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BALLET AND MODERN SECTION

Civic Theatre, Tay Street, Invercargill
27th – 30th September 2026

Adjudicators: Kate and Tess Martin

Convenor: Anne Canny - southlandballetcomp@gmail.com

Registration/Entry Link: [WE Developments Hub](#)

Pre-Registration: Monday 20 July - 6pm
Entries Open: Southland Locals only Saturday 25th July - 7pm
All other regions Monday 27th July - 7pm
Entries close: Wednesday 29 July - 7pm **(No late entries will be accepted)**

ENTRY FEES (Mandatory):

Administration Fee	\$15.00 per competitor. Includes Society Membership fee.
Family Door Entry	\$20.00 per family.

CLASS ENTRY FEES:

Solos:	\$15	Variations:	\$20
Duos:	\$20	Championships:	No pre-entry \$20 on the day.
Trios:	\$25	National Young Performer (PACANZ)	\$35.00
Troupes(4 or more):	\$30		

App service fees are additional. All fees are paid on entry via the App and are non-refundable.

CUPS:

All cups mentioned in the Syllabus remain the property of the Society but are held by the winners by the dates specified.

Damage to cups is the responsibility of the competitor. Cups are to be returned in a **CLEAN AND UNDAMAGED** condition. Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$25.00 per trophy.

Cups won at our last competition in 2025 are to be returned by 27th July 2026.

TO: BALLET & MODERN DANCE - c/o St Joseph's School Office 70 Eye Street, Invercargill.

Please note school will be closed from the 4th of July to the 19th of July 2026.

Note: - If cups are not returned by due date, then entries from those holders will not be accepted. Please check the Southland Competitions Society Web page for the cup winners listed names.

SPECIFIC RULES – BALLET AND MODERN

Please ensure you also read and understand the **General Rules**.

- 1 Status: These competitions are open only to amateurs. An amateur means “one whose income is not derived mainly from the use of his/her talents in the particular section in which he or she is competing”. The Executive reserves the right to determine the status of any competitor.
- 2 All dancers are requested to **enter only 10 dances** in order of preference (not including NYPA, duo/trio & group).
- 3 Selected Items:
 - (a) Barefoot: No footwear whatsoever to be worn in barefoot classes.
 - (b) Choreography: All classes including championships are to be original choreography. The only exception is for Variations.
 - (c) Young Performer: Entrants to Young Performer of the Year Award class must compete in two other classes other than Championships.
 - (d) Titles of Demi Character, Barefoot & Variation Dances, no changes will be made after initial entry, on adjudicators forms.
 - (e) No item performed in one class may be repeated in another by the same person. The only exceptions to this rule are for entrants in the National Award Nomination Classes, Ballet, and Modern Jazz Championships.
 - (f) All time limits must be adhered to; Adjudicator will have the right to apply penalties should the time limit be exceeded.
- 4 Use of Recorded Music:
 - (a) Accepted audio formats are MP3 or M4A (WAV files do not work with the updated APP). Please make sure to play the file back after uploading to confirm it has been uploaded correctly.
 - (b) All music must be uploaded to the app no later than 3 weeks prior to competition commencing. It is parent responsibility to ensure that this happens as no reminders will automatically be sent.
 - (c) Dancer is recommended to bring a USB file music back-up to the Competition
- 5 Maximum Time Limits.
8 years and under - 2 minutes 12 years and under - 3 minutes 13 years and over - 4 minutes
- 6 Copyright: (In Affiliation with the Performing Arts Competitions Association of New Zealand Inc-PACANZ) Southland Competitions Society comply with APRA regulations and forward fees on behalf of all Competitors.
Copyright Compliance:
To comply with NZ copyright law, Competitors must bring the “original” of their music. For the purposes of this Competition an “Original” includes a copy that was purchased online. Please check if your pieces are old versions that have been re-released, as the newer version may fall under copyright law again.

CLASS RULES:

NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER NOMINATIONS 2026 FOR 2027 (Modern)

PACANZ 2027 See full criteria attached on the app.

Class 700 and 701	Solo - Age 15 and under 21 as of 01 October 2027
Class 702	Troupe

We request you must enter 2 additional solo classes excluding championship and duo sections to be eligible.
Only enter the Nomination class if you are seeking a Nomination AND are committed to attending and competing at the National Young Performer Awards in Palmerston North in 2027.

DUOS/TRIOS/TROUPES

Groups / Duo, Trio's are not included in the 10 solos.

Only 1 group and 1 duo/trio entry may be entered per competitor.

Only 1 duo/trio item and 1 group item per dancer or duo/trio / groups are both removed from placings.

CLASSICAL VARIATIONS:

To be performed in the variation class only. Titles must be submitted with entry.

Class 643 and 644– Class(es) for competitors 13 years and over. Must dance a different selection in each class and the Variations must show differing styles. Competitors may enter one section only if they wish.

Class 645– Junior Variation is for competitors 11, 12 & 13 years. As the Variation selected is to be performed on flat **NOT** en Pointe, please choose your variation with this in mind. i.e. a dance that translates well to being performed on flat.

Competitors who are 13 years old may enter classes 643/644 OR 645 but may not compete in both sections.

CLASSICAL BALLET NOVICE CLASSES:

Novice competitors cannot enter the open class in addition to novice until such time as they have won this class.

Classes 651 and 652 and 653 are open to any competitor who has not gained a first placing in Ballet Novice Class in these or similar competitions prior to this festival. When a competitor wins the Novice class, they are no longer eligible to enter the Novice class but enter their Age Group class.

If a competitor has not won a Novice class but has placed first, second or third in their Open Age Group class previously, they are no longer eligible to enter the Novice class.

CLASSICAL BALLET CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: No pre-entry required.

Championship classes must be paid for on the day to dance. \$20 per class.

6 entrants will be selected by the Adjudicator (own choice) from relevant age group classes.

All competitors must dance the same Ballet Dance as in their age group class they were selected from.

Selections for Intermediate and Senior Dancers may be chosen from their relevant ballet or enpointe class.

Championship competitors must have danced in at least 3 other classes at these Competitions and one of these classes must be the relevant age group class for the Championship.

i.e. 9 – 11 yrs. Age group Ballet, 12 – 14 years and 15 years & over Age group Ballet and/or enpointe class.

MODERN JAZZ NOVICE CLASSES:

Novice competitors cannot enter the open class in addition to novice until such time as they have won this class.

Classes 657 and 658 and 659 are open to any competitor who has not gained a first placing in Modern Dance Novice Classes in these or similar competitions prior to this festival. When a competitor wins the Novice class, they are no longer eligible to enter the Novice class but enter their Age Group class.

If a competitor has not won a Novice class but has placed first, second or third in their Open Age Group class previously, they are no longer eligible to enter the Novice class.

MODERN JAZZ CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: No pre-entry is required.

Championship classes must be paid for on the day to dance; \$20 per class.

6 entrants will be selected by the Adjudicator (own choice) from relevant age group classes.

All competitors must dance the same Jazz Dance as in their age group class.

No Hip Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical or Musical Theatre to be danced in the age group class or Championship Classes.

Championship competitors must have danced in at least 3 other classes at these Competitions and one of these classes must be the relevant age group class for the Championship i.e. Age Group Modern Jazz class at these competitions.

MUSICAL THEATRE/BROADWAY JAZZ:

With or without song (no tap)

BALLET AND MODERN SYLLABUS:

CLASS NUMBER	AGE GROUP	CLASS TYPE	TROPHY
601	6 years and under	Ballet Dance	Kennard Family Trophy
602	6 years and under	Demi-Character	Ward Family Trophy
603	6 years and under	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Southland Competitions Society Trophy (55)
604	7 years	Ballet Dance	Southland Competitions Society Trophy (58)
605	7 years	Demi-Character	Ward Family Trophy
606	7 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Ellie Brown Trophy
607	8 years	Ballet Dance	Southland Competitions Society Trophy (56)
608	8 years	Demi-Character	Laura Smith Trophy
609	8 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	McKenzie Brazier Trophy
610	9 years	Ballet Dance	Aachen Motel Challenge Cup
611	9 years	Demi-Character	Risk Family Trophy
612	9 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Society Challenge Cup
613	10 years	Ballet Dance	Shirley Harvey Challenge Cup
614	10 years	Demi-Character	Eloise Smith Trophy
615	10 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Ellie Brown Trophy
616	11 years	Ballet Dance	SCS Trophy (59)
617	11 years	Demi-Character	Portia Smith Trophy
618	11 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Oriana Smith Trophy
619	12 years	Ballet Dance	Maria Breuss Cup
620	12 years	Demi-Character	SCS Trophy (70)
621	12 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Samantha Smith Trophy
622	12 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	Shirley Harvey Challenge Cup
623	13 years	Ballet Dance	SCS Trophy (60)
624	13 years	Demi-Character	Saffron Smith Trophy
625	13 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Natalie Smith Trophy
626	13 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	Shelly Beadle Cup
627	14 years	Ballet Dance	SCS Trophy (61)
628	14 years	Demi-Character	SCS Trophy (71)
629	14 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Elizabeth Chong Trophy
630	14 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	Patricia Martin Challenge Cup
631	15 and under 17 years	Ballet Dance	SCS Trophy (63)
632	15 and under 17 years	Demi-Character	Trudy Breuss Cup (632/636) Highest marks
633	15 and under 17 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	Fuel Fitness Trophy
634	15 and under 17 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	Society Challenge Cup
635	17 and under 19 years	Ballet Dance	SCS Trophy (73)
636	17 and under 19 years	Demi-Character	Trudy Breuss Cup(632/636) Highest marks
637	17 and under 19 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	TBC
638	17 and under 19 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	Glenis Wensy Challenge Cup Highest marks
639	19 and under 22 years	Ballet Dance	TBC
640	19 and under 22 years	Demi-Character	TBC
641	19 and under 22 years	Interpretive and Classical Barefoot Dance	TBC

CLASS NUMBER	AGE GROUP	CLASS TYPE	TROPHY
642	19 and under 22 years	Ballet Dance en Pointe (including Boys Solo)	TBC
643	13 years and over	Variation – Own Choice	Kelly Family Challenge Cup 643 & 644
644	13 years and over	Variation – Own Choice <i>(must show Contrast to Class 643)</i>	Kelly Family Challenge Cup 643 & 644
645	11, 12 and 13 years	Variation – NOT en Pointe	Cunningham Family Trophy
646	Any Age	National Character	Erkes Family Trophy
647A	11 years and under	Duo/Trio Any Genre Modern	SCS Trophy (74)
647B	12 years and over	Duo/Trio Any Genre Modern	TBC
648/649	Any Age	Neo-Classical	SCS Trophy (72)
650	Any Age	Duo / Trio Any Genre Ballet	TBC
651	Under 10 years	Classical Ballet Novice	WD Henderson Cup
652	10 and Under 13 years	Classical Ballet Novice	Fiona Warnock Challenge Cup
653	13 years and over	Classical Ballet Novice	Society Cup (Parmenter Challenge)
654	9-11 years	Junior Ballet Championship	Rowena Jackson Retirement Village Trophy
655	12-14 years	Intermediate Ballet Championship	Rowena Jackson Retirement Village Trophy
656	15 years and over	Senior Ballet Championship	Rowena Jackson Retirement Village Trophy
657	Under 10 years	Modern Jazz Novice	Erkes Family Trophy (previously Kennard Family Cup)
658	10 and under 13 years	Modern Jazz Novice	Gracie McQuaig Cup (previously Karen Gordon Cup)
659	13 years and over	Modern Jazz Novice	Linda Cook Cup
660A	11 years and under	Contemporary	Society Cup (13 & under Contemporary)
660B	12 and 13 years	Contemporary	Society Cup (13 & under Contemporary)
667	11 years and under	Lyrical	Southland Competitions Society Trophy
668	12 and 13 years	Lyrical	Thea Collie Trophy
662	14 years	Contemporary	Nicola Miller Challenge Trophy
663	15 years	Contemporary	Collie Family Trophy (663 & 664 Years)
669	14 years	Lyrical	Southland Competitions Society Trophy
670/671	15 and 16 years	Lyrical	Southland Competitions Society Trophy
664	16 years	Contemporary	Collie Family Trophy (663 & 664 Years)
665	17 and 18 years	Contemporary	Hutton Family Trophy (17 & 18 years)
672	17 and 18 years	Lyrical	SCS Trophy (65)
666	19 years and over	Contemporary	Southland Competitions Society Trophy (50)
673	19 years and over	Lyrical	SCS Trophy
674A	8 years and under	Modern Jazz	Karen Gordon Cup
674B	9 and 10 years	Modern Jazz	Erkes Family Trophy
674C	11 Years	Modern Jazz	Ellie Brown Trophy
675	12 and 13 years	Modern Jazz	Jan Kidd Cup
676	14 years	Modern Jazz	Yvonne Young Challenge Cup
677	15 years	Modern Jazz	McFarlane Modern Jazz Trophy 15 & 16 yrs
678	16 years	Modern Jazz	McFarlane Modern Jazz Trophy 15 & 16 yrs
679	17 and 18 years	Modern Jazz	Pamela Husband Cup
680	19 years and over	Modern Jazz	Tilly McDonald Trophy
681	Any Age	Group Any Genre - 4 or more competitors	
683	11 years and under	Hip Hop	Grace Warren Trophy
684	12 and 13 years	Hip Hop	Elsie Brown Trophy
685	11 years and under	Musical Theatre/Broadway Jazz	Kennard Family Trophy
686	12 and 13 years	Musical Theatre/Broadway Jazz	Marlee Nimo Trophy

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687	14 and 15 years	Musical Theatre/Broadway Jazz	Lisdale Cup
688	16 years and over	Musical Theatre/Broadway Jazz	Kennard Family Trophy
689	11 years and under	Acro (Acrobatic Dance)	TBC
690	12 years and over	Acro (Acrobatic Dance)	Gray Family Trophy
680	9-11 years	Junior Jazz Championship	No Mean Feet Championship Trophy - Junior
681	12-14 years	Intermediate Jazz Championship	No Mean Feet Championship Trophy – Intermediate
682	15 years and over	Senion Jazz Championship	No Mean Feet Championship Trophy – Senior
700	15 and under 21 as of 1 October 2027	PACANZ Modern/Jazz	
701	15 and under 21 as of 1 October 2027	PACANZ Contemporary/Lyrical	
702	Under 21 as of 01 October 2027	PACANZ Troupe	

HIGHEST MARKS: (Awarded across all age groups for genre)

Barefoot	Gay Horman Challenge Cup
Demi character	Pamela Wyeth Challenge Cup
Pointe Work	Southland Competitions Society Cup
Classical Ballet	The Gladys Carter Memorial Cup
Modern Dance (All Forms)	The Sadgrove Trophy

SPECIAL AWARDS: Adjudicator's Choice

Most Promising Dancer in Ballet	The Joy Lewis Challenge Cup
Most Promising Modern Dancer (All Forms)	Anna Baird Challenge Cup
Dancer with Best Personality	The Dance Shop Cup
Most Promising Under 12	Collins Trophy
Most Promising Unplaced Under 12	Dance Southland Inc
Most Promising Unplaced 12 and over	Dance Southland Inc
Musicality in Dance	Rupert Stewart Cup
Most Artistic & Memorable Dance	Bene Stewart Cup
Best Choreographed Dance	Robinson Family Trophy
Deportment, Poise & Presentation	Molly Cole Trophy
Champion of Champions	Mecaela Baird Challenge Cup
Ballet/Modern Dance Scholarship	Invercargill Licensing Trust
ILT Southland Supreme Scholarship	Macenzie Brazier Trophy
Hazel Christie - Southland Incentive Award	Hazel Christie Trophy

MONETARY AWARDS:***NOTE: All prize money allocation is subject to confirmation.*****AGGREGATE CLASSES:****All are sponsored by the Invercargill Licensing Trust**

Classes:	Trophy	1st
601, 602, 603	Hamilton Challenge Cup	
604, 605, 606	Valmai Hamilton Challenge Cup	
607, 608, 609	Dorothy Stott Challenge Cup	
610, 611, 612	Shirley Flaus Challenge Cup	
613, 614, 615	Beverley Thomas Challenge Cup	
616, 617, 618	Southland Competitions Society Cup	
619, 620, 621	Valmai Hamilton Challenge Cup	
623, 624, 625, 626	Beulah Beadle Challenge Cup	
627, 628, 629, 630	Hazel Stroud Challenge Cup	
631, 632, 633, 634	Sandra Northcoat Cup	

VARIATIONS/CHAMPIONSHIPS:***If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities for the Ballet Championships, please email us.***

Class	Age	Award/Sponsor	1st	2nd	3rd
643/644	13 years & over (Variations)	Denise Stevens Prize			
654	9 -11 years	Junior Ballet Championship TBC			
655	12-14 years	Intermediate Ballet Championship TBC			
656	15 years & over	Senior Ballet Championship TBC			
680	8 - 11 years	Invercargill Licensing Trust Modern Jazz Junior Championship			
681	12 - 14 years	Invercargill Licensing Trust Modern Jazz Intermediate Championship			
682	15 years & over	Invercargill Licensing Trust Modern Jazz Senior Championship			

Champion of Champions - Adjudicator Choice

The winner will be chosen from the winners of the Jazz and Ballet Championship sections. It will be awarded at the end of the Competitions.

Alex Nicol Commemorative Scholarship Sash and Monetary Prize TBC	Mecaela Baird Challenge Cup	1st
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Potential Awards -Adjudicator Choice**All are sponsored by the Invercargill Licensing Trust*****Must reside in Southland***

Based on the entrant's potential. These awards are to be used for further development in dance and therefore paid directly to applicable Dance teacher/school.

Potential Award Genre	1st
Lyrical	
Contemporary	
Duo	
Trio	
Acro	
Hip-Hop	
Group	

ILT Southland Supreme Dance Scholarship Sponsored by the Invercargill Licensing Trust

Must reside in Southland.

Adjudicator to determine recipient of this. Selected from all classes and all age groups.

Macenzie Brazier Trophy Sash and Monetary Prize TBC	1st
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National Young Performer

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Adjudicator decision if nominations are awarded.

Class 700/701 Sash/s and Entry subsidy TBC

Hazel Christie - Southland Incentive Award

Must reside in Southland.

Adjudicator to determine recipient of this award. Based on competitor's effort, attitude, and demonstration of passion for their chosen artform.

Paid directly to applicable Dance teacher/school for tuition.

Hazel Christie Trophy Sash and Monetary Prize for Tuition TBC	1st
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