

## YOKOHAMA DANCE COLLECTION EX 2015

### The Finalists: 10 in Competition I, 12 in Competition II

Yokohama Dance Collection EX, the largest contemporary dance festival in Japan, has launched the careers of many choreographers since it was founded in 1996 to nurture young choreographers and popularize contemporary dance. In 2015, the 20<sup>th</sup> of these festivals will be held in Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No. 1, which will be celebrating the centennial of its completion. Now the selection of the finalists who will perform there for both divisions, Competition I: Dance Competition Division and Competition II: New Choreographers, has been completed.



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#### Yokohama Dance Collection EX2015

Dates : January 31st (Sat) - February 15th (Sun), 2015

Venue : Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1

### Competition I :

Competition I attracted 90 entries from 9 countries. Based on videos the entrants submitted, 10 finalists, from China, Japan, Korea and Philippines, have been selected to perform before the judges during the festival. These are talented, daring choreographers who stretch themselves and expand their creative worlds, approaching dance from innovative points of view.

#### ■Finalists of Competition I

Ai TOHTOUMI (Tokyo, Japan, 29)

Haruka KAJIMOTO (Ehime, Japan, 31)

Kaho KOGURE (Saitama, Japan, 24)

Kensaku SHINOHARA (Hokkaido, Japan, 31)

Mikiko KAWAMURA (Tokyo, Japan, 24)

Razel Ann Aguda MITCHAO (Bacolod, Philippines, 24)

Rie TASHIRO (Fukuoka, Japan, 27)

Seiseung LEE (Seoul, Korea, 29)

Ikumi KUROSU / Naoto KATORI (Saitama, Japan, 26)

Yang HAO / Alice RENSY (Chongqing, China, 27)

\*Place of origin and age as of July 31, 2014, when applications closed, follow each finalist's name.

### Competition II : New Choreographer Division

Competition II, the New Choreographers Division, now in its fifth year, is open to choreographers who are 25 and under. This year, the average age of the 35 artists of entrants was 22 and the youngest 20. The 12 finalists chosen from among them will perform during the festival. Look forward to the gleam and raw power of their fresh, still unrefined performances.

#### ■Finalists of Competition II

Anna YAMAGUCHI (Hyogo, 24)

Ayako NISHI (Hyogo, 20)

Chiaki KURIHARA (Tokyo, 23)

Harutaka TAKASU (Okayama, 24)

Kae KUBO (Tokushima, 22)

Kentaro MIURA (Saitama, 22)

Kouichiro TAMURA (Niigata, 21)

Mako EGAMI (Saitama, 22)

Minami NAKAYASHIKI (Kanagawa, 24)

Naoyuki SAKAI (Saitama, 23)

Satoru OHKITA (Tokushima, 21)

Tatsuki NAGASHIMA (Saitama, 22)

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