

YOKOHAMA DANCE COLLECTION 2016

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

Yokohama Dance Collection, 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. Now the selection of the finalists who will perform there for both divisions, Competition I and Competition II: New Choreographers, has been completed.



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Yokohama Dance Collection 2016

DATE : January 23rd (Sat) – February 14th (Sun), 2016

PLACE : Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse No.1 and other

Competition I : February 6th (Sat) and 7th (Sun)

Competition I attracted 133 entries from 15 countries. Based on videos the entrants submitted, 10 finalists, from Japan, Korea and Malaysia, have been selected to perform at the final stage. These are talented, daring choreographers who stretch themselves and expand their creative worlds, approaching dance from innovative points of view.

■Finalists of Competition I

Aiko OBANA (Tokyo, Japan, 30)

Cheol In JEONG (Pohang, Korea, 27)

Haruka WATANABE (Kanagawa, Japan, 21)

Junpei HAMADA (Hokkaido, Japan, 23)

Kaori ITO (Chiba, Japan, 34)

Moto TAKAHASHI (Nagano, Japan, 26)

Aokid × Takumi HASHIMOTO (Tokyo, Japan 27 / 26)

Chee Lai YEOW / Fung Ing HII (Sarawak, Malaysia, 36 / 36)

Koji OZONO / Noriyasu HASHIMOTO (Tokyo, 29 / Hokkaido 28)

Sayuri IIMORI / Yuki NISHIYAMA (Kanagawa, 29 / Ibaraki 29)

*Place of origin and age as of July 20, 2015, when applications closed, follow each finalist's name.

Competition II : New Choreographer Division

February 4th (Thu) and 5th (Fri)

Competition II, the New Choreographers Division, is open to choreographers who are 25 and under. This year, the average age of the 43 artists of entrants was 22.5 and the youngest 20. The 12 finalists chosen from among them will perform at the final stage.

Look forward to the gleam and raw power of their fresh, still unrefined performances.

■Finalists of Competition II

Chiaki KURIHARA (Tokyo, 24)

Haruka WAKUTA (Tokyo, 24)

Kana SAKATO (Tokyo, 22)

Koichiro TAMURA (Niigata, 23)

Kyota UCHIDA (Kanagawa, 21)

Mako EGAMI (Saitama, 23)

Mizuki KURIYA (Kagoshima, 22)

Nanako SHIBATA (Saitama, 25)

Naoyuki SAKAI (Saitama, 24)

Reisa SHIMOJIMA (Kagoshima, 22)

Satoru OHKITA (Tokushima, 22)

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI (Kagoshima, 23)

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