



"The DTRC truly understands all the elements of transition and is able to guide, encourage and support the unique souls of dancers."

Evelyn Hart, C.C., O.M.
Former Principal Dancer
Canada's
Royal Winnipeg Ballet

EVERY

DTRC member Evelyn Hart
Photo by David Cooper

STEP

Founded in 1985, the Dancer Transition Resource Centre (DTRC) is a national, charitable organization dedicated to helping dancers make necessary transitions into, within, and from professional performing careers.

We also operate as a resource centre for the dance community and general public and support activities that improve the socioeconomic conditions of artists across the country.

As a world leader in dancer transition, we are active participants in international conferences and research initiatives and help drive change within the dance community.



Photo by Scott McLeod

Each year, hundreds of young dancers across the country take part in *on the MOVE/danse TRANSIT*, a career planning and networking conference designed to ease their transition into professional dance careers.

Cover Photo: DTRC member Lara Barclay
Photo by Cylla von Tiedemann

our vision

We recognize that dance is one of the most challenging professions, physically, emotionally and financially, and that transitions are inevitable. Our goal is to ensure that dancers have the tools they need to reach their potential throughout their dance career and after retirement from performance. Each year, the DTRC helps hundreds of dancers explore and develop their unique talents and transferable skills.

We understand and are sensitive to the complexities of a performance career. Our national network of staff, representatives and counsellors includes many former and actively performing dancers, and we regularly consult with professional dancers to ensure our services meet their transition needs.



DTRC support helps dancers take a proactive approach to transition. Natasha Torres-Garner is one of the many dancers studying part time for a parallel or second career while maintaining an active performance career.

member programs and services

The DTRC operates as a membership-based organization. Membership is available to all professional dancers working in Canada or Canadian professional dancers working abroad. Members have access to a diverse range of support on an individual basis and choose the services most appropriate to their needs.

membership provides access to:

- confidential, individual counselling services in the academic, career, financial, legal and personal areas
- skills grants for courses that develop skills transferable to any career
- a selection of retraining and subsistence grants for studies leading to parallel or second careers
- a discretionary program of privately funded awards and bursaries

Eligibility for grants is determined by length of performance career, length of membership and age.

membership criteria:

- are at least 18 years of age
- have at least one professional, paid performance on their resume
- are currently performing professionally as a dancer or have performed in the past two years, and are actively looking for dance performance opportunities



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When a leg injury forced *Lion King* dancer Garfield Andrews to stop dancing, the DTRC provided invaluable support, financial assistance and counselling. Garfield received a retraining grant to study Physiotherapy at McGill University and is passionate about his new career.

Right: Garfield as a Principal Dancer with Movements: The Afro-Caribbean Dance Ensemble.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Whatever your present or future goals, the DTRC will be with you every step of the way. Our skills training, counselling, education and financial assistance programs are designed to help you navigate the many transitions in a dance career.

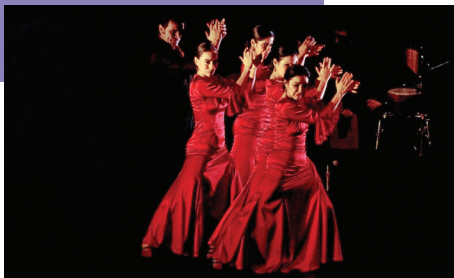


*DTRC member Josh Martin
Photo by Ernest von Rosen*

become a DTRC-affiliated dance company

Join the many dance companies across the country who make an annual contribution to the DTRC in support of their dancers.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF DANCERS...



*DTRC member Esmeralda Enrique with dancers from her company
Photo by Hamid Karimi*

donate

Become a DTRC dance partner and invest in a dancer's future today. Your tax-deductible donation to the DTRC directly supports the retraining needs of dancers, helping them make successful and rewarding transitions.

volunteer

If you would like to share your time and your talents with us, there are many opportunities to volunteer in all facets of the organization.

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EVERY STEP OF THE WAY...

