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MHDA Provincial Championship & Selection Meet

For those new to the world of highland dance, you may have wondered what distinguishes the various trophies and awards presented to Premier dancers at "Provincials". Here is a brief primer.

Selection Meets or Provincials take place in each province to determine what dancers will represent a province at "Canadians" (held as part of the ScotDance Canada Championship Series or SDCCS).

There are 7 age brackets in the Canadian Championship and each province can have up to three representatives for each age bracket. The exception to this rule relates to reigning Canadian Champions. A reigning Canadian Champion has a bye and so for the age category for a reigning champ, a province can be represented by the reigning champion plus have 3 other representatives. This is why in the 12 and under 14 category this year, Manitoba can be represented by Laura Unruh plus three additional dancers. Manitoba's Provincial Championship and Provincial Selection Meet is being held May 6, 2017.

The Provincials are a championship event (an event where each dance is judged by 3 judges and dancer placings are determined by the aggregate of the judges' scores for each dancer). When hosting a championship event, there must be a minimum of 6 dancers in each age category to qualify as a Championship class. Since the age categories for Canadians are set by ScotDance Canada, Manitoba cannot group ages in such a manner to ensure that there are 6 dancers in a category.

So, on May 6th, for those age categories where there are at least 6 dancers, the term Championship will be used. Awards will be presented to the 6 dancers receiving the highest point totals over the 4 highland dances (Champion plus 5 Runner-ups- the Champion plus the next two dancers with the highest aggregate point total will be asked to represent Manitoba). For those age categories with less than 6 dancers, the term Championship cannot be used. Instead, a perpetual trophy will be presented to the dancer with the highest point totals over the 4 dances and the next two dancers with the highest point totals in that age category will be selected as provincial representatives for Manitoba at Canadians.

Provincial Representative Photos for May 6 Jackets Competition

All previous Provincial Representatives who are competing on May 6th are reminded to bring their jackets with them to the Civic Centre. Those that are again selected and able to be Manitoba Representatives in PEI in 2017 will be asked to hand in their jackets so '2017' can be added to the embroidery. Dancers selected to be representatives for the first time can place an order for a jacket before leaving the Civic Centre on May 6th.

Dancer member Noelle Wood will be on hand on May 6th to take pictures of each class of award recipients on May 6th. After awards are made on stage, the dance category will be escorted to the photo area for a group photo. These photos will be placed on a photo sharing site from which MHDA members will be able to download images for free. Details of how to access these photos will be distributed to members via email in the week or two following the event.

MHDA Trio Performs in Divisional Musical Together



Katie Omand, Jasper Bain and Mira Foulkes who attend 3 different middle schools in the St James-Assiniboia School Division, were all selected to represent their respective schools as cast members in a recent Divisional production of James and the Giant Peach. Mira and Katie were both dancers in the ensemble and Jasper was given a lead role as the Centipede. The cast consists of students between in Grades 4 to 8 from all the elementary and middle schools in St James. The kids rehearse from September to January for a run of 10 shows at the end of January. It is a huge and wonderful production. The kids work very hard to learn all their lines, songs and dance moves. The 3 girls agree that their experience in Highland Dance has helped them in many ways. It has given them stamina, confidence, stage presence and the ability to do quick costume changes.

Mass Fling to Celebrate Canada 150 - June 10 at the Forks



For the Participation 150 to celebrate Canada 150 - Canada's 150th birthday on July 1, 2017, activity number 138 is "cultural/folk dance." Check out the icon!

We would like to get 150 tartan clad dancers, parents and family members to participate in a mass fling between the morning and afternoon events at the Mid-Canada Open Championship and Competition at the Forks (weather dependent) on Saturday, June 6. So, family members get your tartan ready and your toes warmed up!

138/150



Folk/Cultural Dances

Save the Date - Fundraiser for dancers attending SDCCS 2017 in PEI

Don't miss our Spring BBQ Bird & Bevie Fundraiser!

Save the Date of Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6-9pm at the Reign Nightclub in Canad Inns Express Fort Garry.

The MHDA will once again run a Spring fundraiser for dancers travelling to SDCCS, but with a slight change. This year, we are offering a BBQ Chicken dinner (with potato and salad sides, plus beverage). The fundraiser will maintain the same format and conditions as the last one in 2015. This event is open to all dancers travelling to the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in Charlottetown, PEI in July.

There are multiple ways to participate and earn funds to assist with the expenses of travelling to this prestigious event.

In order to participate, please provide proof of registration regardless of dancer classification. Once participation is confirmed, there are 3 ways to earn funds (choose what works for your family):

- 1) Sell tickets: \$10 from each ticket sold goes back to the dancer that sold the ticket (for example, sell 10 tickets, receive \$100). Dancers can sell tickets to friends, family, coworkers, etc whether they are available to attend or not.
- 2) Donate or collect a prize: Provide a minimum of one prize basket in order to receive funds from the Silent Auction. After the silent auction is completed, all proceeds will be divided equally amongst all the dancers providing a minimum of one basket each.
- Families with multiple dancers must provide a basket from each dancer in order to receive multiple shares. Dancers need not attend to participate, however, you must make your own arrangements to ensure the basket is delivered in time for the event and clearly marked with the donating dancer's name. Anyone requiring a donation request letter, please advise Lisa Omand.
- 3) Perform: Dancers that participate in the Dance-out performance that evening will split the proceeds of the 50/50 draw. (Dancers do not need a ticket to attend for performing only, however, they will not receive a meal and no outside food or drinks are permitted).

If you are not attending SDCCS 2017, but would still like to support our dancers, ask around to your fellow dancers to see if anyone is selling tickets. If not, please contact Lisa Omand to arrange for tickets.

Lisa will be available on May 6 at the Provincial Selection meet and again on the weekend of Mid-Canada on June 10 & 11th to distribute tickets or via email/phone in between. Please contact Lisa Omand (lomand@mymts.net or 204-479-3021) with questions, for tickets and for a donation request letter. "

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The MHDA will host its annual closed Pre-Premier and Premier Provincial Selection Championship competition. The entry form is now available at mbhighlanddance.com - entries open on Monday, April 10, 2017!

Sunday May 28, 2017

If you're thinking of attending the ScotDance Canada Championship Series event in PEI this summer - your deadline to register is on May 28, 2017! Check out sdccs.ca for more information.

Sat June 10 & Sun June 11, 2017

The annual MHDA Mid-Canada Competition (including Championship and Premiership) will take place at the Forks under the canopy. More information about registration is coming soon!

Friday, June 16, 2017

The MHDA is hosting a fundraiser for dancers attending SDCCS 2017 in PEI. Full details available to the left.

Sat Jun 24 & Sun Jun 25, 2017

The annual Manitoba Highland Gathering in Selkirk, Manitoba will take place this weekend. More details are coming soon!

Thurs Jun 29 - Mon Jul 3, 2017

SDCCS 2017, including the Canadian Championships, is taking place June 29 to July 3 in PEI this year! Celebrate Canada 150 with many other members of the highland dance community from across the world. More info at www.sdccs.ca - some Manitoba dancers are already preparing for this event!

Thanks to Members & Banville & Jones for Donating To MHDA Wine Raffle

Thank you to our contributing members and to Banville & Jones for rounding out our wine selection and crating the prizes for the draw!

You can visit their store located at:
1616 St. Mary's Road or visit them online at:
www.banvilleand-jones.com

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Out of Town Results

Northern Canadian Championship
Edmonton, AB
April 8, 2017

Mya Pilat (pictured below)
Premier 10 & Under 12 Years
Fling - 6th
Sword - 2nd
Overall - 5th Runner Up



Northern Canadian Championship
Edmonton, AB
April 8, 2017

Madelaine Baigrie
Premier 14 & Under 16 Years
Fling - 4th
Seann Trubhias - 6th
Reel - 4th
Overall - 4th Runner Up

Camryn Watson
Premier 14 & Under 16 Years
Fling - 6th
Sword - 6th
Seann Trubhias - 3rd
Overall - 5th Runner Up

Jennifer Watt
Premier 18 & Over
Fling - 2nd
Sword - 2nd
Seann Trubhias - 2nd
Reel - 2nd
Overall - 1st Runner Up



From left to right: Jennifer Watt, Madelaine Baigrie and Camryn Watson at the Northern Canadian Championship.

City of Edmonton Premiership
Edmonton, AB
April 9, 2017

Mya Pilat
Premier 10 & Under 12 Years
Village Maid - 6th
Hornpipe - 3rd
Overall - 4th Runner Up

Madelaine Baigrie
Premier 14 & Under 16 Years
Highland Laddie - 3rd
Blue Bonnets - 5th
Village Maid - 5th
Hornpipe - 3rd
Overall - 3rd Runner Up

Camryn Watson
Premier 14 & Under 16 Years
Highland Laddie - 5th
Blue Bonnets - 4th
Village Maid - 4th
Hornpipe - 5th
Overall - 4th Runner Up

Jennifer Watt
Premier 18 & Over
Highland Laddie - 2nd
Blue Bonnets - 2nd
Village Maid - 2nd
Hornpipe - 3rd
Overall - 1st Runner Up

Fraser Valley Open Competition
Fort Langley, BC
April 29, 2017

Celest Roy (pictured below)
Pre Championship 13 Years & Under
Fling - 2nd
Seann Truibhas - 1st
Reel - 1st
Overall - Trophy Winner

Fraser Valley Open Championship
Fort Langley BC
April 29, 2017

Celeste Roy
Premier 10 & Under 12 Years
Fling - 4th
Sword - 6th
Seann Trubhias - 4th
Reel - 4th
Overall - 3rd Runner Up



Did you compete out of town recently?

Send your results in to be featured in the Tartan Press!

Even if the results are a bit old, we still want to highlight your successes competing at out of town competitions!

Send in your results to terryn.shiells@gmail.com - if you have a picture include that, too!

Wanted: MHDA Equipment Manager

The MHDA is looking for responsible person to be in charge of overseeing the delivery and setup/take down of equipment

such as the sound system and platforms upon which the judges sit from time to time. Ideally, the person should have access to a van or truck. This could be a shared position and would qualify as satisfaction of the volunteer commitment. Interested persons should contact Lisa Omand at lomand@mymts.net.



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BOYS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

MHDA is proud to launch a NEW program designed to inspire young male dancers and potential dancers to take the first step in participating in highland dance or continue to participate in Scottish heritage through dance.

Boys age 3 and up are welcome!



May 13, 2017

2:30pm

Participation is Free!

For more information and to RSVP contact:
fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com

Mid-Canada Open Championship, Lord Selkirk Premiership & Open Competition

Registration for the MHDA events at the Forks held on June 10 and 11 will open on May 10th. New to this year will be the presentation of awards at the Championship and Premiership to 5th Runner up - previously awards were presented only to the 3rd Runner Up position.

Did you know that over the course of these two days, the judges will make a determination of who will be presented with a trophy for the Most Promising Beginner, Most Promising Novice, Most Promising Intermediate, and Most Promising 13 year old Premier Dancer? The determination is based upon what the judges see over the course of the two days of dancing.

Parent's Fling Making a Comeback - June 11, 2017

Returning this year to the Sunday of the two-day event will be the much loved Parent Fling. You need not be a parent to sign up on the day. You can be a grandparent, aunt, uncle....just be ready to give it your all. Awards will be presented to 'best female' and 'best male'. No prior experience expected or required. The event will be held just before the morning awards take place.

Special Events for Premier Dancers at the Mid-Canada Championship and at the Lord Selkirk Premiership

Some of you who may be new to highland dance may wonder what the Award for Stephen Juba Seann Triubhas is or how the McGeown Jig works. These two awards are in addition to the regular dance placings and awards handed out over the course of the two days of competition at the Forks. Each operates quite differently from the other.

The Stephen Juba Seann Triubhas consists of a dance off of the top placing dancers in the Sean Triubhas event of each "12 and over age" category in the MidCanada Championship. It is not a separately danced event in the sense that every dancer 12 years or older participating in the MidCanada Championship is automatically eligible. Why just the "12 and over age" categories? Dancers under the age of 12 do what is commonly referred to as the 'short steps'. The winner of an under 12 age category would not be able to do short steps in a dance off against the dancers who are 12 or older. So, the winners of each age bracket for dancers 12 or older, re-takes the stage after the 4th dance of the Championship is completed

in order to dance the Seann Triubhas once again. The judges then determine which dancer will be the recipient of the award for the Stephen Juba Seann Triubhas for the year. It is possible for the same dancer to win this award more than once.

The McGeown Jig, on the other hand, is a separate event from the Lord Selkirk Premiership. A dancer must pay a separate entry fee to compete in this event. It takes place at the conclusion of the 4 dances for the Premiership. The dancers are organized into new age brackets for the event based upon the number of dancers entering the event. So, there may be different age categories than there were for the Premiership. After the entrants dance the Jig, the top dancer from each age category is selected to dance the Jig a second time in a dance off from which the judges will select a winner. The winner of the McGeown Jig cannot enter the McGeown Jig in any subsequent years thereby assuring a new winner each year.

Winter and Year End Aggregate Awards

At the May competition, the MHDA will present a Winter High Aggregate award to dancers in each of the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Premier categories. Each recipient is determined by tallying the total points the dancer has earned over the 4 'winter' competitions (October, November, January and March). In order for the the points of a particular dance to be included in the calculation for the overall aggregate award, there had to be at least 6 dancers participating in the dance. Points earned in one category do not follow the dancer to the next category if the dancer changes categories over the course of the year. To ensure consistency in the determination of the aggregate

winners, the points used for all four competitions are the new point values in place since January 1, even for those competitions that took place before January 1st:

Placing Points

1st - 137 (previously 88)
2nd - 91 (56)
3rd - 71 (38)
4th - 53 (25)
5th - 37 (16)
6th - 23 (10)

On June 11, 2017, there will be a presentation made to the Premier dancer who has earned the most points over all of the MHDA events in the 2016-17 dance season. Again, the new

point values will be used and applied to those dances where there were at least 6 dancers participating. Point totals earned over the 4 winter events together with points earned at the May Competition and both days at the Forks will be tallied to determine the recipient. (you may choose to insert the name of the award by asking Janie Watt what it is called)

On May 6, the Dance Out Awards will also be presented to the Pre-premier and Premier dancers participating in the most MHDA dance outs.

The recipients of the "SDCCS Scholarships" will also be announced at the May Competition.