

Southland Competitions Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER 2013

The 2012 Competitions Festival was held in August and September. While numbers in some Art Forms were down, some others were up. We once again acknowledge and sincerely thank the Invercargill Licensing Trust, the Community Trust of Southland, the Invercargill City Council Creative Communities, Southland District Council Creative Communities and Gore Creative Communities for their financial support.

This year our Competitions will be held over three weekends:

August 17th & 18th - Instrumental

August 24th - Highland & National Dancing

August 25th - Irish Dancing

September 27th to October 1st - Ballet & Modern Dance, Tap Dancing, Speech & Drama, and Senior & Junior Vocal. .

CUPS

Convenor: David Sycamore - 215 6346

Congratulations to everyone who returned their cups on time for the 2012 Festival. ALL Cups and Trophies are to be returned to 116 Gimblett Street Waikiwi Invercargill by **Friday 22nd June** for the August Competitions and **Friday 10th August** for the September Competitions.

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 2012. Please do not use abrasive cleaners when cleaning cups prior to returning them.

National Young Performer of the Year Awards

In 2012 we were represented at PACANZ by Briar Babington (Vocal) Megan Wright (Ballet) and Bene Stewart (Ballet). Unfortunately Leah Hay was unable to perform because of injury. We trust that she is now fully recovered. Although unplaced, Briar, Megan, and Bene performed well and the experiences they gained will give them added confidence for any future competitions.

At PACANZ 2013 the Society will be represented by Victoria Boulton & Katie Patterson (Speech). Danika Gilbert and Bene Stewart (Modern Dance). We wish them well in their respective arts. Highland & Instrumental Nominees will be decided at our August Competitions.

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, 5C Grant St, Gore 9710 Ph (021) 417872 or can be seen on the PACANZ website at www.pacanz.co.nz **PACANZ will be held in Invercargill, October 11-13 2013.**

SPEECH & DRAMA

Convenor: Jan Hawke - 216 9764

Our competitions went well during 2012 and were held at St Paul's Church, but we would still welcome more entries. This year our judge will be Helen Balch from Christchurch. They will be held from Friday Evening September 28th to Sunday 30th (or Monday) depending on entries.

VOCAL

Convenor:- Margaret Allan - 217 7015

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". This Year's Adjudicator is Shelly Spang from Christchurch. The Vocal Competitions will be held from the 27th September – October 1st, depending on the number of entries received.

IRISH DANCING

Convenor: Pamela Fraser - (03) 218 2303

In 2012 Irish Dancing held a very successful day at Repertory House. The crowd support was excellent and the wonderful camaraderie between spectator and competitor was great... so get your shoes on and join us on Sunday 25th August at Repertory House

BALLET

Convenor: Nikki Cunningham - 027 779 9033

2012 saw a record number of entries and Centre Stage provides an ideal venue for Ballet and Modern Dance. We were privileged to hold the nomination Classes for the Junior Genée competition. In the unexpected absence of our Convenor Nikki, thank you to all our helpers who "stepped" up. This year Ballet is one of the four arts for Young Performer of the Year and we welcome entrants in the nomination class. Those nominated will go on to represent the Society at PACANZ 2014

HIGHLAND & NATIONAL DANCING

Convenor: Julia Adams - 217 2431

Highland & National Dancing held a successful day at Repertory House. This year the date will be Saturday 24th August and the venue Repertory House. This year we will be holding nominations for PACANZ and those nominated will represent the Society in October 2013.

INSTRUMENTAL

Convenor: Judith Stevens - 214 1065

The Instrumental Competitions in 2012 were held at the Lindisfarne Community Centre. It was lovely to see so many in the Percussion Classes – groups and solos. The Instrumental competitions this year, will be held on 17th & 18th August at the same venue . which provides plenty of off street parking for competitors and audience. Remember that the Pacanz nominations for Acoustic Instrument will be held in August and those nominated will represent the Society in October 2013.

TAP DANCING

Convenor: Coral Sycamore - 215 6346

The day went well, even though numbers entering were down. This year the Tap Dancing Competitions combine with Ballet beginning on Friday 27th September. This year we will be holding nominations for PACANZ and those nominated will represent the Society in October 2014.

SPONSORSHIP

Once again, we thank the many individual sponsors who provide a lot of the prize money. However, 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 2012 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) 217 0334 for details.

COMPETITION DATES AND CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES 2013

A reminder closing dates for **August Competitions** is the **22nd June 2013** and **October Competitions** **10th August 2013**

ENTRY FORMS & SYLLABUS

This year we have again had a change in the numbering of classes and some class additions in some of our arts. We are also using four entry forms for 2013

For August: : # Instrumental # Highland Dancing & Irish Dancing

For September # Speech & Vocal # Ballet & Modern Dance and Tap Dancing. 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 2013:-

2013 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.
- A Family / Friends pass will be \$20.00 and payable at time of entry.
- Highland Dancing & Irish Dancing a \$5.00 per person door entry.
- A \$20 Season Ticket will also be available. (this also includes a free programme for August & September).
- There will be two Programmes, one for August, one for September each costing \$6.00.
- 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 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

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