

**~Mairéad Filgate~**  
**2017 NIFPA Modern Adjudicator**



Toronto-based dance artist **Mairéad** is a graduate of the Etobicoke School of the Arts and the School of Toronto Dance Theatre. As co-founder of Throwdown Collective, she, along with her collaborators, received a Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding Choreography (*Various Concert*, 2016). Throwdown Collective's three site-specific works, commissioned by Dusk Dances, all premiered at Withrow Park and toured with the festival and beyond. Mairéad was a member of the Danny Grossman Dance Company and has performed extensively with Dusk Dances, Yvonne Ng/tiger princess dance projects (Artistic Associate), Gabby Kamino, Ame Henderson/Public Recordings (Dora Mavor Moore Awards for Outstanding Ensemble & Production: *what we are saying* 2014), BoucharDanse, Bill Coleman, Laurie Raymond, and Kaeja d'Dance, among others.

Mairéad regularly guest teaches and creates choreography at public and private institutions including, most recently, Simcoe Contemporary Dancers, Rosedale Heights School of the Arts, the Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement, and in the

Toronto Public Libraries with Swallowing Clouds, an arts-based literacy program. Mairéad finds much joy in sharing her passion for dance with individuals of all ages and levels of experience.

Mairéad is also a part-time student at the University of Toronto and an executive board member of the Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists.