

Dancer Christina Ricucci wins 2015 Cultural Architect Award

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Christina Ricucci was a gold medallist at the World Ballet Competition. B. BRAND APPAREL

Artists Giving Hope has been named the winner of this year's Cultural Architect Award, which is presented in Vancouver.

Los Angeles-based dancer Christina Ricucci, 16, will be honoured at a red-carpet benefit and dance performance on August 30 at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre.

Ricucci and her friend Jake Tribus created California-based Artists Giving Hope to encourage friends of theirs in the dance community to support charities that "inspire people to act with compassion and kindness, regardless of race, gender, sexuality of beliefs".

B. Brand Apparel sponsors the award and has been supporting Ricucci as she has fought Lyme disease.

She's a member of Westside Dance Project, a gold medallist at the World Ballet Competition, and was a Youth America Grand Prix Hope Award winner.