

PERFECTING CHAMPIONSHIP STEPS WORKSHOP

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INTER/PREMIER DANCERS ONLY DOING CHAMPIONSHIP STEPS

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 8TH, 2011

PLACE: JACQUELINE SCHOOL OF DANCE ---- PICKERING

1735 Bayly St. – Unit 18

(South East corner of Brock & Bayly) Studio #905-420-7399

CONDUCTED BY:

Nicola Grant – Scotland / Christine Aitken – Scotland / Deb Ward – BC

Nicola Grant is 39 years old and lives in Kirriemuir, the birthplace of Sir JM Barrie, the famous author who wrote Peter Pan. Nicola is married and has 3 children Liam 13, Holly 10 and Amber 8. She works full time as a Local Director with Bank of Scotland in Aberdeen and also runs the Nicola Grant School of Dancing.

Nicola started dancing at age 5 and was taught by Wilma Tolmie, Dundee. She was the winner of the World Juvenile Championship in 1987 and has won many other titles over the years as a competitor including Commonwealth, British open and six Scottish Championship titles. She also won the Champion of Champions title in 1987.

Nicola is a fellow and examiner of the UKA and member of the BATD and SDTA. She is also an adjudicator for the SOBHD and is a delegate for FUSTA to the SOBHD.

Christine Aitken started dancing at the age of three and studied Highland, Tap, Ballet and Modern Dance. Her first Highland teacher was Nancy Dickson and later Miss Jessie Stewart-Haggarty MBE. Effie Drummond was her instructor for Tap, Ballet and Modern Dance.

She competed regularly in Highland Dancing and Stage Festivals and won the 10 years Championship at the Cowal Highland Games in 1957 and was successful in many other competitions.

Christine has been principal of her dancing school for 47 years, teaching all subjects. Her pupils compete regularly and are very successful. She is a Fellow and Examiner with the BATD, a past vice-president, member of the Exec Council, Chairman of the Association's highland committee and member of the BATD stage and ballet committee.

At present Christine is Convenor of the SOBHD judges committee and was until her election as an independent member, convenor of the SOBHD technical committee. She was also a delegate for the BATD on the SOBHD for around 30 years.

Deb Ward is a Fellow & Examiner of the SDTA and member of the Full Panel of adjudicators of the SOBHD.

New Westminster, BC is where Deborah trained under the direction of Madeline Gressel/Anderson from 8-20 yrs of age. During that time she successfully competed in Western Canada and USA. In addition, she performed for 7 years with a junior Scottish Tattoo which offered many traveling opportunities.

Over the years, Deborah has trained many champion dancers including her two daughters who now hold their Membership with the SDTA. Deborah is also certified in Mat with POLESTAR PILATES, a fully certified Pilates practitioner with STOTTPILATES and an Instructor Trainer with THE PILATES PROCESS. She is the owner/director of Pacific Interior Pilates Inc.

