

Southland Competitions Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER 2012

The 2011 Competitions Festival was held in August and September with entries up and record numbers being recorded in Ballet. 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 18th & 19th - Instrumental and Tap Dancing

August 25th & 26th - Highland & National Dancing and Irish Dancing

September 28th to October 1st - 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 2011 Festival. ALL Cups and Trophies are to be returned to 116 Gimblett Street Waikiwi Invercargill by **Friday 8th June** for the August Competitions and **Friday 10th August** for the October 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 2011. Please do not use abrasive cleaners when cleaning cups prior to returning them.

National Young Performer of the Year Awards

In 2011 we were represented at PACANZ by *Katie Lee Taylor* (Acoustic Instrument) and Nadine Terry (Highland) Although unplaced *Katie Lee and Nadine* performed well and the experiences they gained will give them added confidence for any future competitions.

At PACANZ 2012 the Society will be represented by Leah Hay (Tap Dancing) Briar Babington (Vocal) and Megan Wright (Ballet) We wish them well in their respective arts.

For the 2012 year the arts covered are: Speech & Drama and Modern Dance.

Those nominated will represent the Society in 2013

Note: Nominations for Highland Dancing and Acoustic Instrument will be held at our August Competitions in 2013. We would like to think that every one 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, 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 2012 & 2013

SPEECH & DRAMA

Convenor: Jan Hawke - 216 9764

Our competitions went well during 2011 and were held at Repertory House but we would still welcome more entries. This year our judge will be Dinie Bevers from Rangiora. The venue will be St Paul's Church, Dee Street and will be held from Friday Evening September 28th to Sunday 30th (or Monday) depending on entries.

This year we will be holding nominations for Speech and Drama Young Performer of the Year and we look forward to receiving entries for this class. Those nominated will represent the Society in 2013

VOCAL

Convenor: Isobel Walsh & 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" at Repertory House on the Sunday evening and then continued at the Central Baptist Church. The venue for 2012 will again be the Central Baptist Church This Year's Adjudicator is Nancy Woolford from Picton. Vocal Competitions will be held from the 28th September – October 1st or 2nd . depending on the number of entries received.

IRISH DANCING

Convenor: Pamela Fraser - (03) 218 2303

In 2011 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 26th August at Repertory House

BALLET

Convenor: *Nikki Cunningham* - 027 779 9033

2011 saw a record number of entries and Centre Stage provides an ideal venue for Ballet and Modern Dance. This year Modern Dance 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 2013 We are also pleased to announce that this year we will be hosting the "Junior Genee Dance Challenge" nominations (information regarding this prestigious event is being sent to your teachers)

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 25th August and the venue: Repertory House.

INSTRUMENTAL

Convenor: *Judith Stevens* - 214 1065

The Instrumental Competitions in 2011 were held at the Lindisfarne Community Centre. It was lovely to see so many in the Percussion Classes – groups and solos) a Baroque Organ Class was added and this generated a great deal of interest. These two sections will be held again in 2012. The Instrumental competitions this year, will be held on 18th & 19th 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 2013

TAP DANCING

Convenor: *Coral Sycamore* - 215 6346

The day went well, and it was lovely to see good numbers entering the competitions. This year the Tap Dancing Competitions will be held on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August. This year the venue will be Repertory House. .

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 2011 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 2012

A reminder closing dates for August Competitions is **the 23rd June 2012** and October Competitions **12th August 2012**

ENTRY FORMS & SYLLABUS

This year we have 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 2012

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

For September # Ballet & Modern Dance # Speech & Vocal

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 2012:-

2012 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.
- 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.