

Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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Mark Your Calendars Only Two Competitions Left

This season of dancing is coming to a close. The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association has only two competitions remaining. The first is the Pre-Premier closed competition and Provincial Selection Championship on Sunday, May 6th at the St. James Civic Centre. The use of St. James Civic Centre as a site for Provincials may be a surprise to a few members of our community. However, many people will fondly remember many past provincial selection competitions happening at the civic centre through the years. Our move this year was prompted by a double booking at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People which was a result of a change in personnel and a subsequent mix up in communication. It is also due to a desire of the MHDA to keep costs down for our members and not having to raise entry fees for competitions. The May Pre-Premier closed competition and Provincial Championship is expected to be an excellent opportunity for all our dancers to perform at their best. The pre premier dancers will, as usual, compete in the morning and then have the chance to watch our Premier dancers vie for a chance to represent Manitoba at the ScotDance Canada Championship Series July 11th - 15th in Edmonton.

The other remaining competition is a two day event on June 9th and 10th Under the Canopy at the Forks Market. The pre-premiers have the Mid-Canada Open Competition with Highland dances on the Saturday and National dances on the Sunday. The premier dancers also have two days of dancing with the Mid-Canada Open Championships on Saturday and the first ever Lord Selkirk Premiership on the Sunday. The Lord Selkirk Premiership is named in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Selkirk Settlers in Manitoba. A premiership for those wondering is a new initiative by ScotDance Canada to promote National Dances. The premiership will run like a championship with set dances and steps for the dancers and three judges. There were only six Premierships approved for Canada and MHDA is fortunate to be one of the hosting organisations.

The MHDA has a request for the June competition. We will be using the MHDA stage and require volunteers with ½ ton trucks or utility trailers to help move the stage from Red River College on Friday June 8th at 6:30PM and then return the stage on Sunday evening, following the dancing. Please contact Zan Sinclair at zanandscott@shaw.ca if you can help with transporting the stage.

Ribbons for the Fall

Starting this fall with the beginning of the 2012/2013 dancing season the MHDA will be changing awards for dancer placements. Dancers placing first, second or third will continue to receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively; anyone else placing in the class will receive a ribbon designating their placement. In other words, each dancer placing will receive something distinct to mark their individual standing in their class and a bronze medal will then be specific for placing third. Anyone who has been to a competition outside of Manitoba will not be surprised by this practice as it is quite common throughout the rest of the country. This change in awards does not only allow for individual recognition it will also give dancers a different milestone or goal to achieve and supports fiscal responsibility. The MHDA is committed to running quality competitions for our dancers without undue increase of costs for our competitors and their families and is looking at various options for doing it so in a fiscally responsible manner.



Tartan Press Submissions

Items to be published in the Tartan Press will be accepted up to two weeks prior to every M.H.D.A. competition.

Items may be sent by email to: Laureen Wreggitt

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ScotDance Canadian Championship Series 2016

Manitoba will be the host for the SCCS 2016. This will be a joint endeavour between ScotDance Manitoba, MHDA and the Manitoba Community. If you are interested in helping to show the rest of the country how well Manitoba can host this prestigious event then keep your eyes open for more information or contact a member of the MHDA Executive or ScotDance Manitoba.



Selkirk Settlers 200th Anniversary

As part of its 2012 celebrations to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers, Kildonan Community Church invites you to its CEILIDH on Saturday, March 24 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The evening of Scottish song, dance, food and fun will be held at Red River Community Centre on Main Street at Murray Road. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from the church office at 339-3502 or email kpresbyc@mymts.net



Out of Town Results

Shona McHarg School of Dance Regina Spring Competition

Primary

Cambree Rigaux

Pas de Basque - 2nd

Pas de Basque and Highcuts - 4th

Beginner

Heather Wallace

Fling - 1st

Sword - 2nd

Seann Truibhas - 3rd

Flora - 2nd

Jerzy Rigaux

Fling - 3rd

Sword - 1st

Lilt - 1st

Laura Wallace

Seann Truibhas - 3rd

Donna Cram School

As we get excited with the upcoming SDCCS, we reflect on last year's success and experience in Antigonish. Congratulations to the following dancers who saw the following success at SDCCS 2011

Jennifer Watt

PreChampionship 14 years

Highland Fling - 1st

Seann Truibhas - 2nd

Sword - 3rd

Reel 3rd

Premier Highland 14 years

Sword - 7th

Premier Nationals 14 years

Irish Jig - 7th

Jessie Edmonds

Restricted 21 and over

Fling - 2nd

Strathspey and highland reel - 2nd

Blue Bonnets - 3rd

Village Maid - 6th

Erika Ramesar

Canadian Interprovincial championship - 16 & under 18

Judges placings

Nationals - Premier 16 years

Blue Bonnets - 6th

Village Maid - 8th

North American Championship - 16 years

Judges placings

