

Dear Dancers, Parents and Teachers:

As a member of the International Dance Organization our members have all worked especially hard to be recognized world-wide. I am pleased to announce that the Arts Games will be officially announced at the Olympics. No one has worked harder than our President Mr. Michael Wendt who has been named the Dance Commissioner for the Arts Games as well as Honorary IDO President Mr William Fowler who is Vice Commissioner.

I am especially proud to announce that Montreal won the bid and will host the first Arts Games. This is our big chance bringing IDO & Dance into the light of the highest world of sport. Basically The *Arts Games* is focusing on Arts and the role is not to develop another competition but to provide a platform for existing competitions to have greater support and visibility. The IDO has been chosen to supply "Excellence in Dance"

Message from our I.D.O. President:

Relationship with the Olympic Movement:

The ArtsGames is proud to be an independent organization and has a mutually supportive relationship with the IOC. (*International Olympic Committee*)

The ArtsGames has no official affiliation with the International Olympic Committee other than being founded by an Olympian and by Olympic supporters.

The ArtsGames shares with the Olympic movement the idea of Olympism—a philosophy of life which places arts at the service of humanity. We want to bring people together in a manner that inspires dignity and respect for each other's cultures. The spirit of Olympism is about constantly striving to better one's own best work, thereby challenging other artists and the world to achieve ever greater successes.



www.theartsgames.com

Press Conference: The Press conference will take place in 3 days on Thursday August 11, 2016 – 10:00 am Brazilian time (-3 hours GMT)

I was honoured to have been selected to go to one of the Arts Games conferences as the representative for IDO as our President and Honorary President were unable to attend.

I was asked to bring one dancer with me – I brought Alex Wong, who as always, wowed the crowd in their Performance Show of the Arts. From this one meeting and seeing the level of talent I can tell you the Arts Games is going to be of the highest calibre and I am especially proud that the International Dance Organization is leading the way for dance.

There are two ways to qualify for ArtsGames competitions, a dancer must either participate in an IDO sanctioned event or be selected by an ArtsGames Scout-at-Large.

More information will be available as it comes available on our website *Canadian National Dance Championships* www.cdo-online.org and *Team Canada*

Dance www.teamcanadadance.com *Arts Games will be in Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop and Modern/Contemporary – and our course we want the best of the best representing Canada on this televised World Platform!*



Other exciting News: I have been contacted by *America's Got Talent* to

send some of our IDO dancers to their TV show. I will be contacting various choreographers so that we can have the best representation. I am looking for solo's of all ages as well as Formations. It would be especially exciting to send a World Champion to this! – so work hard dancers! I will announce what teams are chosen after the World Championships this fall.

Mark Your Calendars: *The Commonwealth Dance Cup* will be held in Sun City, South Africa Sept 3-8th, 2017 (check out Sun City – it is better than Disney Land!)

It is a great time of year as missing the first couple days of school is much better than missing at exam time!



To qualify: You must be selected for Team Canada Dance or your studio must qualify at the *Canadian National Dance Championships*.

www.cdo-online.org (more dates AND locations to be announced)

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