

## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA

A poised figure gracefully emerges from the wings. She flutters across the stage in a haze of pink tulle and sequins. This ballerina represents the conventional image of ballet. A glimpse Behind the Scenes reveals that every ballet production is realized by a cast of highly skilled artistic individuals.

Take a tour of the unseen world of ballet. This Exhibition showcases the athleticism of The National Ballet of Canada's dancers, and how they transform into dramatic stage characters. It highlights the work of choreographers, musicians, make-up artists, set, costume and lighting designers, and others. Behind the Scenes features archival material from The National Ballet of Canada as well as items from their current repertoire.



*Putting on pointe shoes. Photo by Bruce Zinger (2008). 2008 6. Courtesy The National Ballet of Canada.*



*Rebekah Rimsay preparing for the role of Carabosse from The Sleeping Beauty. Photo by Bruce Zinger (2006). SLE 2006 24. Courtesy The National Ballet of Canada.*

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