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Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association

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Laura UnRuh Brings Home Canadian Championship



For the first time in 27 years, Manitoba is proud to say one of our dancers has won a Canadian highland dance championship title.

At the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario, our very own Laura UnRuh danced her way to the title of Canadian Champion, Premier 10 and under 12 years.

With her great technique and glowing stage presence, Laura completed the Fling, Sword, Seann Trubhias and Reel beautifully and made Manitoba, her friends, family and dance teacher Gaelyn McGregor very proud!

Laura placed 1st in the Fling and Sword, 2nd in the Seann Trubhias and 3rd in the Reel.

Other dancers from Manitoba had great showings at the event in London, Ontario from July 6 to 10, 2015 as well - and the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association is pleased to highlight their accomplishments in this issue of the Tartan Press.

The great success of our dancers is helping bring even more excitement to the 2016 event, hosted in our city of Winnipeg!

SDCCS 2015 RESULTS

MHDA had 29 dancers representing our province at the SDCCS 2015 competition in London, Ontario, and boy did they do us proud! From a Canadian Champion title (front page story), a Canadian Championship runner-up, to many judges placings, medals, and Open Championship runner-ups, they were all amazing! Our dancers earned a combined 93 medals and 12 trophies/titles. Pretty impressive considering there were 947 dancers entered in the events!

DAY 1

Restricted Premier Highland Premier Highland

7 & Under 10 Years

Celeste Roy

Hullachan - 3rd

12 Years

Alyssa Warga

Seann Trubhias - 7th

Hullachan - 6th

Lauren Horvath

Hullachan - 4th

13 Years

Zoe Zaretsky

Seann Trubhias - 8th

Hullachan - 9th

15 Years

Meaghan Fennell

Fling - 6th

Seann Trubhias - 3rd

Hullachan - 2nd

16 Years

Keelyn McGinn

Seann Trubhias - 6th

20 & Under 25 Years

Kelsey Watchman

Fling - 1st

Seann Trubhias - 3rd

Hullachan - 3rd

Aggregate Winner

11 Years

Laura Unruh

Fling - 4th

Seann Trubhias - 1st

Hullachan - 1st

Aggregate Winner

18 Years

Jennifer Watt

Fling - 2nd

Hullachan - 2nd

19 & Under 21 Years

Julia Domke

Fling - 6th

21 Years & Over

Lauren McCombe

Fling - 5th

Seann Trubhias - 8th

Hullachan - 3rd

Jenny McLaghlán Jig

Finalists

7 & Under 13 Years

Laura Unruh

13 & Under 16 Years

Camryn Watson

Allison UnRuh

16 Years & Over

Jennifer Watt



Kelsey Watchman, Alia Cappelani and Lauren McCombe having fun at SDCCS 2015!



Camryn Watson and Gillian Foster getting ready for day 1 of competition! Photo credit: Susan French

DAY 2

2015 Canadian Championships

10 & Under 12 Years

Laura Unruh

Fling - 1st

Sword - 1st

Seann Trubhias - 2nd

Reel - 3rd

Overall - Canadian Champion

12 & Under 14 Years

Jean Thomson

Reel - 6th

14 & Under 16 Years

Allison UnRuh

Judges points

Meaghan Fennell

Judges points

16 & Under 18 Years

Rachel UnRuh

Judges points

18 & Under 21 Years

Jennifer Watt

Judges points

Alia Cappellani

Seann Trubhias - 6th

21 Years & Over

Lauren McCombe

Fling - 3rd

Overall - 5th Runner Up



Lauren McCombe did Manitoba very proud at SDCCS 2015 - taking home the 5th runner up trophy in the 21 years & over Canadian Championship class. The last time an adult dancer from Manitoba took home a runner-up position was 18 years ago (Tara Christie)!



Manitoba's reps looking amazing before the banquet after the Canadian Championships!

DAY 3

Restricted Premier Nationals

12 Years

Alyssa Warga

Hornpipe - 8th

Laddie - 7th

Flora - 3rd

13 Years

Zoe Zaretsky

Hornpipe - 2nd

Laddie - 5th

15 Years

Meaghan Fennell

Hornpipe - 3rd

Laddie - 1st

Scotch Measure - 2nd

16 Years

Keelyn McGinn

Laddie - 2nd

Claire Schon

Hornpipe - 6th

Flora - 5th

Scotch Measure - 2nd

21 & Over

Kelsey Watchman

Laddie - 2nd

Flora - 2nd

Scotch Measure - 5th

Sherry Dalliday Premiership

7 & Under 10 Years

Mya Pilat

Judges points

Celeste Roy

Judges points

11 Years

Laura Unruh

Hornpipe - 3rd

Laddie - 2nd

Flora - 2nd

Scotch Measure - 2nd

Overall - 1st Runner Up

Sherry Dalliday Premiership

13 Years

Jean Thomson

Hornpipe - 2nd

Laddie - 4th

Scotch Measure - 6th

Overall - 3rd Runner Up

15 Years

Allison Unruh

Scotch Measure - 6th

18 Years

Jennifer Watt

Laddie - 3rd

Flora - 2nd

Scotch Measure - 1st

Overall - 1st Runner Up

19 Years

Julia Domke

Flora - 4th

20 & Under 23 Years

Alia Cappellani

Hornpipe - 6th

Lauren McCombe

Judges points

Jenny McLaghlán Jig Finals

7 & Under 13 Years

Laura Unruh

Jig - 6th place

DAY 4

Pre-Championships

7 & Under 10 Years

Celeste Roy

Seann Trubhías - 6th

12 Years

Madelaine Baigre

Fling - 3rd

Sword - 3rd

Seann Trubhías - 5th

Reel - 6th

Pre-Championships

12 Years

Lauren Horvath

Sword - 8th

13 Years

Zoe Zaretsky

Reel - 10th

15 Years

Meaghan Fennell

Fling - 5th

Sword - 2nd

Kirsten Benidickson

Seann Truibhas - 8th

Gilian Foster

Fling - 8th

Reel - 4th

16 & Under 18 Years

Keelyn McGinn

Laddie - 2nd

Claire Schon

Seann Trubhías - 7th

DAY 5

SDCCS Open Championship

11 Years

Laura Unruh

Fling - 1st

Seann Trubhías - 1st

Reel - 1st

Overall Champion

13 Years

Jean Thomson

Fling - 5th

Sword - 4th

Reel - 6th

15 Years

Allison Unruh

Judges points

DAY 5

SDCCS Open Championship

17 Years

Rachel UnRuh

Sword - 6th

18 Years

Jennifer Watt

Fling - 2nd

Sword - 6th

Seann Trubhias - 6th

Reel - 5th

Overall - 3rd Runner Up

19 Years

Julia Domke

Fling - 4th

Reel - 5th

Overall - 5th Runner Up

20 Years

Alia Cappellani

Fling - 6th

Sword - 3rd

Seann Trubhias - 6th

Reel - 4th

Overall - 3rd Runner Up

21 Years & Over

Kelsey Watchman

Reel - 5th

Lauren McCombe

Fling - 5th

Seann Trubhias - 5th

Reel - 3rd

Overall - 4th Runner Up

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Primary dancer Jocelyn Carlson travelled to Eagan, Minnesota to compete in their highland games on July 18. She brought home two 2nd place medals, and two 3rds!



Congratulations to our SDCCS 2004 Scholarship Winner!

The 2004 SDCCS Scholarship Committee received 6 very worthy Premier scholarship applications this year.

The Committee is very pleased to announce that Katie Omand is the recipient of the Premier scholarship for 2015.

Katie demonstrated her dedication and love for highland dance through:

- Starting a highland dance class at her school, teaching and choreographing her fellow students, topping it off with a performance for the whole school;
- Actively participating in MHDA competitions and attending many dance-outs with MHDA and Ena Sutton;
- Volunteering with MHDA by helping at the Tartan Tea and at competitions.

Congratulations Katie!



Selkirk Highland Gathering

Some Manitoba dancers made the trip to Selkirk, Manitoba for their annual highland gathering earlier this summer on June 20, 2015. It was a great day of dancing, and here are some results from the Donna Cram and Irene Baird schools.

Premier 18 & over

Jennifer Watt

Fling - 1st

Sword - 1st

ST - 1st

Flora - 1st

Scotch Measure - 2nd

Overall Winner

Premier 11 & under

Mya Pilat

Fling - 2nd

Sword - 3d

ST - 2nd

Flora - 2nd

Scotch Measure - 3rd

18 & over special event jig

Jennifer Watt - 1st place

Colleen McGregor Has Successful Summer At Rainbow Stage

If you haven't caught Manitoba highland dancer Colleen McGregor-Furlan at Rainbow Stage this summer, you're missing out!

The talented musical theatre actress starred as Cosette in Les Miserables earlier this summer, and also as Sister Mary Robert in Sister Act - on until September 3, 2015.



Colleen performing in Sister Act (right) and the cast and crew of Les Miserables (left). Both photos from Colleen's social media.

Kelsey Wog Brings Home The Hardware

Big congratulations go out to Kelsey Wog - a long time MHDA dancer - for her many accomplishments at swimming events and competitions throughout the summer so far.

She brought home the most hardware at the Western Canada Summer Games - and was honoured to be the flag bearer at the Closing Ceremonies.

Here are her results from the Western Canada Summer Games:

100m breast, 200 breast and 200IM -- gold (new provincial record in age and senior open categories)

50 free -- bronze

100 free -- silver

200m and 400m Medley relay -- silver

200m, 400m & 800m free relay -- bronze



Manitoba Dancers Invade Scotland

Many Manitoba dancers made the trip overseas to compete in Scotland this summer - as well as perform!

Julia Domke of the Donna Cram school was chosen to be on the Edinburgh Military Tattoo dance team! Further details and pictures from her experience will be in the next edition of the Tartan Press.

We will also hopefully have some wonderful pictures and results from other dancers who competed in Scotland this summer - including Camryn Watson of the Susan French School of Highland Dance.

The McGregor Studio of Dance also had a strong presence overseas this summer.

Thirty-one participants made up of McGregor Studio of Dance dancers and their families traveled to Scotland to compete in various Championships including the World Pipe Band Championships, Crieff Highland Games, Bute Championship, Commonwealth Championship and Cowal (Scottish and World Championships) from August 14th - 28th, 2015.

Besides competing in the various games and championships, they were traveling the countryside visiting the Royal Deeside, Cawdor Castle and Culloden Battlefield, Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Pitlochry just to name a few.

We are looking forward to seeing the results - and if you were missed here please let us know that you travelled to Scotland (or anywhere else!) this summer!

You can send photos and results to the editor - Terryn Shiells - by e-mail at terryn.shiells@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

September 20, 2015 - The MHDA's AGM will be held at the Masonic Temple at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend - the meeting will include the election of officers!

October 9, 2015 - The SDCCS 2016 fundraiser Ceilidh at the Met! Dust off your dancing shoes and come out for a night of fun and socialization with the Scottish arts community.

October 24, 2015 - The Ena Sutton Highland Dancers of Winnipeg are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a dance competition and alumni dinner/dance.

Folklorama Highlights

The Susan French School of Highland Dance spent the first week of Folklorama performing at the United Kingdom pavilion. MHDA members also danced at the Pavilion of Scotland in week 2. Great job everyone!



Dust Off Your Dancing Shoes

The SDCCS 2016 Organizing Committee's Fall Ceilidh is just around the corner - so it's time to dust off those dancing shoes! (Not just your ghillies!)

The event is going to take place on **Friday, October 9** - which is a bit later than the original date of September 26 due to some scheduling conflicts. It will be hosted at the Metropolitan Theatre - 281 Donald Street, Winnipeg.

The all-ages show kicks off at 7 p.m. and will feature the Dust Rhinos, a silent auction, 50/50 and a cash bar.

There's also going to be a dancer/piper challenge - where a dancer and a piper will team up to create a surely amazing choreography to perform. The winners will receive cash prizes and it only costs \$20 per team to enter!

Don't worry if you don't know any pipers to hook up with for this event, as there will be a point person to help create the teams.

There are two categories, 18 and under - they'll perform at 8:00 p.m. Note: both members of the team must be under 18. The 18 & over teams will perform starting at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 if you buy them in advance, \$15 at the door.

If you would like to volunteer for the event, or help acquire silent auction prizes please contact Bonnie Bain!

Oh, and don't forget to spread the word!

Congrats Soon To Be Dr. McCombe

Gaelyn McGregor and the MHDA would like to congratulate dancer Lauren McCombe on her acceptance into the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba this fall.