



DANCERS REHEARSE for the Festival of the Arts which begins at the Before Stage tonight. Dance continues Saturday and Sunday, with piano at North Peace Mennonite Brethren Church Sunday and Highland dance at the Legion Sunday.

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Tonight marks the start of the North Peace Festival of the Arts — with a flourish of twinkling toes — at the Before Stage.

This will be the first time at least part of the festival takes place in its "own" facility.

Adjudicator Susan Messinger of Calgary will be on hand to watch and mark the dancers performance, and the audience can be there to be entertained and enjoy the beauty of the dance.

"Quick study" is a most interesting class to watch, for what each dancer can do with a challenge.

The dance portion begins at 6 p.m. on this historic first night. Admission is a dollar. Ballet, tap, jazz and every other sort of dancing will be held at the Before Stage — the former Bay building — until Monday after noon. There is plenty of parking at the rear of the building.

Local pianists are gearing up for the piano section which begins Sunday. Piano sessions begin Sunday afternoon and continue

through to Friday at the North Peace Mennonite Brethren Church.

Of special interest will be the final playoffs season on Friday morning from 9 to noon. All are invited to come out and enjoy some fine music.

The doors open for lovers of Highland Dance at the Legion parking lot entrance Saturday at 1 p.m. Adjudicator Bill Toock and piper will welcome all to see the levels of Highland dancers and national dancers.

The Irish dance section will take place at the Legion this Sunday starting at 1 p.m. The charm and color of these dances, the music or the reels and jigs — a rare experience for Fort St. John — is truly delightful.

All are welcome to enjoy the festival and to support the young, talented performers in their pursuit of excellence.

Programs listing performers, times and venues are available at the Artspace.