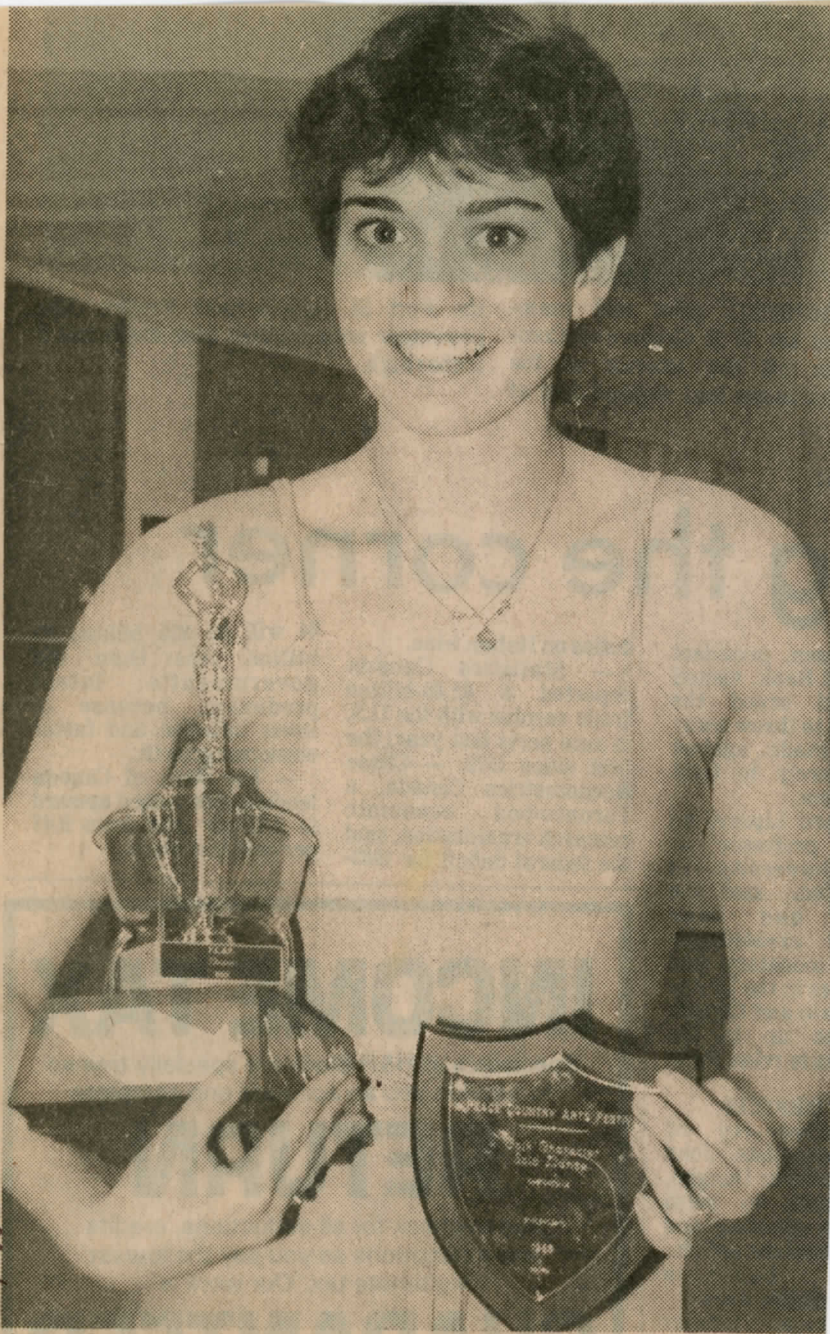


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MAR 28, 1983

Leeanne Strate shows off the trophies for best jazz and character solos and stage with voice she won at the Peace Country Arts Festival in Dawson Creek last week. She has been chosen to go to the provincial dance-off competition in Vancouver at the end of May - the first time anyone from Fort St John has had that honour.

## Festival help wanted now

by Margaret Fox

SEPT 29, 1982

Festival in the Children's Dictionary is defined as 'a celebration or a holiday.'

For the past year our Festival of the Performing Arts has been on 'Holiday' not because of lack of talent on the competitor's part but perhaps among other things, because of lack of parent involvement.

We have 3,000 children and adults willing to share their talents with the community. Could we have 30 parents and interested friends to help organize Festival?

Let's turn the 'holiday' back into a 'celebration.' Come out and help!

Phone Margaret 785-6422. If there is enough response we will call an organizational meeting.

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# April start for Arts Festival

JAN 25, 1984

The plans for the 1984 Peace Country Arts Festival are in full swing, with just a few months to go. The dates for the Festival are April 2nd to 13th, with the Entry Closing date being set for February 22nd. The Official Syllabus is available and for those who are out of town, the address to write to is: The Society, Box 2380, Dawson Creek, BC., V1G 4T9.

may forfeit his or her eligibility for the Festival. Our Festival is meant to be fun for all ages, so if you think you are too old to be a part, never-you-mind. . . . we enjoy performances from everyone who is able enough to sing a song, dance a jig, or play an instrument. . . . We will be waiting for replies from all places in the Mighty Peace district. See you soon!

We would like to say that this syllabus will be in effect until 1986, so don't be inclined to throw it away! Our rules have been updated, and must be strictly adhered to otherwise one

To learn more about entering our Festival, or for locations in Dawson Creek where you can pickup the Syllabus, Call Marge at 782-8424-782-7029 or Brenda at 782-3108.

# Pianists placed well

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Several aspiring, young pianists from Fort St. John and area participated in the Peace Country Arts Festival, held recently in Dawson Creek.

The week-long piano section boasted entries in excess of 350, with categories from pre-grade 1 to adult.

Students may play in test piece classes, where all competitors play the same piece or in own choice classes.

Categories from Bach and Sonata to 20th Century and Canadian dominate but entries are increasing in popular piano and sight reading

as students become more proficient in all areas of piano study.

Geraldine Hawthorne from the Alberta College of Music in Edmonton was this year's adjudicator. Her comments caught the attention of the students, teachers and parents as she emphasized performance and stressed rapport with an audience visually and musically.

All students received individual adjudications and certificates. Marks above 80 per cent were deemed worthy of red seals, while those for achieving 86 per cent or higher were awarded

gold seals.

The festival concluded with an honors program and awards presentation evening. Trophies or cash awards were received by many of the Fort St. John students.

The overall winners in piano competition were:

Judi Haerdi, most promising senior student, earning a \$100 scholarship and trophy;

Juanita Cusack, high mark for senior grade piano solo, earning a trophy;

Sandra Lindsay, high mark for quick study competition, cash award;

Chris Long, high mark for original composition,

cash award;

Shauna Baker, high mark for popular piano solo, cash award;

Sara Jordan and Jana Jordan, high mark for student-teacher duet, cash award;

Kathy Kvile, high mark for junior graded piano solo, trophy;

Eric Long, high mark for junior Canadian piano solo, trophy.

Other certificate winners in piano competition were:

Iris Kurshat; Kara Kvile; Jennifer Penner; Tamara Loielle; Jennifer Wrixon; Seth Bracewell; Erin Baker;

Erin Hall; Tibna Elias-Bertram; Tawya Phillips; Mark Couch; Tania Storbakken; Sharon Reed; Robin Olfert; Tracy Mills; Heather Willms; Thara Couch; Karen Storbakken; Colleen Baker; Peter Jordan; Colleen Hazell; Lily Jean Thompson; Dwayne Couch; and Wendy Fehr.

Congratulations to all the participants are extended from the Fort St. teachers, who are: Betty Smith; Helen Wooley; Jana Jordan; Marilyn Hemsley; Jeanne Kurschat; and Monica Rille.

## Arts festival results

A number of awards were won by Fort St. John and area competitors at the Peace Country Arts Festival in Dawson Creek recently.

Although the home towns of those competing were not indicated, the following is a complete list of winners from the Peace Country Arts Festival.

### CREATIVE WRITING

Cw1, School District 59 trophy for poetry 18 years and under — Susan Caisley;

Cw2, School District 59 trophy for prose 18 years and under — Shauna Keith;

Cw3, Charlie Head Memorial Shield for adult creative writing — Sandra Hatch;

Cw4, Kinsmen Shield for best primary entry Grade 3 and under — Gregory Benson;

Cwa, PCAF gift certificate for best entry Grade 4 and 5 — Tim Moran;

Cwb, PCAF gift certificate for best entry Grade 6 and 7 — Rebecca Osborne.

### DANCE

D1, Kinsmen Club trophy for group dance other than creative — Jellison Studios;

D2, Rotary Club trophy for modern or creative dance (solo) — Janelle Urchenko;

D3, PCAF trophy for modern or creative dance (group) — Jellison Studios;

D4, Kinette Club trophy for couple dance — Shauna Strate and Leanne Strate;

D5, Lakeview Credit Union trophy for baton duo — not awarded;

D6, Girard Family Trophy for baton solo — Tanya Brown and Debbie L. Brown tied.

promising entry in dance 13 years and over (solo) — Eunice Rose;

### HIGHLAND DANCE

Hd1, Peace Country Celtic Society Trophy for baby Highland dance — Elizabeth Bruce;

Hd2, South Peace Music Teachers Association trophy for beginner Highland dance — Angela Stewart and Terra MacKinna, tied;

Hd3, B.C. Tel Trophy for novice Highland dance — Jane Parslow;

Hd4, Peace Country Celtic Society Trophy for intermediate Highland dance — Christine Nowland;

Hd5, Peace Country Celtic Society Trophy for advanced, intermediate Highland dance — Chelsea Szanik;

Hd6, Peace Country Celtic Society Trophy for open Highland dance, 10 years and under — not awarded;

Hd7, Peace Country Celtic Society Trophy for open Highland dance, 12 years and under — Kara Grist;

Hd8, Peace Country Celtic Society trophy for open Highland dance, 14 years and under — Brenda Larsen;

Hd9, Ed Bennett Memorial Trophy for open Highland dance, 16 years and under — Shannon Bixby;

Hd10, Reid Family Trophy for open Highland dance, 17 years and older — Kim Krebs;

Hd11, Awards for group reels and broadwords (4 sm. keepers) — Lisa Sather, Jane Parslow, Melanie Grist, Jennifer Reid;

Two gift certificates presented by the South Peace Music Teachers' Association for the most promising local Highland dancers — Melanie Grist and Jennifer Reid;

Peace Country Celtic Society gift certificate to the local Highland dancer most deserving (adjudicator's discretion) — Allyson Friesen;

INSTRUMENTAL  
I1, Jim MacKenzie Trophy for best instrumental group other than guitar, sax and piano

(solo) — Nithya Siva;

### PIANO

P1, German-Canadian Society Trophy for 20th Century composer (solo) — Sara Grajkowski;

P2, Peacelander Realty Trophy for graded piano solo Grades 1 to 5 — Kathy Kvile;

P3, Peacelander Realty Trophy for graded piano solo Grades 6 to 10 — Juanita Cusack;

P4, Kiwanis Club Trophy for concert class Grades 1 to 5 — Lalita Hamill;

P5, South Peace Music Teachers' Association Trophy for Canadian composers — Eric Long;

P6, South Peace Music Teachers' Association Trophy for concert class, Grades 6 to 10 — Gina Christopherson;

P7, Dawson Creek Pharmacy Trophy and Scholarship for most promising entry in Grades 1 to 6 — Melanie Grist;

P8, South Peace Music Teachers' Association trophy and scholarship for the most promising entry in Grades 7 and up (including open) — Judy Haerdi;

P10, PCAF honor plaque for concerto class — not awarded;

South Peace Music Teachers' Association gift certificates for:

Pa, Bach (Grades 1-5) — Karen Lee;

Pb, Bach (Grades 4,5,6) — Laura Broadley;

Pc, Bach (Grades 7 to open) — Susan Caisley;

Pd, Sonata (Grades 1-5) — John Gibb;

Pe, Sonata (Grades 7-open) — Gina Christopherson;

Pf, Sonata (Grades 9-open) — Tim Hankewich;

Pg, Romantic (Grades 4-open) — Greg Caisley;

Ph, Original composition — Chris Long;

Pi, Sight reading — Priya Siva;

Pj, Quick study — Sandra

Lindsay;

Pk, student-teacher duet — Sara and Jana Jordan;

PCAF gift certificates for:

Pl, O Canada — Melanie Grist;

Pm, Piano duet — not awarded;

Pn, beginner solo — Cyrene Cardriver;

Po, popular piano solo, Shauna Baker;

### SPEECH ARTS

S1, BPOE Choral Speech Trophy for Grades 3 and under — Grandview School, Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Miller;

S2, IODE Trophy for Choral Speech for Grades 4 and up — Tremblay School, Grades 4-7, Mrs. Benson;

S3, Sons of Norway Trophy for group scene — not awarded;

S4, Parmar Trophy for spoken verse eight years and under — Sarah Valair;

S5, H. Sketchley Memorial Trophy for spoken verse, 10 and under — Priya Siva;

S6, Peace River South Teachers' Association Trophy for spoken verse, Grade 8 and up — not awarded;

S7, PCAF Shield for duologue, 12 years and under — Kris Gerstal, Brandon Grant;

S8, Viola Benson Trophy for group scene — not awarded;

S9, CJDC Trophy for public speaking — not awarded;

S10, CJDC Trophy for mime — Amanda Raike, Tammy Giles;

S11, PCAF Shield for storytelling — Lisa Marie Ruscheinski;

S12, PCAF Trophy for solo scene — Lisa Marie Ruscheinski;

S13, PCAF Trophy for Bible reading — Nithya Siva;

S14, Marjorie Barbaree Memorial Shield for spoken verse, 14 and under — Nithya Siva;

Sa, PCAF honor plaque for choric drama — Grandview School, Grade 1-2, Mrs. Miller;

Sb, PCAF gift certificate for

most promising entry, 12 and under — Nithya Siva;

Sc, PCAF gift certificate for most promising entry, 13 and older — Lisa Marie Ruscheinski;

### VOCAL

V1, Lothar Treibel Jewellers Shield for special school choir (junior and senior) — Bethel Christian School junior and senior choir;

V2, PCAF Shield for elementary choir — Immaculata School;

V3, PCAF Shield for community or family music — Northern Lights College Girls choir;

V4, PCAF Shield for solo untrained voice — Laura Caisley;

V5, PCAF trophy for young singers (trained voice) — not awarded;

V6, PCAF Trophy for senior singers (trained voice) — Betty Smith;

V7, Jacques Electric Trophy for musical theatre — Phillipa Woolley;

V8, PCAF Shield for musical group (primary) — Grandview School, Grades 1-2;

V9, PCAF Trophy for folk or popular song — Laura Caisley;

V10, Order of Eastern Star Shield for senior church choir — not awarded;

Va, PCAF gift certificate for sacred music (solo) — Laura Caisley;

Vb, PCAF gift certificate for folk song (solo) — Laura Caisley;

Vc, Arla Hadland Memorial Scholarship for the most promising entry in vocal (solo) — Elizabeth and Kathy Almond;

### SPECIAL AWARDS

A1, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Branch 141 Trophy for the best kindergarten entry — Not awarded;

A2, Peace Country Arts Festival Trophy and \$600, CJDC scholarship for the most promising entry overall — Laura Caisley.

# Northern Dance Theatre successful at annual Dawson Arts Festival

MAR 27, 1986

Northern Dance Theatre Society has just returned from a highly successful trip to the Annual Dawson Creek Arts Festival.

Trophies were won in jazz, tap, stage and ballet.

Three numbers from the group consisting of two solos and one group dance were performed at the Honors

## Night Performance.

Local dancers that received provincial placement as a result of the competition were: Shauna Strate

- Senior Jazz; Deneen Babcock — runner-up for Senior Jazz; Tanya Schobert — Intermediate Stage; Andrea VanDonselaar — Intermediate Ballet; Tosha Brown — Junior Ballet.

These performers will compete at the Provincial Festival in Vancouver at a later date.

This Dynamic Group is next travelling to Prince George to compete in the Prince George Dance Festival, April 2 to 4 inclusive. They also hope to attend some dance workshops in Prince George after the

conclusion of the festival.

The Troupe then returns to Fort St. John to perform its 3rd Annual Production, this year entitled "PIAZZ" be held April 11 & 12 at North Peace Senior Secondary School. Prices of tickets are: \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. Times for the performances are 7:30 p.m.

Turn out and see this highly energetic and entertaining group which consists of some 40 dancers ranging in age from 4 to 18 years and under the artistic direction of Noelle Jellison.

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# Pianists compete in festival, one chosen to go to Prince George

The advent of spring and the rebirth associated with it signals another reawakening in cities and towns across Canada as young people seek involvement in their local arts festivals.

For one week each spring residents of the Peace area can become inundated with the arts by attending the Peace Country Arts Festival. This festival attracts participants in the fields of Highland Dance, Creative Writing, Dance, Speech Arts, Voice, Instrumentation and Piano.

Mr. Monte Anderson from Creston, B.C. adjudicated the festivals piano section which attracted close to 350 competitors. Mr. Anderson's dedication to his chosen field was obvious as he dealt with each student on a personal level. His kind and helpful remarks were beneficial to students and teachers.

Upon completion of each class certificates were awarded to students achieving marks of 80 per cent or higher. Pianists receiving certificates for their performance were April Smith; Karen Storbakken; Tania Storbakken; Jennifer Wrixon; Roxanna Barr; Karen Ziegler; Sara Jordan; Peter Jordan; Jennifer

Penner; David Penner; Sandra Lindsay; Patricia Lindsay; Brent Werstiuk; Carol Peterson; Tina Elias-Bertram; Tawnya Smith; Caralee McAlister; Jordan Hemsley; Catrina Contini; Kirsten Wuthrich; Joel Werhun; Tracy Mills; Stefan Kurschat; Erin Baker; Coleen Baker; Shauna Baker; Heather Penfold; Michela Epp; Robin Olfert; Kelly Hovis; Cathy Greenhalgh and Faith Collins.

North Peace Music Teachers who had students participating in Dawson Creek were: Mrs. Rille; Mrs. Kur-schat; Mrs. Wooley; Mrs. Wiens; Mrs. Hemsley; Mrs. Jordan; Mrs. Smith and Mr. Dickout.

Seven of the certificate winners were further recognized for their week's achievements at the Honours and Awards Program which concluded the festival. Sandra Lindsay and Brent Werstiuk performed piano solos during the program. Tina Elias-Bertram and Tawnya Smith performed the piano duet which won them the overall duet award.

Category awards were presented to the following Fort St. John and district students. Miss Jennifer Penner for the Junior Canadian



SANDRA LINDSAY

Composers Classes. Jennifer is eleven years old and in grade five piano, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Penner, she has participated in festival the past two years. Her piano teacher is Mrs. Marlynn Hemsley.

Mr. Brent Werstiuk for the Junior Royal Conservatory graded classes. Brent studies piano with Mrs. Wendy Wiens. This was his first taste of festival competition. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Werstiuk. He is studying grade five piano.

Miss Shauna Baker for Junior Popular Piano Classes. Shauna is a

repeat winner of this award as she won it last year as well. A student of Mrs. Helen Wooley. She is presently at the grade four level. Shauna's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Baker.

Miss Sara Jordan for Intermediate J.S. Bach Classes. Sara studies piano with Mrs. M. Hemsley. She plans to complete her grade six piano this June. Her festival experience dates back three years. Sara is also an avid gymnast. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jordan.

Miss Tawnya Phillips and Miss Tina Elias-Bertram for the Duet Classes. These young ladies are cousins. Both take lessons from Mrs. Betty Smith. Their duet "The Pink Parousel" caught the attention of the adjudicator. Tina and Tawnya are in grade one piano. Tina's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Elias-Bertram; Tawnya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Smith.

Miss Sandra Lindsay for the Senior Concert Classes, 20th Century Composers Classes, most promising senior student. Sandra is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lindsay. During Festival '84 she was awarded the most promising junior student scholarship and trophy. This year a \$50 scholarship went with the senior award. As well, Sandra was recommended by the adjudicator to perform in the B.C. Festival of the Arts taking place May 4-8 in Prince George, B.C. She will be competing in intermediate piano with other students from all over the province. Sandra is presently working at the grade eight level with Mrs. Hemsley. Her future plans include spending three weeks in July at piano summer school.

ALASKA HIGHWAYNEWS  
FORT ST JOHN, BC, MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1986

## Festival meeting

Dec 24, 1986

success.  
The final date for entries is February 16th, 1987, so all prospective competitors, and teachers, get to it!! All the best in your combined efforts.

The next meeting will be January 5th, 1987, at the Artspace at 7:30 p.m.

The December meeting was held on the 8th of the month at the Artspace, and representatives of the various categories were in attendance.

There were also many willing helpers, who stapled the syllabuses together in record time. So now we are all set to get down to serious