2 of our HSC Dance candidates this year, Romy Bradmore and Kate Lawler have had their Major Works nominated for CallBack 2014.

Callback provides a showcase of the very best dance students from the NSW Higher School Certificate. It features exemplary performances and compositions by HSC students of dance.

Both Romy and Kate majored in Composition. This involved creating a dance work to communicate an idea or intent, teaching it to two other students to perform, writing a 300 word rationale, and preparing a 9 minute discussion of their work with the examiners.

Romy’s work, performed by Laiken Gladwell Yr10 and Astrid Nicholls Yr10, made clever use of four drama boxes set up to create a barrier down the centre of the performance space. Her intent was to portray the sacrifice and loss felt by a mother helping her daughter escape persecution, and the uncertainty and loss experienced by the daughter in her search for a better life in an unknown land.

Kate’s Major work was performed Eluned Price Yr11 and Jessica Lamphee, Yr10. The intent of her dance work was to portray the unique bond shared by twins as they explore their connectedness and individuality, with one twin discovering she is more comfortable being apart than the other. Kate’s dance began with her dancers creatively moving within a piece of pink muslin representing a connection within the womb. The dancers shed the muslin and move away from it in the later stages of the performance.

Congratulations to both students, this is an outstanding achievement. As well as completing their other HSC written examinations, these students will now find time to practice and video their performances for inclusion in the HSC Showcase which is held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney in early February next year.

Information regarding dates and times of the 2014 HSC Callback will be posted on the Arts Unit website soon.