

Southland Competitions Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER 2008

The 2007 Competitions Festival went well and we once again sincerely thank the Invercargill Licensing Trust, The Community Trust of Southland, the Invercargill City Council Creative Communities, Southland District Council Creative Communities and the Gore Council Creative Communities for their financial support. We also thank the Community Trust of Southland Excellence in the Arts Awards for the scholarships provided for Ben Cochrane, Kevin Lo, Rosamund More and Alice McDowell, our nominees at the 2007 Young Performer of the Year Awards held in Tauranga in October.

CUPS

Convenor: *David Sycamore*

Congratulations to everyone who returned their cups on time for the 2007 Festival. There was an improvement last year and we hope it continues in 2008. The competitions will again be held in August and September. There are two return dates for cups: Instrumental, Highland & National Dancing, and cups and trophies are to be returned to **116 Gimblett Street Waikiwi Invercargill** by the 25th July; Vocal, Speech & Drama Ballet and Tap Dancing by the 22th August. 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 2007

PACANZ National Young Performer of the Year Awards

For the 2008 year the arts covered are: Pianoforte, Ballet, Tap Dancing and Vocal

Once again our Society has applied to The Community Trust of Southland for funding, through their Excellence in the Arts Awards, to send one nominee from each art (who resides in The Community Trust of Southland area) to the Awards in Tauranga. We ask teachers to make sure parents know this funding is available (provided our application is successful) because the scholarship will cover all the nominee's costs. The funding will only be available to nominees who go to and compete at the Awards. If parents cannot afford to accompany the nominees, the Southern South Island representative on the PACANZ Executive Council will be travelling to Tauranga for the Awards and would be happy to offer support wherever it is needed.

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!

Information regarding the awards is available from: our office; the Pacanz Office, PO Box 763, Te Puke 3153 (Phone 07 573 9485); or can be seen on the Pacanz website at www.pacanz.co.nz.

SPEECH

Convenor: *Doris Cody*

Our competitions went well during 2007 but we would 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. The Repertory Rooms will be used again as the venue for the 2008 Speech & Drama Competitions which will be held from Friday evening 26th September to Monday or Tuesday depending on entries

VOCAL

Convenor: *Isobel Walsh*

The Vocal competitions were again held in the Central Baptist Church. The Senior Vocal competitions ended with an enjoyable Afternoon Tea in the Acacia Lounge, where competitors were able to mingle and also meet the Adjudicator.

Junior Vocal competitions began again with the usual Songs in Character at the Repertory Rooms on the Sunday evening and then continued at the Central Baptist Church. The same venues will be used again for the 2008 Vocal Competitions which will be held from the 26th to the 29th or 30th September, depending on the number of entries received. 2008 is the year for Vocal at the Pacanz Young Performer of the Year Awards; we hope to get some entrants in the nomination class.

RISH DANCING

Convenor: *Pamela Fraser*

In 2007 we combined with the Highland Dancing which proved very successful. This year the Irish Dancing will be held on Sunday August 24th and we have added five fun classes to our syllabus. The Venue will again be the auditorium at Aurora College.

BALLET

Convenor: *Nikki Cunningham*

Once again, Centrestage Theatre proved an ideal venue for Ballet and Modern Dance. The 6-years and under Ballet Dance class held on the Saturday afternoon was a delight for parents and grandparents of a lot of up-and-coming Ballet Dancers! The Ballet Scholarship classes had large numbers and as always were popular with the audience. 2008 is the year for Ballet at the Pacanz Young Performer of the Year Awards; we welcome entrants in the nomination class.

HIGHLAND & NATIONAL DANCING

Convenor: *Julia Adams*

Highland & National Dancing combined successfully with the Irish Dancing in 2007 at Aurora College. This year the date will be Saturday 24th August - (the Irish Dancing on the Sunday) The venue will again be the auditorium at Aurora College.

INSTRUMENTAL

Convenor: Judith Stevens

The Instrumental competitions in 2007 were held at the Lindisfarne Methodist Community Centre which provided plenty of off street parking for competitors and audience. This year Pianoforte will be part of the Pacanz Young Performer of the Year Awards; and we encourage entrants in the nomination class. The Instrumental competitions will, this year, be held from Saturday 23rd August through to Sunday evening, 24th August, and the venue, the Lindisfarne Methodist Community Centre.

TAP DANCING

Convenor: Coral Sycamore

Unfortunately, because of the lack of entries Tap Dancing was not part of the 2007 Competitions. This year we have changed the Competitions to Saturday 27th September and the venue will be the Auditorium at Aurora College. It is hoped with the change of date, that this will encourage more dancers to enter. This year Tap Dancing will be included in the Pacanz Young Performer of the Year Awards; we encourage Dancers to enter 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 2007 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

Unfortunately because of unforeseen circumstances we will not be able, at this stage, to offer online entries this year. We are sorry for the inconvenience for those who do so. All going well we will have this facility available again in 2009. However if you still wish to pay online, just let us know and we will give you details.

COMPETITION DATES AND CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES 2008

The 2008 competition dates will be:

- **22nd to 24th August:-** for Instrumental, Highland & National Dancing and Irish Dancing; entries will close for these arts on **Friday, 20th June**
- **26th to 29th or 30th September:-** for Vocal, Speech & Drama, Tap Dancing, and Ballet and Modern Dance; entries will close for these arts on **Friday 18th July**.

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 2008

2008 prices will remain the same as last year, with normal class prices being set at \$4 per class, administration fees at \$6 per person or \$10 per family or group. The **\$75 fee cap** will remain as the maximum cost any one family will have to pay (exclusive of Programmes and Membership Fees). At the Festival itself, door prices will remain the same at Adults \$3 and Children \$1 per session with a \$7 Day Pass as well. The \$20 Season Ticket will also be available, covering both the August and September competitions (keep the Pass in a safe place!). There will be two Programmes this year, one for August and another for September, each costing \$4.

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.

This year has seen a change of the Secretary Treasurer and the contact details are:-
Telephone:- (03) 217 0334 Fax: (03) 2170215 The email address remains the same.

*Raewyn Hunt
for the Executive Committee*