

Southland Competitions Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER 2011

The 2010 Competitions Festival marked a milestone in the history of the Society when we celebrated our 110th Anniversary and 100th year of performance. Six of the Seven Disciplines were held in September and we once again sincerely thank the ILT Foundation, Invercargill Licensing Trust, the Community Trust of Southland, the Invercargill City Council Creative Communities and Southland District Council Creative Communities for their financial support.

This year our Competitions will be back to August & October (Usually held in September but is two weeks later this year because of the change of School Holidays to accommodate the Rugby World Cup.)

August 27th – 28th - Instrumental, Tap Dancing, Highland & National Dancing and Irish Dancing

October 7th – 11th - Ballet & Modern Dance, Speech & Drama, and Senior & Junior Vocal. .

CUPS

Convenor: David Sycamore - 215 6346

Congratulations to everyone who returned their cups on time for the 2010 Festival.

ALL Cups and Trophies are to be returned to 116 Gimblett Street Waikiwi Invercargill by Friday 8th July for the August Competitions and **26th August** for those arts in October.

We would appreciate it if parents could ensure that cups are returned by these dates and we ask teachers to remind their students about returning any cups and/or trophies they received in 2010. Please do not use abrasive cleaners when cleaning cups prior to returning them.

National Young Performer of the Year Awards

In 2010 we were represented at PACANZ by Tom Khannom (Pianoforte) Although unplaced Tom performed well and the experience he gained will give him added confidence in any future competitions.

At PACANZ 2011 the Society will be represented by Katie Lee Taylor (Acoustic Instrument) and Nadine Terry (Highland Dancing.) We wish them both well in their respective arts.

For the 2011 year the arts covered are: Pianoforte, Ballet, Tap Dancing and Vocal. Those nominated will represent the Society in 2012 We would like to think that everyone who has achieved in their particular art has the opportunity to compete nationally. So, teachers of students in the relevant arts, please start looking for possible nominees! Further Information regarding the awards is available from: our office; the PACANZ Office, PO Box 2455, Wakatipu 3493 (Phone (03) 442 2815); or can be seen on the PACANZ website at www.pacanz.co.nz.

PACANZ will be held in Invercargill 2011 and 2012

SPEECH & DRAMA

Convenor: Jan Hawke - 216 9764

Our competitions went well during 2010 and were held at the Civic Theatre but we would still welcome more entries. This year our judge will be Robyn Keno from Oamaru. Once again, we remind Speech Teachers of the time requirements for Own Selection pieces. No more than: 4 minutes for a Drama; 3 minutes for Senior Poetry; 2 minutes for Junior Poetry; 4 minutes at the most for Shakespearean. Improvisation pieces should be no more than two minutes. This year our venue for Speech & Drama will be the Repertory House , and will be from Friday Evening October 7th to the 10th or 11th October depending on entries. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Doris Cody for all her work behind the scenes as our Speech Convenor over many years, It has been very much appreciated. Although standing down as Convenor Doris will still remain an active member of the Society

VOCAL

Convenor: Isobel Walsh - 217 5341

The Vocal competitions were again held in the Central Baptist Church. While the numbers were down, the standard of competitors was high. Junior Vocal competitions began again with the "Songs in Character" at Centre Stage on the Sunday evening and then continued at the Central Baptist Church. The venues for 2011 will be the Baptist Church and Repertory House. . This Year's Adjudicator is Marie Landis from Christchurch . Vocal Competitions will be held from the 7th to the 10th or 11th October , depending on the number of entries received.

This year we will be holding nominations for PACANZ 2012 Vocal Young Performer of the Year and we look forward to receiving entries for this class.

IRISH DANCING

Convenor: Pamela Fraser - (03) 218 2303

In 2010 the Irish Dancing Nationals to be held in September coincided with our Southland Competition and we were unable to hold this section of our programme for 2010. 2011 sees the return of this competition - so get your shoes on and join us on Sunday 28th August. at Repertory House

BALLET

Convenor: Nikki Cunningham - (03) 415 7455

2010 we had a record number of entries and the Civic Theatre was an ideal venue for Ballet and Modern Dance. All sessions were well attended and the Ballet Scholarship classes again were popular with the audience. This year Ballet is one of the four arts for PACANZ Young Performer of the Year Awards and we welcome entrants in the nomination class. Those nominated will go on to represent the Society at PACANZ 2012

HIGHLAND & NATIONAL DANCING

Convenor: Julia Adams - 217 2431

Highland & National Dancing held a very successful day at Centre Stage – the change of Venue was enjoyed by all. This year the date will be Saturday 27th the venue Repertory House. Once again we wish Nadine Terry all the best for Pacanz 2011.

INSTRUMENTAL

Convenor: Judith Stevens - 214 1065

The Instrumental Competitions in 2010 were held at the Civic Theatre in the Victoria Rooms. The Instrumental competitions will, this year, **be held on Saturday 27th August at the Lindisfarne Community Centre**. This year *Pianoforte* will again be part of the PACANZ Young Performer of the Year Awards; and we encourage entrants in the nomination class. The successful Nominees will represent the Society in 2012. Once again we wish Katie Lee Taylor all the best for Pacanz 2011.

TAP DANCING

Convenor: Coral Sycamore - 215 6346

The day went well, and it was lovely to see record numbers entering the competitions. This year the Tap Dancing Competitions will be held on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August. The venue will be Centrestage. This year *Tap Dancing* will be part of the PACANZ Young Performer of the Year Awards; and we encourage entrants in the nomination class.

SPONSORSHIP

Once again, we thank the many individual sponsors who provide most of the prize money. There is always a need for new sponsors so if you would like to sponsor a class, please contact the Secretary or any of the Executive Committee. If you provided Sponsorship money in 2010 and the full amount was not awarded, as in previous years the relevant amount will be deducted from the amount requested this year.

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIPS AND PROGRAMMES

Please forward your payments to PO Box 1393 Invercargill 9840. If you wish to pay online please contact us on (03) 2170334 for details.

COMPETITION DATES AND CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES 2011

A reminder closing dates for August Competitions is **the 8th July 2011** and October Competitions **26th August 2011**

If you need more entry forms and / or an extra syllabus please contact us on admin@southlandcomps.org.nz or phone (03) 217 0334

PRICES FOR 2011:-

2011 prices are as follows:

- Administration fees at \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family or group.
- Memberships are available at \$20.00 per person covering all sessions and all venues
- Door prices per session are Adults \$3.00 Children \$1.00 **OR a** \$7.00 day pass for Adults
- A \$20 Season Ticket will also be available.
- There will be two Programmes this year, August, \$4.00 & October, \$4.00
- Normal Class Entry Fee is \$4.00
- For special Scholarship, Group and PACANZ entry fees, please refer to the relevant Arts in the Syllabus

TEACHERS

The free door pass for teachers who have students entered will again be available. Please let your students know if you require a pass and, if you do, ask them to put your name and address details on their entry form. The free passes will only be sent to those teachers who actually request them, either by the teacher contacting the office or by teachers ensuring their students ask for a pass on their entry forms.

Southland Competitions Society Executive Committee