

## Classical Ballet Winner



**Maude Sabourin**

At 17 years old, Maude Sabourin of Terrebonne, Quebec, is already an accomplished ballet dancer. In the summer of 2005 she completed her secondary school education in the combined academic and dance program offered by Montreal's École nationale de ballet contemporain (ENBC) and the Pensionnat du Saint-Nom-de-Marie. In September she will begin the three-year post-secondary classical dance program offered by the ENBC in cooperation with the Cégep du Vieux Montréal. She has won several scholarships and awards of excellence for dance in Quebec.

As a member of the Jeune Ballet du Québec for the past two years, Maude has performed in Canada, the United States and France. She also appeared in the 2002 and 2003 productions of *The Nutcracker* by the Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal.

"Maude Sabourin is an exceptionally talented young woman with great physical, technical and artistic abilities," says Françoise Vaussenat, Director of Studies at the ENBC. "Moreover she has the motivation and work ethic to have a great career in dance." The Hnatyshyn Foundation classical ballet jury, composed of Celia Franca, Jean Grand-Maître and Gizella Witkowsky, described Maude as "a very strong and promising dancer with great versatility." They noted her strong technique, beautiful *port de bras* and excellent foot work. "She is edgy, contemporary and daring in her dancing. She already possesses a charismatic presence and a strong sense of herself."