

Global Perspectives on Dancer Career Development

A Panel Discussion



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Territory Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the lands, waterways, languages, and Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island – First Nations, Inuit and Métis – who have been living on these lands since time immemorial.

As we gather, digitally and in person, we offer our recognition and respect to all these peoples and places that are connected through our engagement together.

We, at the Dancer Transition Resource Centre, commit to the ongoing work and learning required of all of us to address past and persistent harms, and to move into good relations with Indigenous peoples.

We invite you, our guests at Global Perspectives for Dancer Career Development to acknowledge your own geographic locations and personal lived experiences, and to deepen your own learning with respect to processes of decolonization and reconciliation.

Global Perspectives on Dancer Career Development

A panel discussion with delegates from the International
Organization for the Transition of Professional Dancers

OUR PROGRAM

1:45-2:00pm	Attendee sign-in, refreshments
2:00-2:15pm	DTRC Welcomes
2:15-3:30pm	Panel Discussion
3:30-4:00pm	Casual Networking



The Dancer Transition Resource Centre (DTRC) is proudly hosting the annual meeting of the International Organization for the Transition of Professional Dancers (IOTPD), focussed on global collaboration and career advocacy for dancers. The gathering coincides with the DTRC's 40th anniversary and brings together visiting delegates for a series of hybrid meetings focused on career development, transition support, and long-term career sustainability for professional dancers.

Since its founding in 1993, the IOTPD has championed the unique needs of dancers navigating career transitions. In 2004, representatives from 15 countries signed the Declaration of Monaco, committing to coordinated action in support of dancer career development. Today, IOTPD members continue to meet regularly to share insights, challenges, and best practices, maintaining solidarity in their mission to support dancers across diverse forms, practices, and lived experiences.

The closed meetings are culminating in a public panel discussion hosted by the DTRC and the IOTPD in association with Fall for Dance North, offering the public a chance to engage with global leaders in dance transition and advocacy.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Vanessa Lefrançois, Executive Director
Dancers Career Development
United Kingdom



Alice Rodelet, Director,
Transmission and Professions
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France

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Yuzaburo Sam Nagasaka, Director
Dancers Career Support
Japan



Oliver Dähler, Managing Director
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Hendrik Velmans, Communications
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The Netherlands

**OMSCHOLING
DANSERS
NEDERLAND**

MODERATED BY

P. Megan Andrews, Executive Director
Dancer Transition Resource Centre
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ADDITIONAL IOTPD MEMBERS

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HISTORY

FACT: Dancers – across diverse forms, practices and lived experiences – face unique career development and transition challenges tied to the specific demands of their profession.

FACT: Dancer transition programs were organized in 4 countries between 1973 and 1986: United Kingdom, Canada, United States, The Netherlands. More countries followed and still more are building programs today.

FACT: In 1993, the International Organization for the Transition of Professional Dancers (IOTPD) was formed.

FACT: In 2004 in Monaco, participants from 15 countries met and made the Declaration of Monaco, committing to action in support of dancer career development and transition.

FACT: IOTPD members meet regularly to share insights, challenges, and best practices and to maintain solidarity in their international mission on behalf of dancers worldwide.

FACT: In 2025, delegates from the IOTPD are gathering in Toronto, Canada, to deepen international collaboration and support for professional dancers.

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SEPT-JUNE

dance your FUTURE: Career Planning Workshops

Dance your future. Plan it now.



NOV, FEB

Financial Wellness Series

Manage your money: 3 Sessions



JAN-FEB, 2026

on the MOVE: Launch Pad Career Coaching Cohort

Get savvy with hands-on guidance: 5 Sessions



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Career Development Conversation & Networking Opportunity



MAY

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