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Perform with MHDA - Upcoming Dance Out Opportunities

- Thursday, November 22, Manitoba Club, 7:45
- Friday, November 23, Fort Garry Hotel, 7:30
- Friday, November 30, Fort Garry Hotel, 7:30
- Saturday, December 1, Tartan Tea 1:05 AND 2:40

Please contact danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com to indicate interest with date (and time for Tartan Tea), dancer name and competition level. More information will be sent to dancers indicating interest for each individual danceout.

Boys Mentorship Program Update

A huge thank you to Jason Guralnick from Royal LePage for sponsoring our Boys Mentorship program!

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Our program is meeting every weekend until the Tartan Tea and then we will start up in January again! We welcome all new participants age 3&up!

Look for us on December 1st at the Tartan Tea!

2018 Tartan Tea

This year, the 63rd Annual Tartan Tea is being held on Saturday, December 1 at Petrus Hall. This brand new venue, situated at 2624 Inkster Blvd (near the corner of Brookside Blvd), boasts a built-in stage, lots of natural lighting, wheelchair accessibility, large parking lot, commercial kitchen, proper changerooms and no pillars!

Tickets were distributed with full membership renewals. They can also be purchased at the door at a cost of \$10 per person. Children age 6 & under are free, as are performers of all ages.

Many familiar traditions will be the same as always, but there are also a few changes.

There will be a Scottish Auction and 50/50 Draw. Please contribute to your dance school's basket or contact us at president@mbhighlanddance.com to make a prize donation. This area is being manned by the Cram & Shiells Schools. Please bring baskets to the Tea for noon or make arrangements to have it dropped off to a committee member: Lisa Omand, Jennifer Lange, Cathy Laver-Wright, Sam Windsor or Janet Lyon-Anderson.

The Jar Bar is returning with volunteers from the McCallum School. This is a very popular area that sells out early every year. In order to have jars available for the whole event, we are asking each member family to try to make and donate 5-10 jars. These jars sell for \$3 each and are most often purchased by children, so please ensure their value exceeds \$3 and their contents are kid-friendly. They can contain toys, candy, craft supplies, Christmas items, socks, hair accessories, or other fun surprises and do not have to be placed in glass jars. Any type of bag or container will do. Bring jars pre-wrapped with you to the Tea.

There will once again be a Bake Sale, manned by the Highland Hoppers. Please try to donate at least 1 dozen baked goods or a loaf, clearly marked. Donations can be brought when you arrive at the Tea.

Coffee & tea are offered at no cost. All supplies were generously donated by Van Houtte Coffee Services. The station will be self-serve (except for the VIPs at the head table) and all beverage preparation will be handled by the Kids in Kilts.

We are once again offering dainties to enjoy with your coffee or tea. However, this year, each admission ticket

also includes a ticket that allows guests to pick-up 1 pre-made plate of dainties. There will not be trays of unlimited dainties sitting out on the tables. This will allow us to offer nut-aware options, avoid cross-contamination and better adhere to food safety regulations. Dainties are



being cut and plated by the Ramesar and Court Schools. There will be a self-serve area to pick up your plate of dainties. If every member can try to donate at least 1 dozen dainties, a slice

or a loaf to this area, we should have enough items to offer our all guests without having to purchase store-bought baking.

Throughout the day, you will be able to enjoy beautiful dance performances by the following schools: Cram, Court, Ramesar, Shiells, Highland Hoppers, Kids in Kilts & French. See your dance teacher for exact time and costume needs. There will also be a special performance by our Boys' Mentorship Program, choreography by dancers attending the SDTA Scholarship Conference and 2 opportunities for MHDA members to perform traditional dances

There will be a visit from Santa and some special elves will be applying glitter tattoos at a cost of \$3 per tattoo. We will once again be inducting a new Honorary Member and presenting our special Walter Hagborg Community Service Award. There will be a small selection of vendors selling Scottish-themed items and door prize draws made throughout the day.



The day promises to have something for everyone that loves Scottish dance, music and culture. Please help the MHDA make this traditional event a wonderful success by volunteering, donating and/or attending.

Hope to see you all on December 1st.

- Lisa Omand, Tartan Tea Coordinator

Out of Town Results - Ottawa

Jennifer Watt from the Donna Cram school and Celeste Roy from the Susan French school recently competed at Canada's Capital City Championship and national competition. See their results below.

Canada's Capital City Championship

Jennifer Watt, Premier 18 to 21

Fling - 2nd, Sword - 1st, ST - 2nd,
Reel - 2nd

Overall - 1st Runner Up

Nationals Competition

Celeste Roy, Premier

Laddie - 3rd, Jig - 5th, Village
Maid - 4th, Earl of Errol - 2nd

Jennifer Watt, Premier 18 & over

Laddie - 2nd, Jig - 2nd, Flora - 3rd,
Village Maid - 3rd

Overall - 1st Runner Up



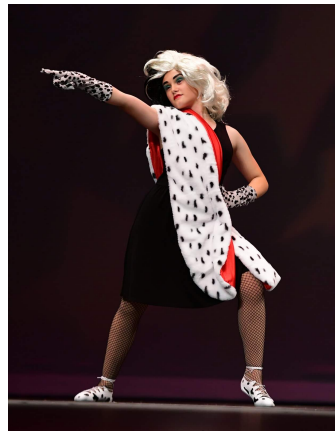
Out of Town Results - Disney

Juleah Chabih from the Susan French school attended the International Gathering of Scottish Highland Dance in Orlando, Florida on October 20. She did great and had lots of fun!

Juleah Chabih, Premier

Fling - 4th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 3rd, Reel -
3rd, Laddie - 2nd, Johnnie - 4th

**Overall 1st Runner Up in both Highlands
& Nationals**



Juleah's Disney c choreography



Juleah Chabih pictured in the middle with her awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17, 2018 - The MHDA Closed November competition will take place at Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre. Premier & Intermediate Dancers register at 9 a.m. and dance at 9:30 a.m. Pre-premier dancers register at 12:30 p.m., dance following morning results.

November 18, 2018 - Dancer, professional and parent workshops taking place at the Prairie Theatre Exchange. For more information ask your teacher.

November 22, 2018 - MHDA dancers are invited to perform at the The Manitoba Club's Gentlemen's Dinner celebrating St Andrew's Day. To sign up email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com

November 23, 2018 - MHDA dancers are invited to perform at the Scottish Gentlemen's Dinner at the Fort Garry. To sign up email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com

November 30, 2018 - MHDA dancers are invited to perform at the St. Andrew's Society Dinner. To sign up email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com

December 1, 2018 - The annual MHDA Tartan Tea is back to being on a Saturday! It will be hosted December 1 at Petrus Hall. More information on page 2 of this newsletter.

January 19, 2019 - The first MHDA competition of the new year will be held at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, January 19. More information about this closed competition coming soon.

February 9 & 10, 2019 - The Winnipeg Scottish Festival and Championship is taking place this weekend, hosted by ScotDance Manitoba. It includes one of the first championships of the 2019 dance season and workshops on the Sunday following the competitions. More info will be coming soon.

MHDA Dancers Find Success At Regina Competition

MHDA dancers from the Gaelyn McGregor, Court, Ramesar and Kids in Kilts schools competed at the Regina Open Competition on November 3 and achieved some great results! Check them out along with some photos below.



Olivia Ross, Novice 9 & under

Novice Special Fling - 1st
Fling - 1st, Sword - 1st, ST - 1st, Flora - 1st

Overall winner of Novice 9 & under

Olivia Ross, who dances with Gaelyn McGregor, pictured with her awards.

Morgan Weiss, Novice 9 & under

Novice Special Fling - 3rd
Fling - 4th, Sword - 2nd, Flora - 3rd

Payton Young, Novice 9 & under

Lilt - 5th

Ainsley Bosak, Novice 10 & over

Lilt - 4th

Joslyn Moisey, Intermediate 10 & under

Intermediate Special Fling - 5th
Fling - 3rd, ST - 2nd, Johnny - 5th

Abby Sigurdson, Intermediate 10 & under

ST - 4th, Johnny - 3rd, Laddie - 4th



Alexis Iles, Intermediate 11 & over

Intermediate Special Fling - 2nd
Fling - 1st, Sword - 1st, ST - 1st, Johnny - 1st, Laddie - 2nd

Overall winner of Intermediate 11 & over

Alexis Iles, who dances with Gaelyn McGregor, pictured with her award.

Emilie Mclean, Premier 10 & under

Fling - 4th, Sword - 4th, Reel - 3rd



Katherine Walc, Payton Young, Morgan Weiss and Ainsley Bosak from Kids in Kilts.

Katherine Walc, Premier 12 & under

Solo Choreography - 5th

Presley Webb, Premier 12 & under 14

ST - 6th, Blue Bonnets - 5th
Solo Choreography (12 & under) - 4th

Alexandra Finnbogason Premier 14 & under 16

Reel - 5th, Blue Bonnets - 6th, Scotch Measure - 5th



Joslyn Moisey & Abby Sigurdson from the Court School with Ramesar School friends Alexandra Finnbogason, Presley Webb & Emilie Mclean.

KIK Robbie Burns Dinner - January 25, 2019



Please join in celebration of Scotland's famed 'ploughman poet'! The Kids in Kilts Parent Committee will be holding their second annual Robbie Burns Dinner on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Glenwood Community Centre. The evening will include a delicious Scottish meal, and a full evening of Scottish entertainment, including pipers, piping of the haggis, and of course lots of highland dancing! All are welcome, and corporate tables are available.

For tickets or more information please contact: kikpc12@gmail.com



MHDA Hosting Parent Workshops on Sunday, November 18

The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association will be hosting workshops for parents while dancers participate in their workshops on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The parent workshops will take place at the same venue as the dancer workshops.

Members of the MHDA are invited to attend one or both of the two sessions.

The first session will run from 9:15 to 10:15 and is geared towards parents of dancers in the pre-premier categories. There will be a panel of experienced dancer parents, competition organizers and a judge present. If you are new to highland dance, this panel will help walk you through some of the terms and rules surrounding competitions or any other aspects of the MHDA. The judge will also tell those in attendance what the judging process is all about. Questions will be taken from the floor.

The second session will be geared to premier or soon to be premier parents. It will run from 10:45 to 11:45. There will again be a panel of experienced dancer parents, competition organizers and a judge present. For those new to the premier level, there will be discussion about the differences in the types of events, for example regular competitions compared with championships. A presentation on the new Representative Funding model will also be made. A judge will provide some insight into the process judges go through when judging events.

At both sessions, questions will be taken from the floor. In fact, if you know you will have a question, please send it via email to registration@mbhighlanddance.com so that the panel will be prepared to address it on the day.

To help determine numbers, we ask those interested in attending to send an email to registration@mbhighlanddance.com and indicate which session(s) will be attended. You can also sign up at the registration desk at the competition on November 17 at the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre.

There will be no fee charged to MHDA members for these parent workshops.

SOBHD Points System Reminder

The SOBHD points system ascribes values to the places awarded in each dance. The points earned by a dancer in all dances are aggregated to determine the overall placing.

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Points	137	91	71	53	37	23

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MHDA Available for Performances!

Do you know of or are you involved with a daycare, preschool, or kids program that would like to have MHDA perform traditional highland dancing?



MHDA dancers pictured above performing at the Transcona Highland Gathering on September 22, 2018.

Contact the MHDA at danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com and we can arrange a danceout free of charge for your daycare, preschool or kids program!

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