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*Ilter Ibrahimof, Artistic Director of Fall for Dance North, to be first recipient of
The Sandra Faire Next Generation Award*

January 31, 2020 – Ilter Ibrahimof has been chosen as the first recipient of The Sandra Faire Next Generation Award and will be recognized at this year's induction event. **Ivan Fecan** who received the 2019 Community Builder award along with his late wife, **Sandra Faire**, has generously sponsored the award in her name.

Ibrahimof is the co-founder and Artistic Director of Fall for Dance North (FFDN) in Toronto, Ontario. FFDN celebrated its 5th Anniversary Season in 2019 and has established itself as a premier international dance festival.

A new addition to the Dance Collection Danse Hall of Fame, The Sandra Faire Next Generation Award celebrates a young contributor who has made a significant impact on the Canadian dance field. This acknowledgment can include dancers, choreographers, philanthropists, and arts administrators.

Ivan Fecan says, *"Sandra Faire loved all aspects of dance, but in particular enjoyed encouraging young talent. The Sandra Faire Next Generation Award is a wonderful tribute to her memory. I am grateful to be given the opportunity to underwrite this prize."*

Ibrahimof was chosen by a selection committee made up of former Dance Collection Danse Hall of Fame inductees. He is being recognized for his innovative work introducing a diverse range of dance to a broad audience at affordable prices. Fall for Dance North has offered tremendous opportunities for community outreach, education, and visibility for dance both nationally and internationally.

"I'm sincerely honoured to be the first recipient of DCD Dance Hall of Fame's Next Generation award, created in the memory of the great Sandra Faire. I share this recognition with the Board of Directors and the entire team of Fall for Dance North, as well as the Toronto dance community at large. The best is yet to come!" says Ibrahimof

Dance Collection Danse (DCD) celebrates Canadian dance luminaries at the 2020 Dance Collection Danse Hall of Fame. Now in its third year, the Hall of Fame will take place Sunday, March 29, 2020 at the [Globe and Mail Centre](#) in Toronto, Ontario.

Since its launch in 2018, the DCD Hall of Fame has been a testament to the importance of recognizing Canada's remarkable dance artistry. This year's list of inductees is impressive – reflecting a diverse range of Canada's exceptional dance artists and supporters. The 2020 inductees include **James Kudelka, O.C.**; **Margie Gillis, O.C., C.Q.**; **Ethel Bruneau**; **Rosario Ancer**; **Peter Boneham, C.M.**; **Michael Greyeyes**; William J.S. Boyle Dance Luminary Award to **Mavis Staines, C.M.**; and the Community Builders Award to **Donald Ross, O.C. and Gretchen Ross.**

Dance Collection Danse (dcd.ca) is home to the diverse legacies of dance in Canada. Its aims are to collect, preserve, and celebrate these rich stories.

For more information or to order tickets visit: dcdhalloffame.com

Where: Globe and Mail Centre, 351 King St. East – 17th Floor. Toronto, M5A 0N1

When: Sunday, March 29, 2020 4pm-8pm

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