. Fingers crossed that the world can get this under control so we can compete against dancers from around the globe! See our webpage or **www.worlddance.online**.



### **UPCOMING AUDITIONS**

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We are planning auditions for the 2021 season. Please always

refer to our website under the AUDITIONS tab for confirmed dates/locations. We will confirm dates after the fall school opening. We will be holding auditions for both the IDO World Dance Challenge heading to Mexico, and the IDO World Championships in Europe. We will have multiple teams from across Canada attending the following:

Monterrey, Mexico

Riesa, Germany

Riesa, Germany

Decin, Czech Republic

Copenhagen, Denmark

St. Petersburg, Russia

IDO World Dance Challenge IDO World StreetDance Championships IDO World Hip Hop/Breakdance IDO World Acro Championships IDO World Showdance Championships IDO World Tap Championships IDO World Ballet/Jazz Championships IDO World Modern/Contemporary

Ossa, Poland Ossa, Poland

\*see the World Dance Challenge section in previous page

#### REFUNDS

We gave a full refund to all dancers who have paid for 2020 and are unable to attend in 2021. Places were held with the deposit and payments can be made anytime for 2021 to give dancers more time to pay. If for any reason IDO cancels the 2021 competitions, we will once again refund any money paid by our dancers if they cannot make the next year.

#### REMINDER

PLEASE - ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES. Our auditions tabs will always be updated with new information as well as our front page. We are still having issues with our social media and hope to get that resolved ASAP. Please don't forget to add us to keep informed!

#### **POSTPONED UNTIL 2022**

Once again, due to the world pandemic, the 2021 Commonwealth Cup Dance Championships (CCDC) have been postponed until 2022 in order to ensure this world event can be safely attended by all who are travelling to

Melbourne, Australia. Please check our website under "Affiliated Competitions", the auditions tab, and/or www.commonwealthdancecup.com for further information. At this is competition disciplines are adjudicated in a mix between IDO and North-American styles. We have attended this event twice in Sun City, South Africa and it was very special and many of our dancers have made life-long friendships.

\*July 19-25, 2021\* Sept. 23-26, 2021 Oct. 17-21, 2021 Oct. 28-30, 2021 Nov. 15-20, 2021 Nov. 23-27, 2021 Nov. 30-Dec 4 Dec. 5-9 2021

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#### REFUNDS \*FULL OR HOLD

#### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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As we continue to navigate Covid-19, we will remain diligent in following the restrictions and directives of our Canadian Public Health. Currently, it is impossible to predict the status of where Canada and the rest of the world will be in the next few months, we feel that we must postpone our Team Travels until the 2021 season.

Our rehearsals were to being in August, however, most provinces will still be restricting gatherings at that time. Also, it will be difficult to start practices without knowing if we will be allowed to travel or not in the fall. If competitions are not postponed, and we are allowed to travel, we have to question whether or not there will be a mandatory quarantine after we arrive and/or return home. These are questions that cannot be answered at this time unfortunately.

You have the choice of a FULL REFUND or to hold your payments over to 2021. People who wish to take the full refund must re-audition again next year whereas the others will not. If you have any issues with stopping your payments, please email us to find out how. You may also stop your payments yourself through Amilia.

It is with great sadness that we announce this postponement. Canada has been attending these Championships since 1998 without missing a year. However, the health and welfare of our dancers and their families will always take precedence over any dance event.

We wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer. Email us if you have any questions

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#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL/WINTER - EUROPE 2020

This global health crisis caused by Covid-19 is a unique challenge for many of us, and it has impacted many members of the Team Canada Dance and International Dance Organization (IDO) family. We would like to express our concern and support for all of you and your families, our staff, and all others affected by this outbreak.

As we work as a community to prepare for the impact of Covid-19, we wanted to share how Team Canada Dance is addressing the current situation and the impact on our 2020 teams. The health and safetey of our dancers/families, choreographers, and dance studios are our primary concern. Due to the fluid situation, we are making decisions on a day-by-day basis and will update you when our plans change. Please check our website regularly for updates, check your email, our social media, and/or contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Presently, the IDO has either postponed or cancelled events up until August 2020 and they will be re-evaluating on a month by month basis with special consideration for the countries involved.

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#### WORLD DANCE CHALLENGE

MONTERREY, MEXICO

Due to the current world crisis, the IDO has decided to POSTPONE the IDO World Dance Challenge in Monterrey, Mexico that was originally scheduled for July 2020 to July 2021.

You will now have another year to save and prepare for this exciting event! Including dance masters from around the globe adjudicating and offering amazing workshops, over \$20,000 USD in cash prizes to be won during competition, exhibitions, and even

auditions, this is one event you won't want to miss! All genres are included; Performing Arts (Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Comtemporary, Lyrical, Showdance, Acro, and Ethnic/Folk), Street Dance (Hip Hop, Breakdance, Streetdance Show, Disco), and Couples Dance (lating styles).

Team Canada Dance is thrilled to start offering the couples/latin division to our ever expanding repertoire, which will be headed by the world recognized dancer and adjudicator Elena Shvaitser. We want to encourage Performing Arts dancers to give it a try - you'll love it! Check out www.worlddance.online for more information .

### **TRAIN AT HOME**

From our family to yours!

Many of you are likely already dancing at home, either on your own or with your studios. We have some excellent links to several instructors from around the world that you might want to try. Some are from our very own choreographers, dancers, and host studios, others are from our dance friends from around the world. For a complete list, please visit our website www.teamcanadadance.ca OR visit the worlddance.online. \*WE HAVE ALSO BEEN SHARING MANY MORE THROUGH ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA.

Don't forget to send us your videos of you training and other pics/videos from past championships as we'd love to post them. Tag us on social media too, we love to see how you are getting through your days in this difficult time. As always, **happy dancing**!

