



KAREN KAIN

Top honor for Karen

In recognition of her international achievements in ballet, former Mississauga resident Karen Kain was promoted to the level of Companion in the Order of Canada at a ceremony this morning at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Kain, a principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada since 1970, was first appointed to the Order of Canada in 1976 as an Officer.

A graduate of Erindale Secondary School, Kain performed leading roles in most of the major classical and contemporary ballets and her work has been acclaimed by critics and fans around the world.

She has been partnered with many of the world's great dancers, including the legendary Rudolf Nureyev, although she is best known for her work with longtime partner Frank Augustyn.

Kain is an honorary patron of the Kidney Foundation of Canada and is also the president of the Dancers' Transition Centre.