



*The Holy Body Tattoo*

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## **The Holy Body Tattoo names Shay Kuebler recipient of the BC Emerging Dance Artist Award 2008**

The Holy Body Tattoo is pleased to announce the recipient and honourable mention for the seventh annual **British Columbia Emerging Dance Artist Award**. As part of its ongoing commitment to the BC dance community, The Holy Body Tattoo established the Award in 2001 in order to support the professional development of emerging artists in the region. The Award takes the form of a \$2000 cash prize given annually to an emerging dance artist in BC age 30 years or under. It is intended to support a period of study, travel or the development of an artistic project.

After careful consideration, The Holy Body Tattoo has awarded the \$2000 cash prize to Shay Kuebler for his project *Pulse* – to create a new 30 minute piece for the 605 Collective to be premiered in April 2009.

Honourable mention goes to Tanya Marquardt for her proposal to create *Mal du Mer*, a co-improvised performance duet, which will include training at MELT in NYC.

The Holy Body Tattoo believes the British Columbia Emerging Dance Artist Award offers much needed tangible opportunities to the next generation of dance professionals, and the company supports this annual program through its own operating funding. The young dance artists who are completing their training today are the future dance professionals and community, and The Holy Body Tattoo is committed to supporting the growth and development of these artists.

The British Columbia Emerging Dance Artist Award will be offered next year; applications will be due in April 2009. For more information, please contact The Holy Body Tattoo at 604.683.6552 or [info@hollybodytattoo.org](mailto:info@hollybodytattoo.org).

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