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RADA

by Colleen (McGregor) Furlan

This summer I had the wonderful experience of attending a Musical Theatre summer course at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England. Since I was 12 I have wanted to attend this course as well as possibly go there in the future for university. Going to this school changed my whole life completely in many ways including my singing, dancing, acting and also the fact that I made so many incredible friends in such a short time. Everyone was "amazing".

The people involved in the course were so talented and came from so many different places including California, Bermuda, Chicago, New York, Italy, South Africa, Germany, Ireland and

England. I woke up every day and walked to RADA for 10 am and from that time on we had intense acting, dancing and singing classes until 6 pm. The acting classes were composed mostly of improvisation (improv.) which really took me out of my comfort zone but I learned to love it after the course was finished!



Brandon Competition

The MHDA is delighted to announce that they will hold the second annual competition in Brandon, on Saturday March 13th 2010. The venue for next year is the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium, which is a large theater, situated on 20th Street, on the northwest corner of the university campus.

Check out the web site

<http://www.facebook.com/1/www.wmca.ca> to get more information or see pictures of the venue.

The dance for the Newland Sword will be held at Brandon this year, normally this dance is part of the Mid-Canadian Championship competition.

The Royal Oak Inn, 3130, Victoria Avenue, Brandon, will be the host hotel. We have a block booking rate agreed with the hotel, which is \$104.99 plus tax per night and includes a non-smoking room with two queen beds. There are rooms for both Friday, March 12th, and Saturday March 13th in the block reservation. Quote #161013 or MHDA to get the reduced rate. All reservations must be made before the 6th of February to get this rate, after that the rooms go back to their dearer rate in the region of \$130 per night. Check the hotel web-site <http://www.facebook.com/1/www.royaloakinn.com>

Watch out for more information about the 2nd Open Brandon Competition on the MHDA web-site.



In the dance classes we improvised to various styles of music and choreographed a dance to the overture of Man of La Mancha and my teacher was the most hilarious person I have ever met. In the singing classes we performed 2 pieces of music we had previously prepared and also sung different songs for fun and worked on interpreting them in different ways which really brought my friends and I together. The teachers were fabulous and so passionate about their work, and I was even lucky enough to go backstage at Chicago (the

musical) where my singing instructor is the Music Director. At the end of the week we performed a show for the faculty and students of RADA and we each got to sing 1 of our solos in the show. It was so sad to say goodbye to everyone I had just met, but I keep in touch with all of them every single day!



From Donna Cram's School...

Tara & Kalee Campbell toured Scotland last past August. They competed in 7 Highland Games during their 13 day stay - - that might be something of a record! When not travelling or dancing they found time to spend some of their winnings on Scotland's latest fashion trends. What great opportunities highland dance brings our children!



Out of Town Results

Students of Shona McHarg		
Regina – November 7, 2009		
Novice 10 and under		
McKenzie Duke	1 st	Sword
	2 nd	Lilt
	1 st	Flora
Intermediate 11 and over		
Brandi Duke	3 rd	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	1 st	Seann Truibhas
	3 rd	Johnny
	3 rd	Laddie
	Trophy Winner	

Linda Tellier School of Dance		
ScotDance Canada 2009 Toronto, Ontario - July 1 - 5, 2009		
Intermediate 12 Years - July 2		
Jennifer Watt	4 th	Jig
	3 rd	Fling
	2 nd	Seann Truibhas
	1 st	½ Tulloch
Intermediate 12 Years - July 4		
Jennifer Watt	5 th	Reel
	5 th	Lilt
	3 rd	Hornpipe

Gaelyn McGregor Studio of Highland Dance		
Scotland - Turiff Highland Games: August 2nd, 2009		
Colleen McGregor		
Premier 15 & 16 yrs	2 nd Overall aggregate	

Scotland - Nethy Bridge Highland Games – August 8th, 2009		
Colleen McGregor		
Premier 16 yrs & Under	Overall Highland Winner Overall National Winner Best Overseas Dancer	
New Scotland Open Championship, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, July 17th, 2009		
Madison Leonard		
Premier 12 & Under 14 yrs	5 th 4 th 3 rd 3 rd 2 nd	Fling Sword Seann Truibhas Reel Runner up Overall
Antigonish Highland Games - - July 18th, 2009		
Madison Leonard		
Premier 12 & 13 yrs. Highland yrs	3 rd 3 rd 1 st 2 nd	Fling Sword Seann Truibhas Reel
Gillian Chiu		
Glengarry Highland Games - Maxville, Ontario, July 31st, 2009		
Gillian Chiu		
Novice class	3 rd 4 th	Fling Seann Truibhas
Antigonish Highland Games - - July 18th, 2009		
Gillian Chiu		
Premier 12 & 13 yrs. Highland yrs	3 rd 3 rd 1 st 2 nd	Fling Sword Seann Truibhas Reel
ScotDance Canada 2009 Toronto, Ontario - July 1 - 5, 2009		
Colleen McGregor		
Highland and Irish Jig 16 yrs Premier - July 2	4 th 5 th	Jig ½ Tulloch
	Special Event Highland Laddie - Qualifier for Final	
Canadian Inter-Provincial Championships, 16 yrs and U 18	5 Judge's Placings July 3	
Nationals and Hornpipe 16yrs Premier – July 4	2 nd 2 nd	Hornpipe Village Maid
North American Championship – July 5	5 th Judge's placings	Reel of Tulloch Sword
Tera Kusano		
July 2nd - Highland - Restricted Premier 13 yrs	3 rd 2 nd 2 nd 2 nd	Fling Seann Truibhas Reel Jig
	Overall Aggregate Winner	
July 4th - Nationals - Restricted Premier 13 yrs	4 th 5 th 4 th 5 th 5 th	Blue Bonnets Village Maid Earl of Errol Hornpipe Jig
Alanna Flom		

July 2nd - Highland - Intermediate 12 yrs	4 th 5 th	Fling Jig
Kirsten Bendickson		
July 2nd - Highland - Intermediate 12 yrs	5 th 5 th	Fling Reel
Jean Thomson		
July 4th - Nationals - Beginner 7 yrs & Under	1 st 1 st 4 th	Reel Flora Lilt
Aggregate Trophy Winner		
Christina Thomson		
July 1st - Small Group Choreography	5th	Ena Sutton Dancers
July 2nd - Highland - Premier 12 yrs	4 th	Fling
July 5th - Premier 12 yrs North American Pre- Championship	3 rd 1 st 5 th	Fling Sword Seann Truibhas
Rachel Unruh		
July 3rd - Premier 10 & Under 12 - Canadian Interprovincial Championships	4 th 5 th	Seann Truibhas Sword
Allison Unruh		
July 4th - Nationals - Premier 7yrs & under 10	4 th 5 th	Blue Bonnets Earl of Errol
Laura Unruh		
July 2nd - Primary 4 & Under 6 yrs	1 st 1 st 1 st 2 nd	16 PDB's PDB & Hi-cuts Fling Sword
July 4th - Primary 4 & Under 6 yrs	2 nd 2 nd 1 st 3 rd	16 PDB's PDB & Hi-cuts Fling Sword
Gwen Richer		
July 2nd - Highland - Restricted Premier 15 & Under 17 yrs	2 nd 6 th 3 rd 3 rd	Fling Sword Seann Truibhas Reel
July 4th - Nationals - Restricted Premier 15 & Under 17 yrs	3 rd 5 th 5 th 1 st	Blue Bonnets Village Maid Earl of Errol Hornpipe
July 5th - North American Pre- Championships - 16 yrs	6 th	Sword

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:

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John McDermott's *Holiday Special*

Friday, Dec 11
8:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 12
8:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 13
2:00 pm

"McDermott's warm tenor voice is especially comforting at Christmas. Like a hot toddy in a big mug, it's something to curl up with in front of the fireplace on a cold winter's night... He escapes the saccharin trap of sentimentality by choosing songs and carols that encapsulate the pure and sincere sentiments of the season."

- Waterloo Record (2006)

John McDermott's performance of Celtic-inspired holiday music has fast become a Canadian tradition. An original member of the *Irish Tenors*, McDermott has recorded nine Scottish and Irish rooted albums.

John McDermott, vocalist



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