

Fort St. John's Talent showcased for BC Arts Council

by Joel Bryan

Thursday September 29 was opening night for the Assembly of BC Arts Councils at the Cultural Centre.

The evening began with an art opening by Doug Sheh and continued with performances by local groups and performers.

Bag Pipers

Delegates were treated to a bag-pipe opening and remarks from Fort St. John mayor Steve Thorlakson, BC Arts Council president Sheila Simard and Pam Mrox of the local organizing committee. Cultural Centre general manager Ian Forsyth was

the emcee for the evening.

Following the singing of Oh Canada by the Williams Family, the first half of the show included performances by the Can-Canettes, Stage North, North Peace Highland Dancers, the Red Dragon Tae Kwon Do, and the Northern Dance troupe.

After a brief intermission the second half of the show featured performances by the North Peace Gymnastics Association, the Jennifer Lindsay Irish Dance group, pianist Val Stanley, Stage North and the North Peace Stage Band.

Organizers happy

Organizer for the evening, Jennifer Lindsay was very happy with the opening. "It was a positive evening. We were able to showcase a lot of Fort St. John's talent, and got the sort of response we hoped for," Lindsay said.

Planning began last year following the announcement in Nanaimo that Fort St. John would be hosting this year's assembly. The hard work of all the organizers and support staff was evident in the smoothly run show and in the quality and variety of performers.



Jennifer Lindsay and her School of Dance were part of the opening night show for the BC Arts Council meeting held in Fort St. John, September 29-October 3. (Photo by Joel Bryan)



The Fort St. John Can-Canettes kicked up a storm during their performance for the Assembly of BC Arts Councils. (Photo by Joel Bryan)