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Karen Kain Receives Distinguished Artist Award from International Society for the Performing Arts

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June 17, 2011... **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director of The National Ballet of Canada, was honoured last night in Toronto by the International Society for the Performing Arts with the Distinguished Artist Award. Presented by Jim Fleck, the award recognizes performing artists who have made an outstanding contribution of talent, artistry, dedication and service to the world of performing arts.

Also presented with the Distinguished Artist Award yesterday were choreographer **Akram Khan**, set and costume designer **Michael Levine** and songwriter **Luc Plamondon**.

Past recipients of the Distinguished Artist Award have included: Celia Franca (1979), Stephen Sondheim (1994), Philip Glass (1989), Mikhail Baryshnikov (1982), Jerome Robbins (1978), Martha Graham (1976), Merce Cunningham (1993), Evelyn Glennie (2002), Pina Bausch (2000), Twyla Tharp (1996), Alvin Ailey (1984), Suzanne Farrell (1986), Maureen Forrester (1999), Sir Cameron Mackintosh (1996), Oscar Peterson (1995), Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (1983) and Itzhak Perlman (1984).

Founded in 1949, the International Society for the Performing Arts is a not-for-profit international network of performing arts professionals with the shared goal of strengthening the arts internationally by building leadership ability, recognizing and discussing field-wide trends and deepening global exchange through the arts.

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