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## TEACHERS & TRAINING



Above: Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, the new name for Arts Educational School, Tring. Photograph courtesy of Tring Park School.

Association, set up 35 years ago by enthusiasts who wished to give active support to both Royal Ballet companies and to "promote interest in all aspects of their work". This is the first award that directly benefits RBS students. David Bain, Ballet Association chair, said, "Our members are delighted to be able to assist these two talented young people with our Award." For further information about The Ballet Association, and how to join visit [ballerassociation.co.uk](http://ballerassociation.co.uk).

### New home for BATD

► During 2008 the British Association of Teachers of Dancing (BATD) will complete its move to new purpose built offices in Glasgow, close to the BBC and Scottish Television centres and adjacent to the river Clyde. With its own security and car park, the office has been completely equipped as a modern, open plan unit. The move has been made possible due to the hard work of BATD members and the prudence of the Trustees and Executive Council, who, in 1984, had the foresight to purchase the Head Offices at 23 Marywood Square. This, together with a strong balance sheet over previous years has made it possible to purchase the new building from existing funds. Founded in 1892, the Association was first based at Upton's Dance Academy, London, moving to Albany House, Dartford Square, in 1963. The BATD remained in London until 1950 when it moved to Manchester, and then in 1958 to Scotland. It has been based at Marywood Square, Glasgow, for the last 50 years. The new address and contact details for the BATD are: The British Association of Teachers of Dancing, Pavilion 8, Upper Level,

Watermark Business Park, 251 Govan Road, Glasgow, Scotland, G51 2SE, telephone 0141 427 3699, fax 0141 419 9783. Further details can also be obtained by email from [enquiries@batd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@batd.co.uk) or by visiting the website [batd.co.uk](http://batd.co.uk) or by the advertisement opposite.

### Prix de Lausanne

► The 2009 Prix de Lausanne, held this year from January 27 to February 1, featured 73 international candidates selected from 192 applicants aged between 15 and 18. The jury awarded its seven scholarships to Hanna O'Neill (New Zealand), Zhaoqian Peng (China), Miki Mizutani (Japan), Edo Wijnes (Belgium), Telmo Moreira (Portugal), Rina Nemoto (Japan) and Sebastian Concha (Chile). Edo Wijnes won The Contemporary Dance Prize and Telmo Moreira the Audience Favourite Prize. Each prizewinner will be able to study at a participating school of their choice – a new privilege that only recipients of a Prix de Lausanne scholarship can enjoy without needing to go through any other audition formalities. A full report on the Prix by Jeny Veldhuis follows next month.

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### Edinburgh University launches new MSc

► The University of Edinburgh has launched a new professional qualification aimed at people involved in professional dance. The postgraduate programme was unveiled at a Dance Industry Conference in 2008 in conjunction with the Edinburgh International Festival. Feedback received by the sector has been so positive that the University has since made plans to make this an annual event. The 2009 conference, themed "Dance Education, Educating Dancers" scheduled to take place at the University in August. The new MSc in Dance Science and Education commences in September 2009 and applications are currently being accepted. The first programme of its kind in Scotland, the MSc offers core and elective courses in areas that include: Dance Pedagogy, Performance Psychology, Nutrition, Strength and Conditioning, Preventive Dance Med and Strategic Marketing & Management. The programme, which can be taken as a complete degree or as individual course units, is designed to provide training for students coming directly from undergraduate study who wish to go for either a research or academic career in dance. The programme also offers continuing professional development opportunities for a range of practitioners and specialists who wish to increase understanding of the scientific, theoretical and pedagogical that informs practice and dance. The flexibility of the degree

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