

CONTEMPORARY DANCE PROGRAMME

We Turn
Creativity
Into Impact.





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Dance
IN OTTAWA

Train With Purpose

At The School of Dance in Ottawa, your creativity becomes your voice in our Contemporary Dance Programme. This is where passion meets purpose — where every class, rehearsal, and performance shapes you into the artist you're meant to be. Join a community of dancers who move the world with imagination, skill, and heart.

Our Contemporary Dance Programme is designed for emerging artists ready to pursue professional careers in dance. This three-year diploma, approved under the *Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005*, offers the option of a joint Honours B.F.A. with York University. Train intensively — 30 hours per week over 32 weeks — in technique, creation, performance, and artistry.



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SYLVIE DESROSIERS
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Why Ottawa. Why Here.

Ottawa is alive with movement. From national stages to local festivals, creativity pulses through the city — and our studios are at the centre of it all. Train in a vibrant cultural hub surrounded by inspiration, connection, and opportunity.



Learn From The Best

Train daily with leading professionals — choreographers, performers, and educators who are shaping the future of contemporary dance. Gain technical excellence, hands-on experience, mentorship, and insight into the realities of a professional career in dance.

Your Future In Dance

When you join The School of Dance, you join a family of artists. We're inclusive, diverse, and welcoming — a place where every dancer belongs. Our students come from across Canada and around the world, united by a shared love of movement and creativity. Together, we inspire and challenge one another to dream bigger and dance bolder.

Your training in the Contemporary Dance Programme prepares you for a life in motion. Graduate with a professional dance diploma, a strong performance and creative portfolio, and the skills to choreograph, perform, teach, and innovate. Wherever dance takes you — the stage, the studio, or the world — you'll carry the artistry and confidence built here.



Become The Artist You're Meant To Be

As a member of The School of Dance Contemporary Dance Programme you'll learn to speak through movement, to think through creation, and to make your mark on the world through dance.

Your future is in motion.

Start here.

Audition.

Contact:
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Steps to Dance in Ottawa

STEP 1: Contact Fern Villeneuve at
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STEP 2: Meet with Programme Director Sylvie Desrosiers
 by phone or Zoom.

STEP 3: Ask us about daily life, courses, and living in Ottawa.

STEP 4: Audition (\$75 fee) — in person (March 29, 2026, Ottawa) or online.

STEP 5: Plan your budget for the CDP Fee of \$6,000, plus living expenses.

STEP 6: Begin your transformative journey in September 2026.

Learn more about the artistry behind the programme — faculty profiles, class descriptions, and life in Ottawa. www.theschoolofdance.ca/cdp



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