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**G**reetings to everyone taking part in the Global Dance Challenge!

**T**he arts—including dance in its many forms—have the power to enrich our lives and bring us together, as well as to broaden our horizons and build bridges between cultures. In order for dance to flourish in Canada and beyond, it is important that emerging performers have the chance to learn about the possibility of a career in the field. The Global Dance Challenge in Vancouver offers young dancers from across the country and around the world a wonderful opportunity to continue their exploration of the world of dance and movement while becoming globally engaged citizens.

**A**s Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank everyone who brought this year's Global Dance Challenge to life and made it possible for these young artists to enjoy this unique experience. I offer best wishes to all the dancers taking part.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'M. Joly'.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly

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