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### Canterbury Graduate Returns as Guest Teacher with Kaeja d'Dance

**Kaeja d'Dance**, a Toronto-based contemporary dance company, will be at Canterbury High School in Ottawa from February 23 – 27, 2004, where Co-Artistic Directors Allen and Karen Kaeja will co-create a new work on ten dance students. This is a commission from the Canada Dance Festival, to be performed at the National Arts Centre in June 2004. This work will open for the premiere of Allen Kaeja's new work, **Asylum of Spoons**, on June 10, 2004.

Tanya Crowder, a Toronto-based dancer and emerging choreographer, returns to her alma mater for the residency with **Kaeja d'Dance**. Tanya will be teaching EXPRESS DANCE workshops to dance students in grades 9 and 10 and assisting the Kaejas with the choreographic process of the new work. EXPRESS DANCE is an approach to teaching developed by Allen and Karen Kaeja, allowing students to develop their own movement vocabulary and create personal dances.

Tanya has worked on projects with **Kaeja d'Dance** since 1997, and has been a Company Member since 2002. She graduated from Canterbury in 1992/93 with honours (Ontario Scholar) and received the Grade 12 and OAC subject awards for Dance. Originally enrolled at Canterbury in the Drama program, Tanya switched her major after two years, when she discovered her passion for Dance. Tanya performed in several pieces at the "Music and Dance" show, and her solo choreography was also featured in 1992/1993.

*"I received a lot of great training there, and a lot of support. It gives me great pleasure to return to Canterbury with **Kaeja d'Dance**," Tanya Crowder.*

#### ABOUT KAEJA D'DANCE

**Kaeja d'Dance** is a contemporary dance Company based in Toronto, creating in performance, education and film. Our mission is to inspire people to envision, through innovative dance, a world that exists beyond one's immediate experience. We also strive to develop emerging dancers and express the passionate vision of Karen and Allen Kaeja so that we may educate, challenge and entertain our audiences.

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