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Dear Sir/Madam,

A very talented member of your community has been chosen by Team Canada Dance/IDO Canada to represent Canada at the official IDO World Tap Championships, which will be held in Prague, Czechia, from October 22 -26, 2025. Auditions for Team Canada Dance brought some of the best dancers from across Canada to vie for a position to represent Canada at the prestigious event.

The International Dance Organization (IDO) is a World Dance and Dance-Sport Federation with a membership of over 90 nations, representing more than 250,000 dancers from six continents. The best dancers worldwide will compete for the World Championship title! Our organization, Team Canada Dance, is a non-profit National Member Organization (NMO) with IDO. We audition dancers and recruit the best choreographers to represent Canada for the World Championships.

In Canada, dance is not recognized as a sporting event, even though many of these dancers train up to 7x/week, are as flexible as any gymnast, as graceful as any figure skater, and as dedicated as any Olympic athlete. Dancers of our caliber train for many hours a week to represent our country with pride. A non-profit organization like ours cannot get funding for our award-winning dancers to compete. Each dancer must obtain their own sponsors as we have been unsuccessful in our attempt to receive government support for the team. In addition, it is more difficult for Canadian dancers as not only do we have the expense to travel so far to attend the Championships, but many of our European counterparts are recognized by their Olympic Committees and are financially rewarded when they win a gold medal at these Championships. Since our dancers are not recognized for their athleticism, we are not as lucky in obtaining financial support in the same way. Our choreographers not only produce world-level choreography but also strongly emphasize good sportsmanship and value being the proud ambassadors they are for Canada.

Each dancer must raise a minimum of \$4,300 CDN to cover their hotel, rehearsal, and entry fees. Additionally, they must pay for their flights, and other expenses. Any amount that you can donate to help sponsor this very talented dancer from your community would be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! Please find enclosed a letter from the Team Canada Dance member describing what dancing at the World Championships means to them.

If you have any questions regarding the World Championships or the official Team Canada Dance/ IDO Canada, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Dyer, Team Canada Dance National Director directly at bonnie@cdo-online.org. We also invite you to check out our website www.teamcanadadance.ca.

Please make any sponsorship cheques payable to the dancer that you are helping to sponsor. 100% of what you are donating goes directly to the dancers for their participation in representing Canada on the world stage! We offer to feature your logo in our social media, website, and team communication as a thank you for your generous donation and receipts are available. If you have any questions regarding your donations, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Dyer.

Thank you for your time and interest in helping the youth of Canada to be represented at this prestigious dance event!

Yours Truly,

Bonnie Dyer

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