

Festival of Arts ends with Honors Night show

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The Fort St. John Festival of the Arts ended with a bang Friday night as some of the previous week's dazzling performances were relived for a packed house of friends and relatives.

Dancers, musicians, baton twirlers and others gave their best performances at the Before Stage in the former Bay building. And then the awards.

Sandra Lindsay was named the 1987 Piano Scholarship Winner and Debbie Rector was named the 1987 Dance Scholarship Winner. Both awards come with \$500 scholarships.

Piano, 1-3 Beginner Level, Most Promising Student: David Thiessen and Jennifer Ostero;

Piano, 4-7 Intermediate Level, Most Promising Student: Rebecca Lam and Karen Lee;

Piano, 8-open Senior Level, Most Promising Student: Sandra Lindsay.

J.S. Bach/Baroque Music Class: Lowell Constable.

Sonatina Music Class: Kristi Fallin.

Romantic Music/French Music Classes: Nicole Batchelor.

Contemporary (20th Century) Music Class: Cindy Gibson.

Canadian Music Class: Lana Giesbrecht.

Sight Reading/Quick Study Class: Naomi Friesen.

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provisational/Pop/Folk/Jazz/Gospel Music Class: David Penner and Amber Lewis.

Concert Class: Karen Lee.

Royal Conservatory Graded Classes: Melanie Grist and Patricia Barnes.

Dance, Individual Scholarship Awards:

Jazz: Richelle Moffat.

Ballet: Andrea von Donselaar.

Stage: Rebecca Anderson.

Baton: Holly Goodings.

Student Choreographer: Melanie Cheesman.

Dance, Group Trophy Award:

Jazz Group: Concrete Jungle.

Ballet Group: Grace.

Tap Group: Country Place.

Stage Group: Northern Dance Group.

Adjudicators Choice Award:

Irish Dance, Most Promising Group: Carmen Timmins and Ciara Watt.

Choral Classes: Immaculata School.

School Band: Dr. Kearney School Band.

Bowed Strings: Michael Symons.



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.

Festival of Arts begins tonight

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 Messenger 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.



FORT ST. JOHN ROTARY contributed to the North Peace Performing Arts Festival recently. Ernst Kottman, Rotary president, presented Liz Nurnberger, festival president with a cheque for \$500. The festival begins tomorrow night and lasts until March 18. Tickets for Honors Night on the 18th are available at teh Artspace.



It is official. The North Peace Festival of the Arts has begun, as proclaimed by Mayor Pat Walsh and assisted by Festival president Carol Ur-

chenko (left) and Lona Semeniuk (right), president of the Northern Dance Theatre Society.



MAYOR PALMER WAS on hand yesterday morning to open the North Peace Arts Festival at the Elks Hall. Over 700 entrants are listed in the two week festival

which covers speech arts, dance, music, photography and painting.

Arts Festival off to a grand start

The Peace River North Festival 1981 was opened in style yesterday at 9:00am at the Elks Hall No.1.

Mayor Brian Palmer cut the ribbon, held by Megan Allen and Christy Campbell. This was to declare the weeks of March 23 to April 4 as the Festival of the Performing Arts in Fort St John.

Margaret Fox, president of the festival committee, presented Mayor Palmer with an official programme and, in turn, the mayor presented Fort St John Totem pins to Fox and Alice Polley Coutts.

Coutts is in the city for her third time. She adjudicated Speech Arts three years ago and Drama last year. The festival committee is pleased to have Coutts back to adjudicate the Speech Arts section this year.

The Speech Arts Section of the festival continues all this week at the Elks Hall No.1.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the Dance Section will be held at Fort St John Central Elementary.

Piano begins on Wednesday, April 1 at the Peace Centre (old Luthern Church), continuing there on Thursday morning and moving to the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints for the afternoon session.

Also on Wednesday, the Vocal Section will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, continuing there until Thursday morning, April 2.

Operettas and Drama selections will be adjudicated at the schools that are presenting them on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3.

Bands will be performing in the afternoon on April 2 and the morning

on April 3 at the Peace Centre.

There will be two evenings of adjudication, Tuesday, March 31, 8:00pm at the North Peace Gym for bands and Thursday, April 2, 8:00 for vocal at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and drama at Fort St John Central Elementary Gym.

Those deserving recognition for first class performances in yesterday's events are as follows:

Bible Reading (8 yr old): Megan Allen, Gayleen Russell, Tara Bauer;
Choral Speech (Grade 3): Alwin

Holland School and Immaculata School; Prose Reading (8 yr old): Eliazbeth Hannaford, Bernadette Braun, Sam Speers, Frank Halliday and Tara Bauer; Choral Speech (Kindergarten): Immaculata School, Fort St John Central

Elementary; Choral Drama: Central Kindergarten; Canadian Poetry (6 to 8 yr old): Bernadette Braun; Sight Reading (10 yr old): Trevor Czerivinski, Laurie Shearwood, Penny Eivasko and Michelle Pagdilao.

Festival to sponsor workshops

The Peace River North Festival Association will be sponsoring music workshops starting on Wednesday, April 1.

Robert Wagner, outstanding musician, clarinet soloist and clinician and conductor who is presently teaching at the University of Oregon, will be in Fort St John to adjudicate the band section of the festival. He will be giving three workshops starting Wednesday, April 1 at the North Peace Secondary School band room.

From 10:30 to 12:00 there will be a workshop on Score Interpretation; from 2:00 to 3:00pm Clarinet and on Thursday, April 2 from 2:00 to 3:00pm Pitch and Intonation.

On Friday, Victor Lester will give a vocal workshop at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 1:15pm. Lester studied voice with the great Welsh tenor, Parry Jones and opera with Aylmar Buesst, the eminent Australian conductor. He will be adjudicating the vocal section of the festival.

The public is invited to all the workshops. Admission is \$2 per session.

RESULTS

The Speech Arts section of the Peace River North Festival '81 concluded on Friday, March 27 with the following participants receiving first class standing:

Bible Reading (9 yrs): Paul Wild and Brad Newman; Dramatic Poetry (9 yrs): Tracy Janzen and Michael

Bomford; Canadian Poetry (10 & 11 yrs): Shawna Phillips and Kylah German; Prose Reading (10 yrs): Sherrie Low, Trevor Czerwinski, Angela Russell and Michell Baron; Ungraded Schools-Choral Speech: Upper Half-way; Bible Reading (10 yrs): Sherri Low and Dean Gellings; Lyric Poetry: Rhonda Lynn, Sherrie Attfield, Alison Brooks, Nathan Arneson, Tyrel Watchell, Jason Knorr, Michella Epp, Jackie Lloyd, Tanya Schilling, Neu-Wa O'Neill, Cathy Greenhalgh and Lisa Boda; Public Speaking (12 & under): Cameron Fines and Gary Bickford; Public Speaking (13 & 14): Sharlene Bickford; Dramatic Poetry: Ann Sullivan; Canadian Poetry (Open Junior): Ron Anderson; Canadian Poetry (Open Senior): Joan Thompson; Bible Reading (Open): Joan Thompson.

First class standing in the Photography Section; Portraits: Terry E. Cowles, Gillian Solley and Sherie Cousins; Nature (12 & under): Lisa Bovee; Nature (Adult): Tim Fox. All photography entries are on display at City Hall until April 4.

The Dance Section of the Festival is on today, Tuesday and Wednesday at Central Elementary School.