

A message to George Brown Dance students,

We hope you are well and proceeding through this unpredictable time with some moments of beauty, joy and laughter.

This letter is an update regarding the status of the fall semester at George Brown Dance. As you know, COVID–19 continues to cause uncertainty as to the timelines and steps needed for a safe return to school. Therefore, after careful and overall considerations, George Brown College has mandated that in the fall it will only be offering online courses for incoming or returning students. With that decision our Dean, Chair and Artistic team have taken the further step of determining that the **Dance programs will not start in September, but they will be pushed to start in January 2021**. This decision was carefully made based on measuring the current state of our times with the need to keep the integrity of our programs for both our students and for our industry. **Most importantly we want you, the student, to have the chance to be a part of the full, genuine in-person experience that our programs provide.**

Now with this being said, **Canada's Ballet Jörgen and George Brown College's unique partnership allows us to tell you that we will offer** online content to ALL registered students for the fall semester as well as opportunities to engage with us over the summer. Furthermore, and only if the safety measures allow for it, we will look at what, if any, programming can be available for in-person or in-studio time. We do not have a detailed plan for this programming just yet – it will depend a lot on what transpires with the status of COVID-19 over the coming weeks and months. We are committed to providing meaningful opportunities and a strong community for our students during these current times.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any further questions.

All my very best,  
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