



FACT SHEET

<i>Title:</i>	<i>ON POINTE: THE RISE OF THE BALLET SHOE</i>
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<i>Dates:</i>	April 16, 2008 – September 28, 2008
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<i>Exhibition Partners:</i>	Bata Shoe Museum and Canada's National Ballet School
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<i>Overview:</i>	<p>The exhibition compares the athleticism of the discipline of ballet with the illusion of effortless grace created through performance and explores how the <i>pointe</i> shoe has been pivotal to these aspects of the dance. Focusing on the origin of ballet and the technological advances in the development of the ballet slipper and pointe shoe, the influence of fashion on ballet and ballet's influence on fashion will also be considered. The exhibition features artifacts from the Museum's private collection, as well as historical and contemporary examples of ballet shoes on loan from The Shoe Room at Canada's National Ballet School. An interactive area resembling a practice room allows visitors to try the five positions of ballet. A try-on area for children completes the exhibition.</p> <p>Special ballet events and programs are being organized throughout the run of the exhibition.</p>
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<i>Location:</i>	<p>The Bata Shoe Museum 327 Bloor Street West, Toronto At the southwest corner of Bloor and St. George Streets. From St. George subway station, exit onto St. George Street and walk south to Bloor.</p>
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<i>Hours:</i>	<p>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Thursday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Sunday: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>*The Museum is now open every day except December 25 and Good Friday.</p>
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<i>Admission:</i>	<p>Adults: \$12 Seniors: \$10 Students (with ID): \$6 Children (5 – 17 years): \$4 (Children under 5 years of age are free.) Family Day Pass 1 (maximum of 1 adult and up to 4 children under 18): \$18 Family Day Pass 2 (maximum of 2 adults and up to 4 children under 18): \$30 Members of the Bata Shoe Museum: free Admission is free every Thursday evening between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. *Different prices in effect during March Break.</p>
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About Canada's National Ballet School

Canada's National Ballet School is a world leader in the training of professional dancers and teachers. Dedicated to advancing the art of ballet, NBS develops dance professionals in a student-centred environment by weaving innovation and evolving practice with the finest teaching traditions. NBS graduates can be found as dancers, choreographers, artistic directors, teachers, and administrators in over 65 dance companies world-wide and even more schools around the globe. NBS will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009/10. Further information is available at www.nbs-enb.ca.

About the Bata Shoe Museum

The Bata Shoe Museum is dedicated to uncovering the role of footwear in the social and cultural life of humanity. The Museum's growing international collection of over 13,000 objects touches on 4,500 years of history. A varied programme of events and exhibitions lets visitors discover the stories behind footwear from many lands and cultures. Further information is available at www.batashoemuseum.ca.