



## Member Profile



### Megan Exton

#### **CANBERRA DANCERS European Tour!**

Three Canberra born dancers are heading off on a European Tour with Link Dance Company this year. Megan Exton, Mercie Taylor and Joel Small will be performing and experiencing the dance scene in France, Amsterdam, Germany and the UK.

**Megan Exton shared a little of her dance journey with us.**

#### **When did you start dancing?**

Age seven at the Kim Harvey School of Dance

#### **What do you love about dancing?**

I love the refinement and specificity of our bodies and the art form as dancers. I love constantly working to achieve and improve this physicality. There is something about the feeling I have when I dance that I just don't experience with anything else that I do.



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**What is your favourite dance style and why?**

Contemporary, for its versatility and openness to just about anything. I am forever faced with new concepts, challenges and ways of moving which I feel are constantly expanding my mind and body as a dancer.

**Have you faced any challenges during your dance career so far?**

As most dancers would probably agree, injuries tend to be the hardest and most frustrating thing to work with. But can also act as a real reality check, reminding me just how strong my desire to dance is.

**What do you find inspiring?**

I find constant inspiration in the incredible teachers and professional dancers I encounter, they are constantly motivating my direction as a dancer. I also find a lot of daily inspiration from my fellow LINK Dance Company members whom I spend all my time with in class and rehearsals.

**What have you been most proud of in your dance career so far?**

Graduating from and completing the three year whirlwind journey at WAAPA would probably be one of my proudest moments so far. From leaving Canberra at 18 to move to Perth, my experience at WAAPA taught me a lot about myself as a person and a dancer, and was an amazing life experience for many reasons.

**What are your plans for this year? The next few years?**

This year I am working as a part of LINK Dance Company, the graduate dance company of WAAPA. We are currently working towards our triple bill performance in May. After that, we will tour the program to Europe in June and July, performing throughout France and Amsterdam. I hope the tour to Europe will inform further my direction as a dancer and identify where I might like to base myself to work and experience the