184 Entries from 10 Countries and Many Genres
The Finalists: 12 in Competition I and 15 in Competition II

Yokohama Dance Collection EX, the largest international 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 2014, the 19th 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 Composition Division and Competition II: New Choreographers, has been completed.

Competition I: Performance Division

The Dance Composition Division (Competition I) attracted 152 entries from Korea, Japan, Taiwan – China and other country from Asia. Based on videos the entrants submitted, 12 finalists, from Japan, Korea, and China, 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. On the last day of the festival, Erika MASUMIZU, who won the Outstanding New Artist Prize in the New Choreographer Division (Competition II) in 2013, will perform her new work.

*Place of origin and age as of July 21, 2013, when applications closed, follow each finalist's name.

■Finalists of Competition I

Daisuke INOUE (Tokyo, Japan, 29)
Reina KIMURA (Aomori, Japan, 30)
Aya TERASOMA (Tokyo, Japan, 26)
Ruri MITOH (Tokyo, Japan, 31)
Bo ra KIM (Korea, 31)
Boram KIM (Korea, 30)
Ryoung Eun KWON (Korea, 31)
Hyejin SHIN (Korea, 26)
Lei HUANG (China, 36)
Maureen Yuebing LUO (China, 31)
Shiori TADA , Junichi AKAGAWA(Yamagata,japan , 29 / Ibaraki,Japan, 28)
Oded ZADOK , Kazuyo SHIONOIRI (Israel,39 / Tokyo,Japan, 29)

Competition Ⅱ New Choreographer Division

The New Choreographers Division (Competition II), now in its forth year, is open to choreographers who are 25 and under. This year, the average age of the 34 groups of entrants was 22.2 and the youngest 19. These choreographers from a wide variety of backgrounds, including street dance, ballet, and juggling, have presented innovative, daring work. The 15 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

Ayaha IWASAKI (Kanagawa, 24)
Hikaru OKAMOTO (Hyogo, 21)
Kae KUBO (Tokushima, 21)
Chisato SAITO (Tokyo, 20)
Mei SHINJO (Kanagawa, 22)
Kouhei SEKIGAWA (Miyagi, 23)
Shun NAKAMURA (Saitama, 21)
Minami NAKAYASHIKI (Kanagawa, 23)
Marina HANAOKA (Tokyo, 23)
Junpei HAMADA (Hokkaido, 21)
Sayuri FUKUOKA (Ehime, 25)
Naoya HOMAN (Kanagawa, 23)
Tomo MIZUKOSHI (Kanagawa, 24)
Kazuma YAMAMOTO (Niigata, 22)
Ayumi WATANABE (Hiroshima, 23)

Yokohama Dance Collection EX2014 Program Schedule

1. **Competition II: New Choreographer Division**
   Date: 4th - 6th Feb / Venue: Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1, 2nd Floor
2. **Competition I: Dance Composition Division**
   Date: 7th - 9th Feb / Venue: Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1, 3rd Floor
3. **Performances by Formers Yokohama Dance Collection Prizewinners**
   Date: 11th Feb / Venue: Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1, 3rd Floor
4. **Contemporary Dance Showcase** (Live Performances …etc)
   Date: 4th - 16th Feb / Venue: Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1