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The Official Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association

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Join us at the Annual MHDA Tartan Tea

The countdown is on for the MHDA's annual festive fundraiser – the Tartan Tea! Mark your calendars for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 from noon – 4:00 p.m. at Assiniboia Downs. This venue offers full wheelchair accessibility and loads of free parking!

The Tartan Tea is a wonderful opportunity for dancers to showcase their talents in a non-competitive environment, and have some fun in a festive setting! The Tea is MHDA's major fundraiser. Revenues generated help serve as a basis for determining government funding, as well as help cover the costs of our competitions. Please help the MHDA carry out the holiday tradition of inviting friends and family to enjoy an afternoon of dancing entertainment and dainties, Santa, shopping and more, all while helping support our organization! Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 3, 2017!

Tickets are \$10 each (children under 10 are free with an adult admission). Performers are free. Tickets are available through dancers, by contacting the Tartan Tea Committee at tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com and at the door.

New this year will be a centrally-located stage for better viewing our hard-working dancers, including performances by the Boys Mentorship Program and SDTA Scholarship Invitees.

Tea attendees can look forward to the ever-popular Jar Bar, Bake Sale, Scottish Auction and a FAN-tastic Grand Door Prize! Additional highlights include a wonderful **Vendors Market** with many unique and creative items for sale, such as

decorative pillows, ceramics, cards, jewelry, stuffies, Usborne books, Steeped Tea, local honey and our very own MHDA practice socks – great to grab as a Holiday gift! There are still a few vendor spots available; if interested in booking a spot please contact Janet Anderson at janetlyon_teacher@hotmail.com.



Dancers, friends and family members alike will have the opportunity to have a visit with Santa, have their faces painted, and purchase a surprise treasure from the **Jar Bar**. It is a delight to watch the excitement as kids uncover the candy or treats hidden inside their jar! Jars will be sold for \$3 or 2 for \$5.

The **Bake Sale Table** is an ideal way to stock up on some holiday baking without all the work or to purchase some of the baking sampled while watching the dance program. For many families it is a multi-generational tradition not only to attend the Tea, but to work together preparing family favorite recipes that they donate to both the bake sale table and for serving.

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NEW this year! A separate NUT-FREE table will be available, offering nut-free treats both for purchase, as well as for eating on-site! If you're able to provide GUARANTEED NUT or ALLERGY-FREE BAKING, please contact Jennifer Lange at wabisabidesign@hotmail.ca

The **Scottish Auction** consists of wonderful raffle baskets donated from Dance Schools, local businesses and individuals. We welcome any additional donations to the Scottish Auction! Please contact Jennifer Watson at

tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com

The contributions made by teachers, dance schools and volunteers have ensured the success of this annual event. Each dance school is responsible for providing volunteers for the various "stations", such as working the door, running the bake sale, jar bar and auction tables, and cutting and serving dainties. **Please contact your dance teacher for details regarding your performance and volunteer timing and requirements**, including your School's contribution to a Scottish Auction basket. In addition, each family is gratefully asked to provide baking (2 – 3 dozen cookies or dainties) and a contribution to the Jar Bar. If you are not part of a dance school and wish to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Jennifer Watson at tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com

Boys Mentorship Program Update



The MHDA Boys Mentorship has 11 regular participants and just keeps growing! We have boys coming out ages 4-13. Our last session was on the heels of a blizzard and our boys from Minnedosa still braved the highways to take part. It is unbelievably rewarding to see these kids grow together and improve their dance skills.

We are excited to have the opportunity to perform at The Tartan Tea. What a fabulous start to December!

Our next session will be in the New Year. Anyone who is interested in coming out to dance whether for the first time or not, please contact Jennifer Lange at fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com. We look forward to seeing everyone at the tea!



Cupcakes & Practice Socks For Sale At November Competition!

Make sure you check out our fundraising table where we are selling MHDA practice socks (a great stocking stuffer!) and cupcakes at the November competition!

Don't Forget to Fulfill Your Volunteer Requirement!

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to sign up and complete their required volunteer shifts for the year. Don't delay! Here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4caeab2aa6fd0-201718>

MHDA's Online Registration System

We know from time to time there are issues that crop up with the online registration system. To the extent that the team behind posting the registration form and the online system was behind any glitches, we offer our heartfelt apologies for any distress that has been caused. Please be assured that we do try to make things as smooth as possible for all concerned. Unfortunately, sometimes glitches or 'life' thwarts our efforts. Please be patient and don't hesitate to email someone on the executive to alert them of any problem. If a fix is not already in motion, it soon will be.

Here are some tips that you can follow to help us out on our end when you register:

1. Try not to use ALL CAPS. The information that you input forms the basis for what is placed in the program and it helps save us time if we don't have to retype a dancer's name from ALL CAPS.

2. If you fill in the registration form portion, submit it, but then have difficulty paying, please do not re-register to try and get the pay screen again. We will know that you haven't paid and we will send you a new Paypal Invoice. You will not lose your place in the registration queue. It will save us from deleting multiple duplicate (or triplicate) registrations and minimize the risk of possibly deleting your earliest registration.

3. If you made a mistake in your dancer's name or age or dance classification, again, please do not re-register. Simply contact the competition registrar at Registration@mbhighlanddance.com and advise what you need corrected. She can go into the online registration data and correct it for you.

Don't worry if you don't have your SOBHD or your MHDA numbers handy. Just put in a place holder such as "i forgot". You will need to be a member of the SOBHD to compete and we will verify that on the day when you present your Scotdance card. As for your MHDA membership, our membership director reviews the registration list for each competition and

flags the names of anyone who is not a member.

4. If you decide to add a dance, please contact the competition registrar at Registration@mbhighlanddance.com and advise what you want added. Arrangements can be made to pay at the registration desk on the day of the competition for the additional dance. Please try to do this before the registration closing date.

5. If you decide to delete a dance that you registered for or not to compete at all, it is helpful to let the competition registrar know before the day of the competition, when picking up the number at the registration desk, or tell the marshalls and scoring desk when in the midst of the competition. Believe it or not, the number of dancers participating in each dance can affect things such as marshalling the dancers onto the stage and the number of awards handed out in a dance. It is very helpful to the volunteers on the day of the competition to know of any changes such as this that affect their jobs on the day.

7. If you have an emergency or medical condition that has arisen that prevents the dancer from competing, please scan and email the corresponding medical note or other 'proof' to Registration@mbhighlanddance.com if you are seeking a refund of your entry fee.

6. Now that we have gone to a system of no late registrations, please be sure to review your emails at least a week before a competition to make sure that you have a confirmation of your registration for the upcoming competition. You can also check with the competition registrar. This confirmation will set out the category and dances that you selected. Please review for accuracy and completeness.

If you have a question or concern that has not been covered in this article, please let us know at Registration@mbhighlanddance.com.

Value Village FUNDrive for the MHDA Trophy and Awards Fund

Submitted by Lauren Horvath



The donations for the FUNDrive are rolling in to the point that my mom has had to rent a storage locker! A big shout out to Lacey Scott, Manager of ALL POINTS SELF STORAGE for giving us a great price on an indoor climate controlled locker. She was amazing to work with. If you have need to have a self-storage locker call her at 204-475-0359. ALL POINTS SELF STORAGE is located on Samborski Drive just west of the Kenaston Costco.

A table will be set up at the November competition to pick up bags, flyers and postcards if you want to do some advertising with your friends, families, and neighbours. Don't forget that for each bag returned you get one ballot into the draw. Let's start filling up the draw box this weekend! Also, please check the update boards for the School & Studio Challenge and the totals toward our goal.

It is very appreciated if soft goods and hard goods are placed in separate bags. We are paid 15 cents per pound for soft goods and 5 cents per pound for hard goods. If you aren't sure what they accept ask us at the November 18 competition or email knee@mts.net. Thanks to everyone who has participated so far and thanks in advance for those of you that are continuing to collect items for submission!



Visiting a Magical Place

Where is the most magical place to dance? If you asked six of the Kids In Kilts competitive dancers, they would tell you at the International Gathering of Scottish Highland Dance, Walt Disney (TM) Resort in Florida. After a full summer of practicing 5 different original choreography pieces (created by teacher Zoe Wreggitt) as well as practicing for the competition itself they were ready to fly to the Magic Kingdom. Rising super early the day of the competition, they danced from 8 in the morning

until 8 at night with competition/choreography (which was judged by Billy Forsyth MBE) bringing back to Winnipeg a number of awards for both their individual efforts and for their solo/group choreography. So much talent to watch and dance along side, the long day of dancing was worth it even with a pre-parade rehearsal thrown in for the older dancers.

But that wasn't all they did because they were at Disney where it's fun all the time. Here are a few of the non-competition highlights:

- a visit to Epcot where rides or visiting characters was on the agenda with some pavilion visiting
- pictures with Merida

- the 'littles' (an affectionate name for the younger dancers) went to the Magic Kingdom for pirate makeovers
- dancer's over 10 years of age were eligible to participate (after a video audition) in the Parade down Main Street so that's where the older dancers were cheered on by the 'littles' and the families
- lots of rides and food treats
- costumes were donned for the Halloween party and Trick-or-treating in the park with more rides, character meet&greet's, a great night to end the adventure.

It was an incredible experience, lots of very hard work, much organizing for months to make things go smoothly but the smiles made it worth the stress of missing luggage, hotel challenges and long days. Highland dance literally can take you to castles and kingdoms in many parts of the world – but it is always good to come home to Winnipeg where the next adventure awaits.



Dance Outs for MHDA in November & December

Dancers from MHDA will be performing at the upcoming events:

Nov. 16 8:10 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. at the Manitoba Club

Nov. 17 8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Provencher Room at the Fort Garry Hotel

Nov. 24 8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. at the Fort Garry Hotel

Anyone who would like to participate in any of these can email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com to indicate their interest.

MHDA is also looking for dancers to perform during the Tartan Tea on Sunday, December 3, 2017. MHDA will be performing traditional dances from 1:05 to 1:25 p.m., and again at 2:40 to 3:00 p.m. If you'd like to sign up to perform during these time slots please email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com with your availability and list of dances you/your dancer are able to perform.

Call for information on Honourary Members

"In our continued efforts to update the new MHDA website, we are looking for information on some honorary members. There are 4 Honorary Members listed that have no photo or profile information. The current executive is seeking details of who these members are, when and why they were inducted as well as their history with the MHDA. If anyone has information regarding:

Marilyn Rimmer, Margaret MacLeod, Judith Rowan or Marlene Treichel please forward it to Lisa Omand at president@mbhighlanddance.com.

Local artist Contributes to MHDA

The artwork on our trophies at the November Competition was done by Kayla Schnell. Kayla is a member of the Manitoba Highland Dancers Association and has been dancing for the past 11 years. She is in her first year at the University of Manitoba working towards a degree in Criminology. Kayla began painting in junior high when she took an art class at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Kayla has developed her talent since then and has done various artwork in and around her community. A few notable mentions include painting murals at her high school and redesigning and painting the Stanford Collegiate sign at the local arena. Along with these local projects, Kayla has also had two paintings that have sold at the Winnipeg Art Gallery!

Kayla plans to continue on with her artwork while in University, as well as running her Photography business, another aspect of her talent! Of course she plans to do all of this while continuing to attend regular dance class at the Susan French School of Highland Dance. Her future dance goals are to take her Associates with the SDTA as well as travel back to Scotland in 2019. Thank you for your contribution to making these unique trophies special with your artwork Kayla!

The trophies at this competition are all made from pieces of slate, a stone that is found in the Eastern Region/Whiteshell Provincial Park. They are all uniquely shaped and hand painted so no two are alike!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017 we are hosting the second competition for the 2017/18 highland dance season. It will be at the Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre in Winnipeg. Good luck to all dancers competing!

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Workshops are being held for dancers and teachers with the judges from the November competition. For more information, please ask your teacher.

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Save the date for the Annual Tartan Tea! It will be hosted at Assiniboia Downs once again in 2017. More details on tickets, volunteering and performances are listed in this edition of the Tartan Press! Your teacher will let you know when you perform and how you can help by volunteering with your school!

Saturday, January 20, 2018

The first competition of 2018 will be hosted by MHDA on January 20. More details are coming soon!

February 10 & 11, 2018

The Winnipeg Scottish Festival and Championship will be held on February 10, followed by workshops on February 11. More info coming soon!



Out of Town Results - Kids In Kilts in Disney

International Gathering of Scottish Highland Dancing (Disney World, Florida, October 28, 2018)

Allyson Stubbe – Beginner

Fling – 5th
Sword – 4th
Seann Triubhas – 4th
Hullachan – 3rd
Lilt - 3rd

Payton Young – Beginner

Fling - 7th
Sword - 6th
Reel - 5th
Flora - 6th
Lilt - 6th

Morgan Weiss – Beginner

Fling – 3rd
Sword – 3rd
Hullachan – 4th
Lilt – 2nd
Flora – 5th



Emmaline Windsor – Novice (7- under 12 years)

Fling – 2nd
Sword – 5th
Seann Triubhas – 2nd
Hullachan – 2nd
Lilt – 4th
Flora – 2nd
Runner Up in the Novice Highland and National Class

Annabelle Windsor – Novice (12 years and over)

Fling – 4th
Sword – 3rd
Seann Triubhas – 3rd
Hullachan – 5th
Lilt – 6th
Flora- 2nd

Katherine Walc – Intermediate

Sword – 6th
Seann Triubhas – 3rd
Hullachan – 4th
Johnny – 5th
Laddie – 6th



Choreography Awards

'Minnie's Youhoo' (Morgan & Allyson)

-Costume Characterization Award & Overall Award

'Alice and the Tweedles' (Katherine, Morgan & Allyson)

-Costume Characterization Award, Overall Award and Judges Special Award: "Cute as a Button"

'Raider's March' (Payton)

-Costume Characterization Award'

This is Halloween' (Katherine, Annabelle & Emmaline)

-Musical Interpretation Award, Overall Award and Judge's Special Award: "Best Thematic Dance – Spooky"



Outfits For Sale



Like new complete highland dance suit . Smoke free home \$500 (will consider offers) Chocolate brown jacket , lace Dickie, with 2 pair socks. BC tartan.

Waist 28 inches, hip 34 inch, bust 34 and the kilt length is 26 inches with small hem.

Jig out fit available - \$50.00

Ladies size 4-6 with Waist is elastic and extends from 22 -32 inches.

Red velvet vest and skirt with slip, apron lace blouse and sock. Red jig shoes approximately ladies size 5-6. Length is 25 inches waist to hem with a 2 inch hem.

Also available are a like new pair of ghillies and an emerald coloured highland vest.

Contact Susan Weland at 204-224-8694 OR susanweland@shaw.ca.



Size 10 Aboyne costume, beautiful rich red velvet with matching dress tartan skirt and plaid. Skirt has velcro adjustable waist and adjustable hem. Blouse and underskirt also provided. Measures - length skirt - 20.5 inches; hem skirt - 4 inches, waist - 22 inches, vest length - 15 inches. Price - \$350. Contact email - todescan29@gmail.com