

## Principal Casting Announced for *Innovation*

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February 23, 2009... **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director of The National Ballet of Canada, announced today the principal casting for *Innovation*, which features world premieres by three of Canada's brightest dancemakers, **Peter Quanz**, **Crystal Pite** and **Sabrina Matthews**. *Innovation* opens the Winter Season on March 4, 2009 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

### Principal Casting:

*IN COLOUR* by Peter Quanz

**Jillian Vanstone** (March 4, 7 at 7:30 pm)  
**Jenna Savella** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7 at 2:00 pm)  
**Tina Pereira** (March 6 at 7:30 pm/March 8 at 2:00 pm)

**Keiichi Hirano** (March 4, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)  
**James Shee** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7, 8 at 2:00 pm)

**Bridgett Zehr** and **Guillaume Côté** (March 4, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)  
**Elena Lobsanova** and **Noah Long** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7, 8 at 2:00 pm)

**Zdenek Konvalina** (March 4, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)  
**Aleksandar Antonijevic** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7, 8 at 2:00 pm)

**Xiao Nan Yu** (March 4, 7 at 7:30 pm)  
**Heather Ogden** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7 at 2:00 pm)  
**Stephanie Hutchison** (March 6 at 7:30 pm/ March 8 at 2:00 pm)

*Emergence* by Crystal Pite

**Aleksandar Antonijevic**, **Guillaume Côté**, **Greta Hodgkinson**, **Klara Houdet**, **Stephanie Hutchison**, **Zdenek Konvalina**, **Etienne Lavigne**, **Patrick Lavoie**, **Martin Lindinger**, **Heather Ogden**, **Robert Stephen**, **Bridgett Zehr**

*DEXTRIS* by Sabrina Matthews

**Heather Ogden** and **Piotr Stanczyk**, **Sonia Rodriguez** and **Jonathan Renna**, **Stacey Shiori Minagawa** and **Keiichi Hirano**, **Tina Pereira** and **Kevin D. Bowles**, **Jillian Vanstone** and **James Shee** (March 4, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm/ March 8 at 2:00 pm)

**Bridgett Zehr** and **Etienne Lavigne**, **Sonia Rodriguez** and **Jonathan Renna**, **Stacey Shiori Minagawa** and **Keiichi Hirano**, **Tina Pereira** and **Kevin D. Bowles**, **Jillian Vanstone** and **James Shee** (March 5 at 7:30 pm/ March 7 at 2:00 pm)

**Clement Crisp**, renowned dance critic for the Financial Times in London, England, and National Post critic **Michael Crabb** lead the Ballet Talks prior to every performance of *Innovation*.

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***Innovation***

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 pm  
Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 pm  
Friday, March 6 at 7:30 pm  
Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 pm

Tickets:  
Price range is \$20 - \$200.

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Rush seats are available on the day of performance in person at the box office for \$30. DanceBreak members aged 16 to 29 can purchase \$20 tickets on the day of the performance, depending on availability. Visit [DanceBreak.ca](http://DanceBreak.ca).

Venue:  
Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Box Office:  
The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West) or call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595. Tickets can also be purchased online at [national.ballet.ca](http://national.ballet.ca).

Website: [national.ballet.ca](http://national.ballet.ca).

The 2008/09 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

*IN COLOUR* by Peter Quanz is a gift from THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA.

*Emergence* by Crystal Pite is generously supported by Gail Hutchison.

*DEXTRIS* by Sabrina Matthews is a gift from THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA.

Performance Sponsor: CIBC (March 6)

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Karen Kain  
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