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## Selection announced for first edition Rotterdam International Duet Choreography Competition

The selection of competitors for the first edition of Rotterdam International Duet Choreography Competition (RIDCC) is announced. The participants come from thirteen countries spread over three continents. RIDCC is the first and only dance competition that focuses exclusively on duets. The competition will take place on 21, 22 and 23 June in Rotterdam. The first prize is a production budget of €100,000 and is the largest dance prize of its kind in the world.

### Selection for preliminary rounds

Out of the 320 entries, the professional jury selected sixteen participants for the competition. RIDCC founders Mischa van Leeuwen and Maya Roest about the selection process: "Viewing all the entries was quite a job, but we really enjoyed doing it. There are many unknown choreographers in the selection, so hopefully this competition will help them take the next step in their career. We look forward to seeing these dances live on stage."

The participants are: Dionysios Alamanos (GR/PH) & Danae Dimitriadi (GR), Mario Bermudez Gil (ES), Robin Lamothe (FR), Ravid Abarbanel (IL), Fabio Liberti (IT), Erika Maria Silgoner (IT), Philippe Kratz (DE), Ido Gidron (IL), Louis Thuriot (BE) & Borna Babic (HR), JinHwan Seok (KR), John Wannehag (SE), Youri Peters (NL) & Marie Khatib-Shahidi (FR/IR), Cecilia Moisis (FI) & Ineke Vandoorn (NL), Anna Jacobs & Hanna van der Meer (NL), Courtney Mazeika (US) and Andrea Rama (GR/AL).

### Ticket sales started

The preliminary rounds are on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 June, the final will take place on Saturday 23 June, after which the professional jury will announce the winners of the first edition of RIDCC. Tickets for the preliminary rounds and the final can be bought on [www.theaterrotterdam.nl](http://www.theaterrotterdam.nl).

### RIDCC Awards, partners, productions and prizes

The winner of the first prize of RIDCC will receive a production budget of €100,000 and will be given the opportunity to create a new production at Theater Rotterdam's production house in collaboration with Scapino Ballet Rotterdam. There are also three cash prizes of €3,500, €2,500 and €1,500 for the winners to use in developing their careers. A number of Production Awards have also been made available as an incentive for new productions. These are financed by the participating partners: Codarts Rotterdam, Conny Janssen Danst, Scapino Ballet Rotterdam, Club Guy and Roni, Norrdans (SE), Kunsthumanoria (BE), Maas Theater & Dans and Dansateliers. The winners of these Production Awards will be working as choreographers for one of the participating organisations.

### Talent

RIDCC was founded by Maya Roest and Mischa van Leeuwen, who are both experienced dancers with Scapino Ballet Rotterdam. RIDCC is a choreography competition specially conceived for duets in all dance styles. The aim of the competition is to develop talent in choreography. It is RIDCC's intention to become an annual event after the first edition.

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