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It's Wine Raffle Time!

Our Wine Raffle is shifting into full gear!

Tickets are available and we are looking to do an extra \$1000 this year to benefit our members. Teachers will be distributing tickets and more are available from the MHDA if you'd like more!

Banville&Jones has our online wine registry open and we would like to have all donations in by the beginning of April. Donating is easy! You can do it online thanks to Banville&Jones, just follow this link:
<http://banvilleandjones.cornervine.com/wine/reg/316>

Once you're on the website, all you need to do is add a bottle or two to the your cart and check out!

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Winnipeg Scottish Festival - February 9 & 10, 2019

ScotDance Manitoba is excited to be hosting the annual Winnipeg Scottish Festival Dance weekend once again February 9 & 10, 2019! Competition events (Manitoba Open Championships, Pre-Premier and Choreography events) are once again on Saturday at the Victoria Inn with amateur workshops at Prairie Theatre Exchange on Sunday. Entries are open now until January 31st at <http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/competitions/>.

If you were the recipient of a Winnipeg Scottish Festival perpetual trophy in February 2018, please have your trophy engraved and polished for return on February 9, 2019 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. If you will not be attending the 2019 Winnipeg Scottish Festival, please make arrangements for someone else to return the trophy or contact Janie Peterson Watt at jwatt10175@aol.com to make other arrangements. A reminder e-mail will be sent to each WSF 2018 perpetual trophy winner with further details later in January. Check out our Facebook page for updates! (<https://www.facebook.com/Scotdancemb/>)

Boys Mentorship Receives Sponsorship for Workshop with Tony Cargill



The MHDA Boys Mentorship program funding from Harvester Fish Net Company to bring in Tony Cargill to run a workshop. He will also be doing regular session workshops for premier and pre-premier dancers at PTE on Sunday March 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

We are turning it into a health and wellness day by offering mental health workshops courtesy of Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba, active recovery Yoga session and a vision board workshop open to both parents and dancers.

The day will end with a question and answer session with Tony! Save the date and get your questions ready. Registration will be out shortly and space is limited.

About Tony Cargill

Tony Cargill is a 4-time World Champion, originally from Scotland and now lives in Pitt Meadows, BC. He started Highland when he was 5 and retired from competing when he was 22. Tony now coaches high performance soccer for Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club along with delivering coaching courses for BC Soccer.

Tony is a member of the Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance and teaches regularly. He has taught many workshops across Canada, America, Argentina, Australia, England & Scotland while also lecturing on the psychology & preparation of performance.

Tony owes his passion and success in highland dancing to his teachers who have all guided him through his career. Lesley Bowman, Delma Wilson, Shendl Russell – who guided him to the 2004 Adult World Championship and his mother, Linda Napier who guided him to the 1998 Juvenile, 1999 & 2000 Junior World Championships.



Save the Date - 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 (27 Overton Street). Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. The evening will include a traditional Scottish meal, and a full evening of Scottish entertainment, including pipers, piping of the haggis, and of course lots of highland dancing!

To cap off the evening, there will be a Ceilidh to the delightful Celtic music of 'Round the Bend', a multi-talented trio of professional musicians who entertain all ages with songs inspired by rugged coasts, ancient castles, cozy pubs, and finding something new around the bend in the road! All are welcome and corporate tables are available. **For tickets or more information please contact: kikpc12@gmail.com**



From time to time, questions come up about how many placings are awarded for each dance. The MHDA tries to follow the general rule that there be placings to half the number of dancers plus one. So, if there are 8 dancers, 5 placings are awarded. If there are 7 dancers, 4 placings are awarded. It gets tricky when there are 4 or fewer dancers that have competed in a particular dance. It is our goal to never leave just one dancer out of

the placings, so with fewer than 4 dancers, the rule of half plus one no longer applies. This is slightly different again for Primary dancers, as we strive to encourage our youngest dancers by recognizing their efforts. If there are 3 or fewer competitors, and they all receive a score from the judge, they will all receive a placing, again, in the interest of not leaving dancers out. Similar to all other classes, if there are 4 Primary dancers, only two dancers will receive placings.

As for class sizes, we try to arrange classes so that there are at least 6 dancers. Why 6? It is an SOBHD rule that if there is more than one age class (this is usually the case for Beginner, Novice and Premier), then the points earned by a dancer for placing in a particular dance can only be factored into determining the class aggregate winner if there are 6 dancers. This does pose some challenges when not all of the dancers compete in every dance. For example, if not every competitor dances the Flora, the total number of dancers may end up being less than 6. The result? Competitor scores in the Flora would no longer count towards determination of the aggregate award. On the other hand, the rule of 6 is not applicable when determining an age class winner. All dance scores will count, no matter the number of dancers, when determining each age class winner.

Still confused? Don't worry. It is tricky and the organizers often have to step back and give their heads a scratch, too. Don't be afraid to ask if you have a question.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Premier and Intermediate dance in the morning, Pre-Premier in the afternoon.

January 27, 2019 - The next Boys Mentorship Program is being held on January 27, 2019 at 1:00. Following this we have a special Wee Warriors Session at 2:00 at The Gordon King Memorial United Church 127 Cobourg off Henderson. Street parking. We dance downstairs. Dancers age 3-6 are welcome to come for a fun-filled half hour session with our Boys Mentorship Program. Participation is Free! Contact Jennifer Lange at fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com or 204-791-3435 for further information or to register.

February 2, 2019 - Dancers are invited to participate in a dance out for Robbie Burns Day at Canad Inns on Regent. Contact danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com to sign up!

Early February 2019 - Watch for the release of the application forms for the SDCCS 2004/2016 scholarships! Applications will be due April 1, 2019.

February 9 & 10, 2019 - The Winnipeg Scottish Festival and Championship is taking place this weekend, hosted by ScotDance Manitoba. Registration is open until January 31, 2019 at www.mbhighlanddance.com

March 9, 2019 - The next MHDA competition is March 9 at the Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre. More info coming soon!

April 6, 2019 - ScotDance Manitoba will once again host an Spring Open Competition on April 6, 2019 complete with classes for all categories as well as choreography events! Judges are Christa Mackie & Katie Lee. Keep an eye out for an entry form in late February!

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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!

Thank you to our sponsors

Thank you to the companies below for providing sponsorship to the MHDA for the 2018/19 dance season!

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Tartan Tea Success Thanks to Many Helping Hands

Submitted by Lisa Omand, Tartan Tea Coordinator

The 2018 Tartan Tea was a very successful one. We had some excited changes and additions to our regular traditions.

We were pleased to welcome about 350 guests and make about a \$3500 profit. This continues to be our biggest fundraiser each year. It is not only a 63 year-old year tradition, but is a great way to come together as a Highland Dance community in a non-competitive way. The variety, creativity and talent displayed by the 8 participating schools and all their dancers is remarkable.

This was my 8th Tartan Tea as the Coordinator and probably the easiest thanks to my crew – Jennifer Lange, Janet Lyon-Anderson, Cathy Laver-Weight and Samantha Windsor. In addition to thanking them for their valuable support, perspective and new ideas, I would like to send many thanks to all the member families, dancers and teachers that contributed to our success.



Set-up and clean-up were so much easier with no stage and the staff of Petrus Hall taking care of the tables and chairs for us. This new facility was everything I have always imagined and looked for all these years. We have already booked Petrus Hall for 2019 and hope to continue to return for years to come.

Thank you to...

Performing Schools: Kids In Kilts, Ramesar, Cram, Court, Shiells, Highland Hoppers, McCallum, French
Additional performances: The Boys' Mentorship Program, MHDA Members traditional dances & SDTA Scholarship participants
Volunteers: Kids in Kilts coffee & serving, Ramesar & Court dainty cutting/plating, Cram & Shiells Scottish Auction & 50/50, Hoppers Bake Sale, McCallum Jar Bar, French Front Door and dancers' goodie bags, plus a number of McGregor families that came in helped in various ways.
Dance-out Coordinator: Lauren Mitchell Lawson
Piper: Adam Tingskou
MC: Bart Omand
Glitter Tattoos by Heather's Pretty Parties
Santa: Craig Oliphant and our wonderful sponsor, Van Houtte Coffee Services for providing all the coffee and supplies.

MHDA Executive for Feedback, support, assistance: Christine Foulkes, Lorraine Lamb, Joan Holmstrom, Bonnie Bain, Gayle Roy, Jennifer Lange, Tamara Coutu. ScotDance Manitoba, The MHDA members.

And last but not least, my gopher, general labourer, proof reader, idea checker, chauffeur and anything else I ask him to be, my husband Bart.

I am always looking for suggestions and fresh ideas. Feel free to contact me with ideas or to offer a hand in the prep work at tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com.



New Honorary Member - Jim Court

At the 2018 Tartan Tea, we were pleased to induct Jim Court and an Honorary Lifetime Member. Jim has become involved with the MHDA over 30 years ago through his 3 daughters, Christine, Carrie and Lorraine that all danced and has remained involved now that his 4 granddaughters also all dance. Jim has always been an active and dedicated volunteer. Some of his roles within the MHDA have been Director of Ways & Means, Treasurer and rep to the Pavilion of Scotland board, as well as a member of the 1992 Interprov (now SDCCS) Steering Committee. His role as MHDA rep to the Pavilion of Scotland board led him to become further involved with the Pavilion and Folklorama. He has served as Treasurer, Bus Tour Coordinator, Pavilion Coordinate, President and Ambassador for the Pavilion of

Scotland. He has also served on numerous Folklorama committees and in roles, including President of all of Folklorama. Needless to say, Jim is very proud of his Scottish Heritage and dedicated to the community. Thank you, Jim for all your years of service and the volunteerism you instilled in your family. Congratulations.

The Walter Hagbord Community Service Award

2018 marked the 2nd year this new award was presented. In 2016, this award was created and named in honor and recognition of Walter Hagborg, a member's grandfather, who generously donated a great deal of time, materials and talent to help refurbish numerous perpetual trophies. Nominations are accepted throughout the year to acknowledge any dancer, family member or community member who exemplify dedication and service to our dance community.

This year, dancer Lauren Horvath was nominated and selected. Lauren is an active competitor that travels all over North America and into Scotland to proudly represent Manitoba and the MHDA. In addition to this, the actions that stood on her nomination were her interest and efforts to continuously assist the MHDA with providing quality

awards for dancers. She has held garage sales as a young girl, selling her used toys and books, to then donate the money to sponsor the keepers and medals for competitions. Last year, when assigned a community service project for school, she chose to run a fundraiser for the MHDA. Lauren researched, selected and organized the Value Village fundraiser. This raised over \$500 which she donated towards the purchase of medals and trophies. In addition to her fundraising efforts, Lauren can often be found helping with marshalling during Pre-Premier competitions or times when she is unable to dance. It is obvious Lauren is a dedicated dancer, proud member and excellent volunteer. As a thank you for her efforts and to recognize her service, we were proud to present her with the 2018 Walter Hagborg Community Service Award. Congratulations Lauren.



TROPHY HIGHLIGHT FOR JANUARY COMPETITION

The family of MHDA Highland Dancer, Julie McClurg, has gifted three perpetual trophies to MHDA in honour of the memory of family members and continue the Scottish traditions of their family.

The "In Memory of Eva Forgie Trophy" was gifted to MHDA in recognition of Julie's Grandmother for her unconditional love and support of her granddaughter and Highland Dancing. The trophy is awarded annually at the January competition to the winner of the Pre-Premier Intermediate Class. MHDA is very pleased to welcome Allison Forgie-McLurg to present this trophy on behalf of the family at the January 19, 2019 MHDA Competition.

ScotDance Canada is offering the JL McKenzie Scholarship event once again in 2019. One of the 2018 winners was Manitoba's own Laura Unruh! Applications are due April 15, 2019 and are available from your teacher. Demonstration opportunities are available at all MHDA and SDM events January-April 2019. Dancers wishing to participate in the demonstration at a competition must notify kathyramesar@gmail.com minimum 2 days prior to the event.

First awarded in 1996 this fund was set up to honour Mr. James L. McKenzie, of Aberdeen Scotland.

Mr. McKenzie was instrumental in introducing to, and developing in Canada the techniques of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. The intent of the fund is to assist in the development of a promising dancer who displays not only the competitive spirit,

but community spirit, as well as a love and enjoyment of, and dedication to Highland Dance. Guidelines for the award have been set to give dancers equal opportunity to win the award. Award winners are encouraged to use the funds to further their dance activities. Monies for this fund are acquired through donations (provincial or personal). As well, 1 per cent of all ScotDance Canada's portion of dancer registrations collected is allocated to this fund. The Award is open to Premier dancers who complete the application process, which includes a demonstration of the Tribute to JL McKenzie.



Manitoba is home to seven award winners! They are: Tara Christie, George Hamilton, Reagan Robertson, Kaylee Campbell, Kirsten Henry, Stacie Nixon and Laura Unruh. Premier dancers who are interested should contact their teacher for more information.

Would you like to be a Pavilion of Scotland Ambassador?



The Pavilion of Scotland is currently accepting applications for the positions of Adult and Youth Ambassadors. Applications are now open: <https://goo.gl/forms/cF6U6Ctg8mBdnqSB3>

Application deadline is **March 1, 2019**. There are 4 spots available... 2 Junior or Youth Ambassadors (age 15-18) and 2 Adult Ambassadors (19+). Many MHDA members have been ambassadors over the years.

Benefits include: VIP access to alternate week pavilions, earning volunteer hours for graduation requirements, resume booster, making lifelong friends, having fun and a commemorative gift.

Responsibilities include: greeting and assisting visiting VIPs to the Pavilion of Scotland, representing Pavilion of Scotland at community events and other pavilions, assisting in set-up and decorating Pavilion of Scotland. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Carey, Volunteer Coordinator at dcarey.manitoba@gmail.com

As well, the Pavilion is seeking volunteers for the positions of Media Chair, Kitchen Coordinator and Youth Coordinator. Please contact Bart Omand at bomand@mymts.net for more information.

Did you know the MHDA has a Co-Op Number? Quote 346810 next time you fill up and support highland dance in Manitoba!



Exciting News for Upcoming Competitions!

After reviewing last year's members' survey, we noted an interest in special events and awards. As a result, in March, the Premiers will be given a chance to compete in choreography. The March competition will have 5 'standard' dances that will be included in the calculation of an overall aggregate and a choreography event. The choreography event will be for teams of two or three. Registration will be limited to 12 teams (although organizers may consider allowing one or two more). There will be medals awarded up to 6 places with the each member of the top three teams taking home cash awards of \$40, \$25 and \$10 respectively. Details will be set out on the entry form which will be sent out and posted shortly. Each dancer of a choreo team will pay an entry fee and the order of competition for the Choreography event will be determined by the time at which the last team member enters.

Also in March will be new awards for the Most Promising Male Beginner or Novice Dancer and for the Most Promising Male Premier Dancer. These two awards result from the great efforts put in by Jennifer Lange in creating and supporting the Boys' Mentorship Group. Jennifer has obtained the support of many sponsors for this Group and this allows for these awards to be handed out to encourage and support male highland dancers. These awards will be given out if there are 3 or more male competitors eligible for each award. If there are insufficient numbers registered for March, the award will be deferred to the competition on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Jennifer's great work also means that on Sunday, June 9, 2019, a Special Laddie only for male dancers will be scheduled to take place. The sponsorships obtained for the Boys' Mentorship Group allows for significant cash awards for this event rather than medals. The cash awards will be for the top 5 judges' placings and will range from \$250 for 1st place down to \$25 for 5th place. So, tell all the male premier dancers you know to make their way to Winnipeg in June for this event. Cash awards rather than keeper Championship/Premiership awards will also be handed out to ALL premier classes in June. Medals will still be awarded for the individual dances. Stay tuned for the official entry to be posted on the website soon.



A number of dancers and their family members from the Kids in Kilts School attended the 2019 Kilt Skate held on January 13 at Seven Oaks Arena.

Can you spot anyone you know in the photo?

Some of the dancers also made the news! Check out Global News Winnipeg. See below for a link to the story!

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4843637/winnipeg-kilt-skate-seven-oaks-arena/>