

Southland Competitions Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER 2016

The 2015 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, the ILT Foundation and the Southern Trust for their financial support.

This year our Competitions will be held over four weekends:

August 13th & 14th	Tap Dancing
August 20th	Highland & National Dancing
August 21st	Irish Dancing
September 23rd – 26th	Speech & Drama, Ballet & Modern Dance, Vocal & Instrumental

CUPS: Convenor - Coral Sycamore - 215 6346

Congratulations to everyone who returned their cups on time for the 2015 Festival. ALL Cups and Trophies are to be returned to 116 Gimblett Street Waikiwi Invercargill by **the 20th June** for the August Competitions and **the 8th 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 2015. Please treat these cups and trophies well and do not use abrasive cleaners when cleaning them prior to returning them, as they are very expensive to replace.

National Young Performer of the Year Awards

In 2015 we were represented at the NYPA by Shelton Shaw (Modern) Dryw McArthur (Speech & Drama) and William Swan (Instrumental). Dryw McArthur was placed 2nd at the Final Concert on the Sunday night, which was very exciting for all of the competitors and supporters from the South and Shelton Shaw was awarded the Potential Prize for modern dance at the medal and awards ceremony. All three of our nominees performed well and the experiences they gained will give them added confidence for any future competitions.

At PACANZ 2016 the Society will be represented by Grace Madoc & Talia O'Neill (Ballet), Briar Babbington (Vocal) and Shelley E Coutts Dance Academy (Troupe/Group). The second Troupe/Group nominated at our Competitions, Mosgiel Meenan Dance Centre, will represent Alexandra Musical Society. We wish them well in their respective arts. Tap and Pianoforte Nominees will be decided at our Competitions during this year.

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, P O Box 138, Gore 9710 Ph (021) 417872 or can be seen on the PACANZ website at www.pacanz.co.nz

The NYPA will be held in Palmerston North 14-16 October 2016 and will include Celebrations and festivities for the 40th Anniversary of the Awards.

SPEECH & DRAMA: Convenor - Jan Hawke - 215 4740

Our competitions went well during 2015 and were held at the Repertory House but we would still welcome more entries. This year our judge is still to be confirmed. These competitions will be held from Friday evening September 23rd to Sunday 26th depending on entries. This year's Venue will again be Repertory House.

VOCAL: Convenor: - Margaret Allan - 217 7015

In 2015 due to the lack of entries for both Senior & Vocal, we were unable to hold any vocal competitions. It was very disappointing with only 7 competitors entering, as many long hours were spent organizing these competitions by myself and by my two assistants, Raewyn and Marylyn. With many new classes included in the syllabus, we had hoped for a huge response in Jazz, Modern and Country and Western but this did not increase the numbers.

This year it is our intention to run both vocal and instrumental simultaneously to see if our numbers increase in any way. If not, there may not be vocal competitions in the future. The dates for both vocal and instrumental are 23rd-26th September at the Civic Theatre in the Victoria Room. So, teachers of students in the relevant arts, please start looking for possible entries. At the time of going to print, an adjudicator has not yet been appointed.

HIGHLAND & NATIONAL DANCING: Convenor - Heidi Boniface - 2158940

In 2015 our Highland Dancing competition was thoroughly enjoyed by both the adjudicator and the 18 dancers. Comments received afterwards emphasized the small, more intimate feel of the day and the enjoyment of the day from the dancers involved. There were some thrilled dancers who each got to take home one of our three brand new trophies! We also had a photo featured in The Eye newspaper. Thank you to the ILT, St Andrews Scottish Society, Waikiwi Piping and Dancing Association and Mrs Anita King for their sponsorship of our event. This year's competition will again be held at Repertory House and the date will be Saturday 20th August 2016.

IRISH DANCING: Convenor - Birgit Crean - 230 4700

In 2015 a great day was had by all. This year our competitions will be on Sunday 21st August at Repertory House - so put your shoes on and join us for a fun filled time.

BALLET: Convenor - Nikki Cunningham - 021 417 872

2015 saw a full programme of entries and Centre Stage was bursting at the seams for Ballet and Modern Dance. We had two Adjudicators – Gemma Adams and Trudy Fargher. Nomination classes were held for Ballet & the new Troupe/Group class and we also ran the Troupe/Group Nomination for Alexandra Competitions Society who were unable to hold it themselves. We are pleased to say that we will have representatives in each genre at the 2016 NYPA. This year Modern is one of the four arts for the National Young Performer Awards and we welcome entrants in the nomination class. We are awaiting confirmation that the Troupe/Group will also be available and look forward to running this exciting class again. Those nominated in September 2016 will go on to represent the Society at the NYPA 2017.

TAP DANCING: Convenor - Nicki Brookland - 214 0112

We had a wonderful weekend of tap dancing at Centre Stage, which went over two days. We had a healthy number of competitors from Dunedin south with lots of positive comments on how relaxed and friendly the competition was. Dr John Todd our adjudicator from Dunedin was highly impressed with the caliber of competitors. He frequently handed out little teddies to worthy competitors which went down a treat. The ILT Scholarship section was once again well represented with some fantastic dancing shown off. I'd like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful group of helpers who added to the smooth running of the competition.

INSTRUMENTAL: Convenors - Irene Liddell - 2175856 & Andrea Hope

The Instrumental Competitions in 2015 were held at the Lindisfarne Community Centre and all went well. This Year's Adjudicator is to be advised. The Instrumental competitions will be held from 24th & 25th September in conjunction with Vocal at the Civic Theatre. Remember that the Young Performer of the Year nominations for Pianoforte will be held in September and those nominated will represent the Society in October 2016 at the PACANZ Awards.

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 Convenor of the art or any of the Executive Committee.

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIPS AND PROGRAMMES

Please forward your payments to PO Box 1393 Invercargill 9840.

If you wish to pay online our account number is: 03-1355-0823967-00 (SBS)

Competitors: Please use your name and Art form for reference.

Memberships: Your name and ID Number for reference.

COMPETITION DATES AND CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES 2016

A reminder closing dates for August Competitions is the **20th June** and September Competitions is the **8th August**.

ENTRY FORMS & SYLLABUS

If you need more entry forms and / or an extra syllabus please contact us on admin@southlandcomps.org.nz or phone your convenor. They will also be available on the Website: www.southlandcomps.org.nz

PRICES FOR 2016:

Administration Fees – now includes \$5.00 Competitor membership	\$15.00 single \$30.00 two - if more than two add \$5.00 competitor membership for each additional child
Entry Fees	\$5.00 per class
Duos & Trios	\$7.00 per class
Pacanz Entry for each art	\$25.00
Scholarships	\$10.00
1. Door Passes – Ballet All other arts	\$20 payable at time of entry TBA via entry form
Full Membership – covers all sessions, all venues	\$25.00 per person - Includes 1 free programme for each member for August & September

Please contact us if you are looking for a new challenge and have an interest in the arts. We would welcome you to join our Committee. This would help to ensure that our Society continues to progress and function for the betterment of our young people interested in the various art forms in the years to come.

Southland Competitions Society Executive Committee