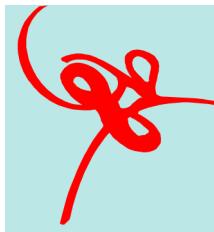


Palmerston North Dance Association



Ballet



Tap



Contemporary



Troupe

Jazz



Hip Hop



22nd Annual Dance Festival Annual Newsletter
The Regent on Broadway ~ 1 - 7 October 2021

2021 Presidents Report ~ Maryanne Mechen

PNDA report for newsletter

Kia Ora / Greetings

There is a strong sense of 'deja-vous' whilst writing this, if you are reading this at our October Competitions our luck has lasted.

What we do know is that Covid and this Delta variant haven't dampened the interest in dance competitions across the country. The upward trend continues with societies in many cases unable to accept all the entries they receive. This must be a positive, with so many dancers keen for opportunities to compete, the standard of dance at competitions is lifting to another level. This has certainly been our experience.

Starting where we left off in 2020, we can report that the PNDA September Competition Dance Festival and Gala, was again a tremendously successful 7-day event.

The gala evening had a spectacular start with a freak storm, apart from leaks sprung side stage and some invited guests being deterred from coming out in the weather, the evening went as planned. The surprises started early in the day, an early call from our beloved Patron, Sir Jon Trimmer, telling us he couldn't manage the car ride, due to an accident at his home that morning, was followed almost simultaneously by our Ballet and Modern Adjudicator Shelley Coutts, informing us that overnight a family emergency had developed requiring her to return home ASAP. We appreciated Shelley being able to stay for the Gala Event. We managed to get her to Invercargill on the earliest flight Tuesday morning.

Tangi Utikere the Deputy Mayor was in attendance, with other representatives from PNCC council, PNDA members, teachers and associates. Tangi holds the Councillor record of never missing a Gala, so it was nice to share his last time in the role of City Councillor/ Deputy Mayor. We look forward to his attendance as MP for Palmerston North. (Thankyou Tangi for the great impromptu speech) We managed to secure Emma Maddox from Wellington for the Tuesday and Wednesday Modern Competition and Amy Macdonald joined us as planned for the Tap on Thursday.
Keep calm and carry on!



PNDA Gala Evening September Competitions 2020

Moving now onto 2021 we held our February and March Competitions without interruption. In February only just managing to get our Auckland Adjudicator Rebecca Schoonbeek-Berridge on her flight. Auckland travel ban lifting just in time. The Tap and Impromptu competition was well supported again.

The Mega Pacanz NYPA landscape starting to shape up. Our 2020 tap nominees all carried over to 2021. We had a chance to offer a tap troupe at February Competition, this was awarded to Move It Dance works with 'Welcome Wonderland'.

March Competitions were as busy as usual we had 160 soloists and 71 troupe items 400 items in total. It's a lot to fit into a weekend. Sophie Pascoe our adjudicator from Nelson managed it all very well and was appreciated by all.

Modern Nominations went to Anya Down, Mārie Jones from PNDA, Sophie Hunter, Maia McGrath, gifted (DanceNZMade), Ayla Cooksley, gifted (Rotorua Competiton society) Ballet Nominees 2021 Keearndra Tohill and Georgia Lunn, PNDA. NB: All our 2020 ballet nominees were withdrawn, three out of the 4 took up places at the NZ School of dance 2021

2021 Troupe nominations from PNDA went to Dance works studio, 'Bathe in the River' Gifted (from Mosgiel Ballet) JFDS, 'End of Time'.

The 2020 nomination from PNDA to Dean Mckerras School of Dance "Hip Hop" carries over to the Mega 2021.

In June we held our Dance 2021, postponed from 2020. This was another successful event. We thank our teacher members for keeping this event alive with their participation. The concert is intended to be a celebration of dance and it never fails to exceed expectations. It is a highlight on the PNDA Calendar of events. For those of you who have not been involved with this, It is a non-competitive event involving all our member Dance Schools who come together and showcase what they do best at their dance studios. It gives the Dance Association the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of our dance teacher community. We would not have events to run, nor dancers at the level of skill required to perform and compete without the commitment from Dance teachers.

We would like to acknowledge Michelle Robinson who is our Dance Teacher representative on the PNDA committee. In her role as Dance teacher representative, Michelle convenes the Dance 2000 series of concerts.

Our newsletter once again provides a pictorial review of our events, thank you to Katrina Rose for pulling this all together for us.

Thank you to our members and supporters who have been on the journey with us. Welcome to those of you who are new to our events or just having a browse.

New members are always welcome (see membership material

Congratulations to all our competitors for your efforts and willingness to participate at our competitions and events. It gives us great pleasure being a part of your achievements and successes little and big on your dance journey.

Finally a big shout out of thanks to Jennifer Shennan from Wellington, who contacted us asking would we like copies of the book "The Royal ballet at 60" to distribute to anyone who we thought would appreciate them. The publisher was unable to store them due to relocation. No strings attached! What a gift!

Compliments of the editors of this fabulous book, Jennifer Shennan and Anne Rouse. Both Jennifer and Anne are ex RNZB company members. I drove to Wellington for the pickup of the 'bootie' and spent a delightful afternoon in the presence of the above mentioned women and others, I returned to Palmerston North with more than one box of books, loaded in my car, with assistance from my brother and PNDA friend, Peter Mechen.

Kia kaha

Keep strong, Go well,

Maryanne Mechen for the Palmerston North Dance Association





2020 Gala Evening



Sir Jon Trimmer Trophy
Best Demi Characterisation

Georgia Lunn—Picnic at Hanging
Rock
With Adjudicator Shelly Coutts and
Susan McConachy



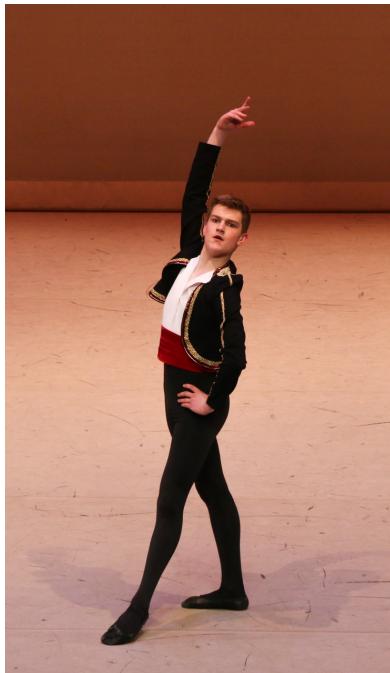
2020 Junior Ballet Championship
Mio Denize

2020 Intermediate Ballet Championship
Skylah Langstraat





2020 Gala Evening



2020 Senior Ballet Championship

- 1. Niamh O'Meara
- 2. Marie Jones
- 3. Isabella Jones



2020-2021 PACANZ Nominees National Young Performer Awards

Pacanz Tap Nomination 2020

PNDA—Kate McGimpsey

PNDA—Zara Fox

Dance NZ Made—Greer Sawtell

Dance NZ Made—Georgina Palmer



Pacanz Ballet Nomination 2021

Kearndra Tohill

Georgia Lunn



Pacanz Tap Troupe Nomination 2021

Move it Danceworks—Welcome to Wonderland

Pacanz Troupe Nomination

Dean McKerras School of Dance—Hip Hop 2020

Step Up Dance Company 2020

Danceworks—Bathe in the River 2021

Judith Fuge Dance—End of Time 2021



Pacanz Modern Nomination 2021

PNDA—Anya Down, Marie Jones

Dance NZ Made, Sophie Hunter, Maia McGrath

Rotorua—Ayla Cooksley



Pacanz
Performing Arts Championships, Competitions and Showband Zone

2021

20-24 October

Regent on Broadway - The Speirs Centre

The Globe Theatre

Final Awards Concert: 24 October: 7.30pm: Regent on Broadway



MEGA *9*national
All 9 art forms young performer awards

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Championships



2020 Senior Jazz Championship

1. Isabella Jones
2. Sophia Brewerton
3. Aly Snowsill

2020 Intermediate Jazz Championship

1. Nicola Sutherland-Smith
2. Skylah Langstraat
3. Shannon Tunbridge

2020 Junior Jazz Championship

1. April Langstraat
2. Peyton Waters
3. Raya Walsey



2020 Senior Tap Championship

1. Emma-Kate Johnson
2. Kate Sheaf-Morrison
3. Emma Kasperski

2020 Junior Tap Championship

1. Aris Killalea
2. Dillon McCullough
3. Ava Duncan



2020 Senior Ballet Championship

1. Niamh O'Meara
2. Marie Jones
3. Isabella Jones

2020 Intermediate Ballet Championship

1. Skylah Langstraat
2. Nicola Sutherland-Smith
3. Lina Peachy

2020 Junior Ballet Championship

1. Mio Denize
2. Tayla Schiff-Abels
3. Yilin Zhao



Membership

We are a non-profit, incorporated organisation and our objectives are

- To encourage, foster and promote the practice and appreciation of all dance forms
- To encourage, foster and promote all cultural and education activities of all dance forms
- To inculcate in the individual a sense of responsibility and of sportsmanship to fellow members and associates

Download our [**2021 Membership Form**](#) from our web site <https://pnda.nz> or contact our president

Maryanne Mechen at maryanne.mechen@xtra.co.nz

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Membership is due by the end of February each year

Benefits of membership

- Members are issued with one free Festival pass to our September competitions (currently Festival passes are \$25, giving you a wonderful bonus for supporting us)
- PNDA newsletter celebrating local dancers, dance schools and activities
- Discounted rate to events including our biennial Workshops/Dance 2000 series
- Contacts and networking as members of the dance community
- PNDA is a member of PACANZ which means we can offer nominations in Ballet, Tap and Modern Dance, and are covered for APRA (music copyright fees)
- Consideration for a travel subsidy to such events as Winter School and other dance education opportunities. This is always dependent on funds being available
- We have launched a Gala Evening event as part of our September dance competitions. This is run to highlight and support ballet dancers participating in the championship classes. Members are invited to be part of this entertaining, social and networking occasion

Annual membership

Family Membership \$20

Individual Membership \$10

Teacher Membership \$20

Local Dance Teacher financial members are offered the opportunity to take part in our biennial Regent Dance day where they can have their studio perform an item in conjunction with other dance studios from the area. On alternate years we offer workshops which, in the past, have included ballet, contemporary, jazz, musical theatre and impromptu dance skills.

We are a hard working committee, dedicated to providing dance opportunities to local dancers and their teachers. While we have ballet, modern/jazz, contemporary and tap styles of dance as our priority, we are trying to extend our networking as time and resources allow.

We appreciate your support of our efforts on behalf of the dancers, by showing your commitment through becoming a current financial member of PNDA.



2021 Monica Skinner Scholarship

The Monica Skinner Scholarship is offered by the Palmerston North Dance Association when funds are available, to assist a dancer who is to further their dance experience through tertiary study at an acknowledged tertiary institution. The applicant's proposal can include further study or training in dance. The Scholarship may be undertaken in New Zealand or overseas. Applicants are required to demonstrate how their study will help them to enhance dance excellence. Monica was a valued committee member as well as a hardworking secretary of PNDA from 2004 until 2009. Her diligent achievements in securing funds to further dance education are the impetus for this scholarship in her name.

2021 Application forms are with your Dance Schools—please ask your teachers for a form if you'd like to apply.

Previous Recipients Are

2020 Isabella Jones

2019 Shavaun Tohill

2018 no applicants

2017 Charlotte Gilmour and Tobyn Gregory

2016 Megan Morrison

2015 Luke Cooper and Daniel Hardcastle

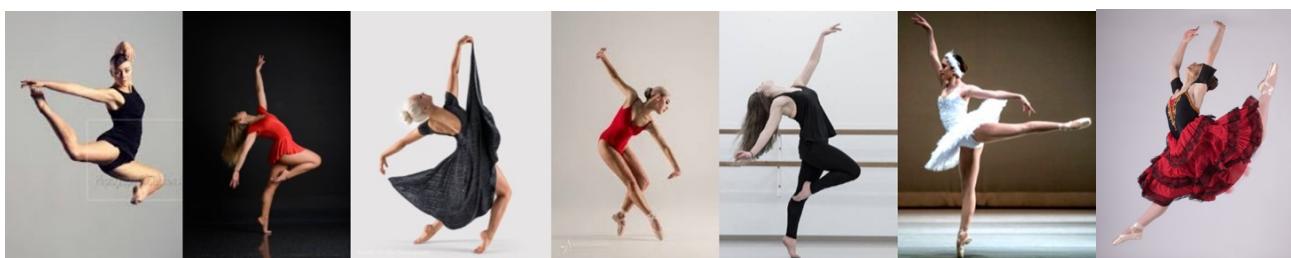
2014 Michelle Geange and Emily Hancock

2013 Kara Imrie

2012 Nicola Morrison

2011 Ashley Hodges

2010 Emma Martin



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2020 Monica Skinner Awards Winner

Isabella Jones

This year I began my 1st year of full time dance training at The New Zealand School of Dance as a contemporary major in Wellington. For the last few years I knew I wanted to study full time, I love dancing and performing and I am so thankful to be able to continue on this journey and to be able to grow and develop and strengthen myself as a dancer. It has been an amazing year, I am loving living in Wellington and in the hostels – moving out of home for the first time at age 16 was a little scary but I am thankful for all the support and advice I have received and I have really enjoyed discovering and finding my independence here and learning how to look after and manage myself. NZSD has been amazing and has provided help with the transition to full time study and supporting us as young adults.



We have a really busy timetable each week with a mixture of academic studies like nutrition, anatomy, music and dance studies and we do a lot of conditioning and strengthening and pilates and gym training and then a mixture of technique classes, improv, progressions, classical. So it is really busy and I have been pushed and challenged as a dancer learning new styles and developing ideas. I am loving it and so happy to be here.

We have been fortunate to Work with so many amazing choreographers and dancers and I am so inspired every day. This year I have been lucky enough to work on some really interesting choreographed pieces. We have been able to perform these works at Insight and as a guest performers at Show Quest. We have worked on our own choreographed pieces and are working on film projects which will be performed at our end of term insights. Coming up in term 3 I will be a full time dancer in The World of wearable arts and we are also working on some new works where we will be taught international repertoire for graduation season. So many great opportunities and I am really being stretched as a dancer. I am also loving being here and going to so many live dance performances around the city. It is so inspiring. 2021 has been a great year.



I am honoured to have received The Monica Skinner Scholarship from the Palmerston North Dance Association for 2021. Thank you to everyone on the committee for your support and encouragement of me over the years. I started my competition days at age 10 at the PNDA comps and they have always been a highlight. The committee are always so lovely and kind and they feel like family to me, I have formed some really special relationships with each and every one of you amazing ladies. I have loved competing at the local competitions every year and will have memory's and DVD's of these forever.

Dance 2021

The 2021 concert is the latest in a series of concerts that began in 2000 celebrating dance in its many and varied forms. The event is a significant event for the Palmerston North Dance Association, bringing together our member schools from Palmerston North and the wider Manawatu and Horowhenua areas. Dance Schools showcasing their talents are Michelle Robinson School of Dance, Dean McKerras School of Dance, Evolve Performing Arts Centre, Spring Chickens, Dance Unlimited, Kate Martin School of Dance, Anomaly Dance Studios, Danceworks Studios, Maximum Dance Zone, The Rose Academy, Cailin School of Traditional Irish Dancing and Catherine Inger School of Dance.



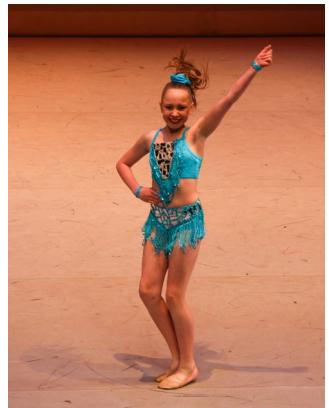
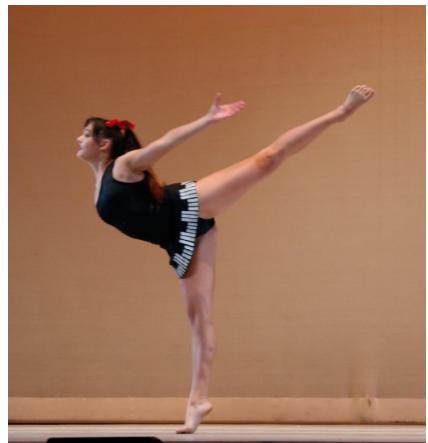


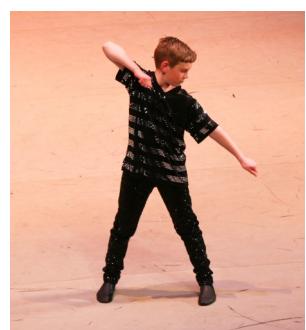
Dance 2021





The year in pictures





Up Coming Events

2021

PNDA Annual Dance Competitions & Gala Evening

1 — 7 October 2021. Regent on Broadway

Monica Skinner Memorial Scholarship : Applications close

5pm 10th November 2021

PNDA AGM

5th December 2021

2022

PNDA Restricted Ballet & Modern Competitions + PACANZ Ballet and Troupes Nomination offered

18—20 March 2022. Regent on Broadway

PNDA Restricted and open Tap Competition and Open Impromptus + PACANZ Tap Solos and Troupes Nomination offered

1—3 April 2022. Globe Theatre

PNDA Workshop -

2022 Date to be advised. Regent on Broadway

PNDA Annual Dance Competitions & Gala Evening

30 September—6 October 2022. Regent on Broadway

PACANZ NYPA — Troupes, Ballet, Tap, Vocal, Pianoforte,

20—22 October 2022. Regent on Broadway. Hosted by PNDA and MPACS



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