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\$84,200 OTF Grant Provides Vital Support to Citadel + Compagnie's Home in Regent Park

TORONTO, ON: Citadel + Compagnie is thrilled to announce major updates to The Citadel: Ross Centre for Dance, and the online shift of its Citadel Dance Program. Thanks to a \$84,200 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Citadel + Compagnie has been able to adapt and reimagine its community-based dance programs and invest in significant upgrades to create a safe environment for its community.

"Congratulations to Citadel + Compagnie on the announcement of upgrades to your facility and programming," said Suze Morrison, MPP for Toronto Centre. "Citadel + Compagnie is a highly respected arts organization within our community known for their successful collaboration and commitment to creative excellence. These updates and grant funding will help Citadel + Compagnie broaden their reach and adapt their programming to our new reality."

In addition to acquiring HEPA filters, The Citadel: Ross Centre for Dance has been able to upgrade its ventilation system, and invest in film and streaming equipment, as well as the necessary digital infrastructure to allow Citadel + Compagnie to move its educational dance classes, the Citadel Dance Program, online.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated, especially during these unprecedented times," said Laurence Lemieux, Artistic Director, Citadel + Compagnie. "Community engagement is a key tenet of Citadel + Compagnie, and in receiving funding for this recovery plan, we will be able to fulfill our mission of engaging and inspiring our local community even with COVID-19 restrictions in place."

Citadel + Compagnie is committed to providing accessible dance programming for community members online during COVID-19, and when it is safe to return, in-person. This investment will have a long-term impact on our Citadel Dance Program dancers and their families and will continue to serve the community beyond the pandemic. For more information, please visit: citadelcie.com

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$115 million to 644 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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