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## MHDA Dancers at Folklorama's Pavilion of Scotland next week!



The Pavilion of Scotland, part of Folklorama, is in week 2 this year and starts on Sunday, August 11 and runs until Saturday, August 17.

The MHDA will have a competitive dancers showcase every evening in the new multicultural area from 7:30 to 7:50 and the main stage shows, featuring the Ena Sutton Highland Dancers, runs each night at 6:45, 8:15 and 9:45.

## SAVE THE DATE - AGM & upcoming events for 2019/2020

On Sunday, September 22, 2019 we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. This year, we are at the River Heights Community Center at 1370 Grosvenor Ave (this is a different location than other years. It can be seen from Corydon, but the address is Grosvenor). As in previous years, we will be offering a costume sale & pizza at 530 prior to the AGM at 6.

Please remember that 1 vote per membership. If you are unable to attend but wish to have another member or someone else represent you, a Proxy Form must be completed and turned in at registration. We will have elections, announcements & a door prize draw for a free membership.

To participate, members are asked to have completed their 2019/20 renewal. Membership renewals will be online again. The link will be sent out and posted in late August. Watch for info on how/when to RSVP.

Other upcoming events for the 2019/2020 dance season include (these dates are tentative and subject to change):

- **August 11-17, 2019** - Folklorama
- **September 22, 2019** MHDA AGM
- **September 30, 2019** last day to renew membership for MHDA for 2019-20 without late fee
- **October 19, 2019** - MHDA October CLOSED competition
- **November 16, 2019** - MHDA November OPEN competition
- **November 17, 2019** - ScotDance MB workshop
- **December 7, 2019** - Tartan Tea
- **January 18, 2020** - MHDA January CLOSED competition
- **February 8, 2020** - ScotDance Manitoba Scottish Festival Open Competition and Championship
- **February 9, 2020** - ScotDance MB Workshop
- **March 14, 2019** - MHDA March OPEN competition
- **April 2020** - ScotDance MB Open Competition
- **May 2, 2020** - Manitoba CLOSED Competition and Provincial Selection Meet
- **June 13/14, 2020** - MHDA OPEN Competition, MidCanada Championship and Lord Selkirk Premiership
- **July 3-7, 2020** - SDCCS in Kamloops

## MHDA Members Have Successful SDCCS 2019

More than 30 dancers who are members of the Manitoba Highland Dancers Association made the trip to Moncton for SDCCS from July 3 to 7, 2019. They all represented the MHDA beautifully and did a great job! Many dancers were lucky enough to bring home some hardware, but even those who didn't danced great against some of the toughest competition in the world. Full results and photos from the event are included on the next two pages. We'd also like to acknowledge all of the MHDA dancers who participated in the event but are not listed below for their hard work. All results were taken from the ScotDance app, if there are any errors please let us know and we will issue a correction in October.

### Wednesday, July 3 - Special Events

#### **Novice 7 & under 9 years**

Cosette Johnson: Trophy Fling - 5th

### Thursday, July 4 - Highland Competitions

#### **Intermediate 8 & under 10 years**

Thea Conley: Sword - 7th

#### **Premier 7 & under 10 years**

Olivia Ross: Reel - 5th

#### **Restricted Premier 7 & under 10 years**

Cora Lamb: Fling - 5th, ST - 4th, Reel - 2nd

#### **Restricted Premier 10 years**

Sydney Stibbard: ST - 5th, Reel - 7th

#### **Restricted Premier 11**

Emilie Mclean: Reel - 8th

#### **Restricted Premier 12 years**

Alexis Iles: ST - 6th, Reel - 7th

Juleah Chabih: Fling - 4th

#### **Premier 14 years**

Deanne Carlyle: ST - 9th

#### **Premier 15 years**

Laura Unruh: ST - 4th, Reel - 2nd

#### **Restricted Premier 15 years**

Alexandra Finnbogason: ST - 9th, Reel - 2nd

Jasper Bain: ST - 7th

#### **Premier 16 years**

Madelaine Baigrie: Fling - 5th, ST - 10th

#### **Restricted Premier 16 years**

Gillian Mitchell-Lawson: Fling - 3rd, ST - 2nd, Reel - 4th

Lauren Horvath: Fling - 2nd, ST - 1st, Reel - 5th & **Overall**

**Winner**

#### **Premier 17 years**

Camryn Watson: Fling - 5th

#### **Premier 18 & under 20 years**

Allison Unruh: Reel - 3rd

#### **Restricted Premier 18 & under 20 years**

Emily McIntosh: ST - 6th, Reel - 4th

#### **Premier 20 & under 23 years**

Rachel Unruh: Fling - 9th, ST - 6th, Reel - 9th

Jennifer Watt: Fling - 3rd, ST - 2nd, Reel - 5th

#### **Premier 23 years & over**

Lauren McCombe: Fling - 7th, ST - 8th, Reel - 5th

### Friday, July 5 - Closed Canadian Championships

#### **Premier 14 & under 16 years**

Laura Unruh: Fling - 5th, ST - 6th, Reel - 2nd,

**Overall - 4th Runner Up**

#### **Premier 18 & under 21 years**

Allison Unruh: Sword - 5th

#### **Premier 21 years & over**

Jennifer Watt: Fling - 6th, Sword - 6th, ST - 6th, Reel - 6th

**Overall - 5th Runner Up**



Manitoba representatives at Opening Ceremonies of the SDCCS 2019 series in Moncton, NB. Find more photos from the event on page 4.

**Saturday, July 7 - Nationals & Group Choreography****Primary 6 years**

Natasha Roy: PDB - 5th, Fling - 6th

**Novice 7 & under 9 years**

Cosette Johnson: ST - 5th

**Intermediate 8 & under 10 years**

Thea Conley: Flora - 6th

**Restricted Premier 7 & under 10 years**

Cora Lamb: Lilt - 6th, Blue Bonnets - 4th, Hornpipe - 3rd

**Restricted Premier 10 years**

Sydney Stibbard: Hornpipe - 3rd

**Premier 11 years**

Ainsley Lamb: Hornpipe - 10th

**Restricted Premier 12 years**

Alexis Iles: Lilt - 3rd

Juleah Chabih: Blue Bonnets - 8th

**Premier 13 years**

Céleste Roy: Blue Bonnets - 5th

**Premier 15 years**

Laura Unruh: Lilt - 3rd, Blue Bonnets - 7th, Hornpipe - 5th

**Restricted Premier 15 years**

Alexandra Finnbogason: Lilt - 4th, Blue Bonnets - 1st, Hornpipe - 5th

Jasper Bain: Lilt - 6th, Blue Bonnets - 5th

**Premier 16**

Madelaine Baigrie: Hornpipe - 4th

**Restricted Premier 16 years**

Gillian Mitchell-Lawson: Lilt - 8th, Blue Bonnets - 4th, Hornpipe - 1st

Lauren Horvath: Lilt - 5th, Blue Bonnets - 1st, Hornpipe - 9th

**Premier 17 years**

Camryn Watson: Hornpipe - 6th

**Premier 18 & under 20 years**

Allison Unruh: Lilt - 5th

**Restricted Premier 18 & under 20 years**

Emily McIntosh: Lilt - 7th

**Premier 20 & under 23 years**

Rachel Unruh: Blue Bonnets - 7th

Jennifer Watt: Lilt - 5th, Blue Bonnets - 2nd, Hornpipe - 7th

**Premier 23 years & over**

Lauren McCombe: Lilt - 8th, Blue Bonnets - 4th, Hornpipe - 3rd

**Sunday, July 8 - Pre-Championships & Open Championships****Pre-Championship 7 & under 10 years**

Cora Lamb: Sword - 2nd, Reel - 6th

Olivia Ross: Fling - 3rd, ST - 4th, Reel - 2nd

**Pre-Championship 10 years**

Sydney Stibbard: Fling - 8th, ST - 6th, Reel - 4th

**Pre-Championship 12 years**

Juleah Chabih: Sword - 10th, Reel - 7th

**Pre-Championship 14 years**

Deanna Carlyle: Sword - 9th, ST - 7th, Reel - 7th

**Pre-Championship 15 years**

Norah Eldridge: Fling - 7th, Sword - 5th, ST - 7th, Reel - 4th

Alexandra Finnbogason: Fling - 5th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 4th, Reel - 6th

Jasper Bain: Fling - 9th, ST - 8th

**Pre-Championship 16 years**

Gillian Mitchell-Lawson: Fling - 4th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 2nd, Reel - 1st

Lauren Horvath: Fling - 2nd, Sword - 2nd, ST - 1st, Reel - 4th,

**Overall - Winner****ScotDance Open Championship 15 years**

Laura Unruh: Sword - 3rd, ST - 5th, Reel - 3rd

**Overall - 4th Runner Up****ScotDance Open Championship 16 years**

Madelaine Baigrie: Sword - 6th

**ScotDance Open Championship 19 years**

Allison Unruh: Fling - 5th

**ScotDance Open Championship 20 & under 23 years**

Rachel Unruh: Fling - 6th, Sword - 6th, ST - 6th

**Overall - 5th Runner Up**

Jennifer Watt: Fling - 3rd, Sword - 4th, ST - 4th, Reel - 4th

**Overall - 3rd Runner Up****ScotDance Open Championship 23 years & over**

Lauren McCombe: Fling - 5th, Sword - 5th, ST - 4th, Reel - 5th and **Overall - 4th Runner Up**



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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 at a dance out.*

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

## **Thank you to our sponsors**

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## Out of Town Results

Congratulations to all MHDA dancers who have been competing at out of town competitions this summer. If you don't see your results here and would like to have them included in the Tartan Press please submit to [terryn.shiells@gmail.com](mailto:terryn.shiells@gmail.com) for the next edition.

### Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering, June 23

#### **Premier 16**

Madelaine Baigrie: Fling - 1st, ST - 1st, Lilt - 1st, Blue Bonnets - 1st  
**Overall Winner and Premier 16 & over Commonwealth Cup Hornpipe Challenge - 2nd**

### Manitoba Highland Gathering, Selkirk, MB, June 23

#### **Premier 13 & under**

Olivia Ross: Fling - 2nd, Sword - 3rd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 5th, Lilt 5th, BB - 5th

### Duluth Highland Dance Competition, Duluth, June 30

#### **Novice 8 & under 11**

Payton Young: Fling - 5th, Sword - 5th, ST - 5th, Flora - 5th  
Morgan Weiss: Fling - 1st, Sword - 3rd, ST - 1st, Flora - 2nd & **Trophy Winner**

#### **Intermediate 12 & over**

Ainsley Bosak: Fling - 6th, Sword - 6th, ST - 6th, Hornpipe - 5th

#### **Premier**

Katherine Walc - Sword - 2nd, ST - 1st, Johnny - 1st, Blue Bonnets - 1st

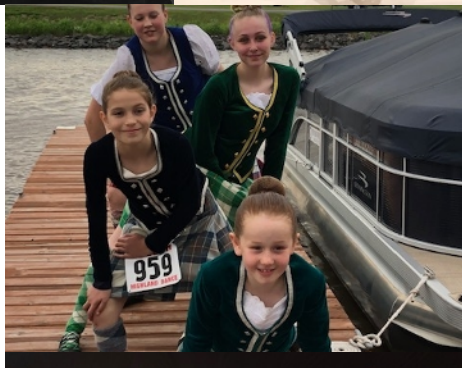
### Prairie Thistle Competition - Onanole, MB July 13

#### **Beginner**

Munro Coutu: Fling - 1st  
Honora Coutu: Sword - 1st, ST - 4th, Choreography duo - 5th

#### **Novice**

Olivia Yarnell: Special Fling - 1st, ST - 5th, Reel - 1st  
Allyson Stubbe: Fling - 1st, Sword - 1st, ST - 1st, Reel - 3rd  
Payton Young: Fling - 2nd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 4th



### Prairie Thistle Competition - Onanole, MB July

#### **13 Intermediate**

Keira Wiebe: Special Hornpipe - 4th, Fling - 4th, Sword - 1st, Laddie - 2nd, Reel - 3rd  
Morgan Weiss: Special Hornpipe - 1st, Fling - 2nd, Sword - 2nd, Laddie - 1st, Reel - 4th, Choreography solo - 3rd  
Kaitlyn Coutu: Choreography duo - 5th  
Ainsley Bosak: Laddie - 3rd, Choreography solo - 2nd

### Antigonish Highland Games,

#### Antigonish, NS July 13,

#### **Intermediate 9 & Under**

Thea Conley: Sword - 3rd, ST - 4th

### USIR Open Premiership - Las Vegas July 19

#### **Premier 19 & over**

Jennifer Watt: Johnny - 5th, Lilt - 5th, Blue Bonnets - 4th, Hornpipe - 4th  
**Overall - 3rd Runner Up**

### Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, July 20, 2019

#### **Novice**

Allyson Stubbe: Fling - 4th, Sword - 5th, ST - 3rd, Flora - 6th  
Payton Young: Fling - 6th, ST - 6th, Flora - 5th

#### **Intermediate**

Keira Wiebe: Hornpipe - 3rd, Fling - 3rd, Sword - 4th, Johnny - 5th  
Ainsley Bosak: Hornpipe - 4th, Fling - 5th, Sword - 5th, Johnny - 3rd

### USIR Open Championship - Las Vegas July 21, 2019

#### **Premier 19 & over**

Jennifer Watt: Fling - 3rd, Sword - 3rd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 2nd  
**Overall - 2nd Runner Up**



## Mid-Canada Special Award Winners

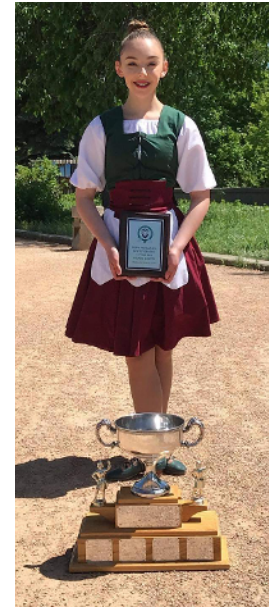
A number of special awards were handed out at the Mid-Canada weekend of competition this June.



L to R: Morgan Weiss - Most Promising Novice, Rachel Gerhard - Most Promising Beginner, and Thea Conley - Most Promising Intermediate



Ainsley Bosak, Pre-Premier Dance Out Winner



Céleste Roy, Most Promising 13 year old (Premier)



Zoë Wreggitt, Master's Fling Winner



Jennifer Watt, 2018/19 MHDA Premier High Aggregate Winner



Tessa Laver-Wright, Premier Dance Out Winner



Our family fling winners

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## Recent Danceouts



On July 1st, four of our dancers entertained the folks at the Prairie Dog Central train stop at Grosse Isle. It was a scorcher! But thanks to Kendra, Mya, Norah and Alex the train crowd was kept entertained!



On Saturday, July 13, the MHDA was invited to perform at Pioneer Days held by the St James Museum. It was a blistering hot day to be dancing outside, but Jasper, Katie, Kendra, Norah & Tessa all braved the heat to put on a lovely 25 minute set. Thank you, ladies.

## JL McKenzie Scholarship

Lauren McCombe is very proud to join the 7 previous Manitoba recipients of the James L McKenzie Scholarship, presented at the SDCCS 2019 in Moncton.



Some of our MHDA members also performed as part of Ena Sutton at Veronica Domke, a former MHDA dancer's, wedding this July.

## MHDA Dancer Heading Down Under

Rachel Unruh is super excited to say that she has been selected to perform with the Tattoo Dance Company at the Australian Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Sydney, Australia this fall! The team will be the biggest it's ever been with 100 dancers from Canada, the US, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand, and with nearly 1500 performers in total! She can't wait have an entirely new experience with the Tattoo Dance Company!



**2019 J.L. McKenzie Senior Award Winner**

**Lauren McCombe**  
started highland dancing at the age of 10 after a trip to Scotland with her brother's pipe band. Her family has heavily embraced their Scottish heritage, as her dad and brothers are pipers, her aunt was a dancer, and her grandparents owned Glengarry Scottish Imports. Lauren was originally in ballet from five years old, but while visiting Scotland in 2004, her friend and dancer, Laurie Tyndall, convinced her to take highland lessons. From that moment on, she fully embraced the sport and fell in love with the art of highland dance.

Lauren has represented Manitoba at the Canadian Championships 11 times, the first time being in 2007 in New Brunswick. Some of her proudest accomplishments include being a runner-up in the Canadian Championships, being a Manitoba Champion, winning Championship titles at the Winnipeg Scottish Festival and receiving runner-up titles in the Open Championships during her years attending the SDCCS. She was thrilled to dance in Basel, Switzerland in 2018 with the Canadian Celtic Highland Dancers and is excited to be part of the 2019 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dance Company this August. At the age of 25, Lauren has spent the last eight years studying at The University of Manitoba where she graduated with her Bachelor of Science and her Doctor of Dental Medicine. Even with a very heavy course load, she still makes her involvement in highland dance a priority, continuing to compete and perform in dance-outs. While in University, she completed her Associate and Members Highland and Associate National professional exams.

Lauren's passion for highland dance comes from the amazing friendships she has made, surrounding herself with driven, self-motivated, kind people. She loves the strength and grace required in highland dance and how it has given her the opportunity to travel across Canada and the World to compete or perform. Lauren is very thankful to her parents for always providing love and support throughout all of her endeavours. She also considers herself fortunate to have been taught by Irene Baird who provided her with a solid foundation and work ethic in dance, and can't thank her present teacher enough, Gaeleyn McGregor, who built onto that foundation, and through her support, training and inspiration to reach her goals, helped to culminate Lauren into the dancer she is today.

Finally, she feels honoured and is very grateful to be a recipient of the James L. McKenzie Scholarship. She loved being able to perform the Tribute while her brother Graeme piped for her, and extends her gratitude to the scholarship committee. She is also thrilled to return to dance in New Brunswick.

**JL McKenzie Award — Past Award Winners**

| Year | Winner               | Province |
|------|----------------------|----------|
| 1996 | Genevieve Collins    | NS       |
|      | Chantal Watt         | ON       |
|      | Adrienne Petzold     | BC       |
| 1997 | Jessica Imeson       | AB       |
|      | Michael Tucker       | ON       |
|      | Natalie Quick        | ON       |
| 1998 | Stacey Allen         | AB       |
|      | Tara Christie        | MB       |
|      | Adam MacKinnon       | NS       |
| 1999 | J. George Hamilton   | MB       |
|      | Katie Goldie         | SK       |
| 2000 | Georgina Muir        | ON       |
|      | Courtney Allen       | AB       |
|      | Emily Cripps         | NB       |
| 2002 | Jacqueline Henderson | BC       |
|      | Reagan Robertson     | MB       |
|      | Emily Fox            | NB       |
| 2003 | Kayleigh Macdonald   | ON       |
| 2004 | Kaylee Campbell      | MB       |
|      | Isaac Lisisk         | BC       |
| 2005 | Kirsten Henry        | MB       |
| 2006 | Samantha Beach       | BC       |
| 2011 | Katie Lee            | AB       |
| 2012 | Maggie Armstrong     | ON       |
|      | Kylie Schmidt        | BC       |
|      | Stacie Nixon         | MB       |
| 2013 | Alexandra MacPhail   | BC       |
|      | Grace Grant          | ON       |
|      | Nicole Odo           | NB       |
| 2014 | Leah Campbell        | NS       |
|      | Sophie Dunn          | ON       |
| 2015 | Scout McKee          | NB       |
|      | Jessica Bolton       | ON       |
| 2016 | Hailey Romain        | ON       |
|      | Larissa Godin        | NB       |
| 2017 | Sarah Beth Gillis    | AB       |
|      | Fiona Tolley         | ON       |
| 2018 | Laura Unruh          | MB       |
|      | Ashley Abraham       | AB       |
| 2019 | Callie Boan          | AB       |
|      | Lauren McCombe       | MB       |

\* Awards were not presented in 2001 and 2007-2010