

Airline brings in one judge

Four adjudicators are travelling to Fort St. John to judge the North Peace Performing Arts Festival.

Time Air is assisting with the cost of travel for the adjudicators by bringing in the dance adjudicator from Calgary. The other adjudicators will come from Victoria and Prince George.

Heather Lawrence-Murdock owns and manages two dance studios where she teaches tap and jazz in Calgary. She is the artistic director of the nationally and internationally acclaimed dance group called Calgary Dance Express.

Lawrence-Murdock chose the dancer for the movie "Stardancer", has judged talent contests at the Calgary Stampede and has managed the Calgary Stampeder Cheerleaders and the Jimmy Dean Dancers.

Lawrence-Murdock has achieved all levels in the Brian Foley syllabus and the Al Gilbert syllabus in tap and jazz. Her accomplishments in ballet and stage dance along with her other achievements make her a perfect adjudicator for the varied competition in Fort St. John.

Time Air is providing Lawrence-Murdock's airfare to Fort St. John.

The piano adjudicator, Susan de Burgh, has studied with Doris Crofton, then with Dr. Robin Wood at the Victoria Conservatory of Music, and Frank Mannheim in Minnesota.

She has studied in Devon, England and has most recently given solo, duet and chamber recitals, played piano and celeste with the Victoria Symphony.

De-Burgh has performed on radio and television, also. She often adjudicates at festivals throughout the province. She will be travelling from Victoria to adjudicate in Fort St. John then immediately to Pentticon to adjudicate there.

Paul Meister of Prince George will adjudicate the Winds and Strings Section of the North Peace Performing Arts Festival.

Paul has been a member of the London Symphony in Ontario and the Victoria Symphony Orchestra. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in Violin performance. He has taught the Suzuki violin method in Prince George for

nine years and also teaches band.

The adjudicator of the vocal and choral section is John Unsworth who has had three seasons with the Prince George Symphony Orchestra and also directs the Prince George Symphony Orchestra.

At the age of 17, in 1955, John made his debut as a conductor. He has

studied in Holland, Austria and England and has mastered the keyboard, composition and double-bass with his earliest training as a cathedral chorister.

The Performing Arts Festivals throughout the province can send the best of the region to compete in the B.C. Festival of Arts in North

Festival running since '45

The North Peace Performing Arts Festival has its beginning in 1945 with the Music, Dance and Elocution Festival.

Through the years, the festival has had varying degrees of success and a fluctuation of numbers of entries.

The 1991 North Peace Performing Festival of the Arts has over 800 entries involving over 1,000 participants in piano, dance, instrumental and voice competitions.

The organization of each year's festival requires months of preparation. The association with the B.C. Festivals Association

Vancouver, May 22-27. The adjudicators for each festival are recruited from outside the region to assure fair recommendations to the B.C. Festival of Arts and to bring in a different educational cross-section of training.

representing 29 other Performing Arts Festivals in B.C. assures a standard of adjudication and high level of skill and talent for the competitors that are chosen to go to the B.C. Festival of Arts. The Performing Arts Festival also provides a venue for all participants to perform their best and aspire to greater heights in the future.

In preparation for the Festival in Fort St. John, the adjudicators must be identified, the syllabus printed and distributed, the program and awards organized and the venues booked.

Volunteers are required at each venue for the entire competition to assure the best atmosphere for each performer.

This year's executive of the Performing Arts Festival has been working since September of 1990. The average budget of the Performing Arts Festival is \$8,000-\$10,000, which is required to cover printing, postage, publicity and adjudicators.

The costs for the adjudicators are the largest portion of each budget. The adjudicators are paid a fee in line with the recommendation of the B.C. Festival Association.

Their travel, meals and rooms are also paid by each regional festival.

The trophies and scholarships awarded to the highest marks in each category require the financial assistance of community-minded businesses and individuals.

The festival executive would like to thank all the supporters and patrons of the 1991 festival without whom the festival would not be possible.

New volunteers are required to produce next year's Festival of Arts in Fort St. John.

of the following current executive to offer your assistance for next year. 1991 Executive: Co-ordinator, Sue Popesku; Secretary, Noelle Jellison; Provincial Secretary, Veda Brown; Treasurer, Elward Jellison; Awards, Debbie Potter. For further information phone the Artspace 785-1991.



Square dance has been a popular entry into the North Peace Performing Arts Festival. Charlie Lake Elementary School has entered square dance this year. The above picture is from a 1980's Festival.

NORTH PEACE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Schedule of Events

Each session admission is \$1 at the Door.
A Festival Pass for all sessions is \$8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 —

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Piano Competition
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Mennonite Brethren Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 —

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Piano Competition
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Mennonite Brethren Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 —

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Piano Competition
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mennonite Brethren Church
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Vocal Competition Immaculata Hall
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Vocal Competition N.L. College
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Dance Competition
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. North Peace Secondary School
10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Instrumental Competition
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Northern Lights College

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 —

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Dance Competition
1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. NPSS Gymnasium
6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 —

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Honours Concert
North Peace Secondary School

TICKETS \$6.00/each

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For further information Phone Artspace 785-1991

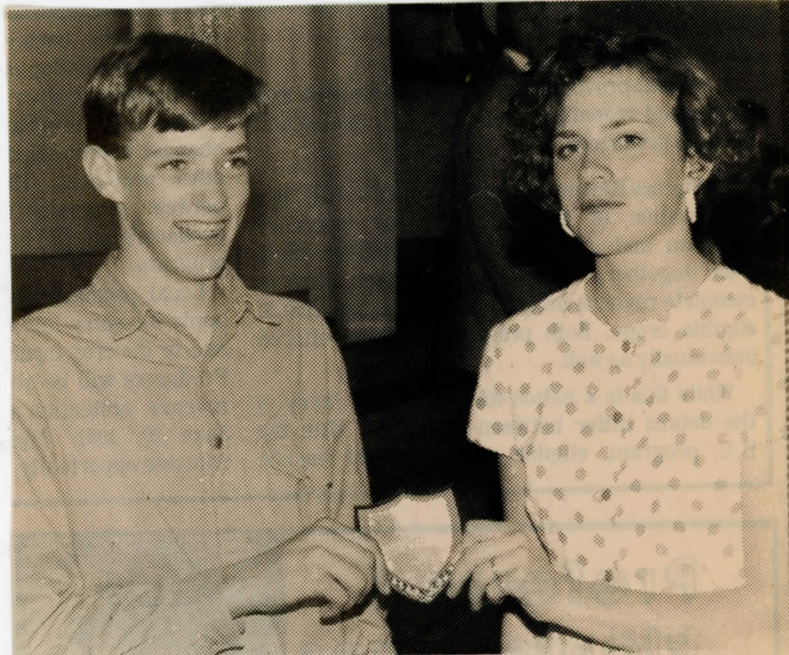
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Elsie Toews, the fundraising coordinator for the North Peace Performing Arts Festival, and Chris Lok, Westcoast Energy's pipeline manager, take a look at the 1992 festival schedule. Westcoast contributed \$500 for the April event. *OCT 4, 1991*



Ashley Okrainec was presented with the \$500 Adjudicator's Award dance at last Sunday's Honor Concert, which concluded the 19 North Peace Arts Festival. *APR 26, 1991*



David and Jennifer Penner shared the senior Adjudicator's Award in piano at the North Peace Arts Festival. They split the \$500 prize, with Jennifer receiving \$300 and her brother \$200. *APR 26, 1991*

PEACE RIVER NORTH
FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 12, 1991
7:30 p.m. **ARTSPACE**

Your help would be greatly appreciated to make the Performing Arts Festival '92 a success. *JUN 10, 1991*

Phone **785-1991** for further information.