

The 6th Annual McElvogue-Trainer Festival of
Irish Dancing

At

Brinkburn School Community Centre
Harton Lane, South Shields
NE34 OJP

(Next to South Tyneside General Hospital)
on

17th and 18th May 2008

Adjudicators

Rose Ellis ADCRG - West Midlands
Tara McConomy-Doherty ADCRG - Donegal
Seanean Doherty-O'Neill ADCRG - Belfast
Stella Moore ADCRG - Manchester

Musicians

Martin Daly Glasgow
Gerry Conlon Glasgow

Rules Governing Feis

1. Entries with fees made payable to **McElvogue-Trainer Account** and posted to Lisa McElvogue TCRG, 105 Hyde Street, South Shields, NE33 3LL on or before 30th April 2008 for dancers outside the North East Region and Saturday 2nd May 2008 for North East Teachers. Tel 0191 4553279 Mob 0789 9786019. Enquiries by e-mail to lisamcelvogue@hotmail.co.uk or moyat@yahoo.com
2. No entries will be accepted without fees. All entries must be signed by a registered Teacher and confirmed in writing along with appropriate fees.
3. Age to be taken from 1st January 2008.
4. The adjudicators' decision is final.
5. Beginner and Primary competitions are confined to the North East Region and dancers in these competitions must either be in class costume or skirt and top.
6. Beginner competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in any age group and must dance basic steps.
7. Primary competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in any age group.
8. Intermediate competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in their present age group.
9. Beginner and Primary Trophy Reel competitions are only open to those who have danced in the respective reel competition and who have not previously won a Trophy Reel Competition in any age group. Intermediate Trophy Reel Competition is open to dancers who have danced in the Intermediate Reel on the day and have not previously won an Intermediate Trophy Reel competition in their present age group.
10. If there are 5 or less competitors in any Beginner, Primary or Intermediate competition, this will not count for grading purposes (i.e. 1st place dancer will not move out of the grade, provided that they have not won 1st place in that particular dance in that particular grade 3 times.)
11. If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginners competition, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If there are less than 15, only the 1st place will count.
12. With the exception of Under 6 and Under 7 age group, any dancer who has won an Open Championship must dance in the Open Grade in the calendar year in which this was won.
13. Any dancer in Under 6/Under 7 Age Group who has previously won an Open Championship, must dance Open for the dances they performed in the Championship. They may dance their other dances in the appropriate grade.
14. Special Premier Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Special or Open Premier/Championship. A dancer must compete in the solo competitions to be eligible to dance in Special Premier or Open Championships. The Special Premier is

- open to dancers from any region and will be held in yearly age groups, provided there are more than five competitors.
15. Teams may contain up to 50% from a younger age group. Dancers may only dance in one team in the same age group. (i.e. One two hand dance etc)
 16. Competitors must be present when their competition is called, otherwise they might lose their right to dance.
 17. All trophies are perpetual and must be returned when requested. The recipient is responsible for any loss or damage to trophies whilst in their possession.
 18. Any objections to be made in writing and handed to the Secretary with a fee of £10, within one hour of the competition. If the objection is sustained, the fee will be refunded.
 19. No video, digital camera, digital phone camera or flash photography is to be used in the halls during competitions. Mobile phones and electronic games to be switched off in dancing areas.
 20. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with An Coimisiun rules.
 21. The Feis organisers reserve the right to cancel or amend any competitions.
 22. No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building.
 23. Dancers must be suitably dressed at all times. No changing is allowed in the competition halls.
 24. The Feis Organiser will provide a surface suitable for dancing. However the organisers cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed as acceptance of this.
 25. No hairsprays or aerosols to be used in competition areas.
 26. ALL NORTH EAST TEACHERS MUST SEND A COPY OF THEIR ENTRIES TO THE RECORDS CLERK, SHELAGH HUNTLEY, BY THE CLOSING DATE. IF THIS IS NOT ADHERED TO, THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL IMPOSE A FINE OF £20.
 27. Abusive language and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in future entries from said person being refused.
 28. Where there are 3 or more Boys in a Championship, a separate competition will be held.
 29. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
 30. No make-up can be worn in Beginners and Primary Grades, up to and including Under 12 Age Group.
 31. No block or en-pointe steps, stationary or moving, can be performed in Age Groups up to and including Under 12
 32. Claraithe leis an Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha..

Approved by North East Regional CouncilAnne Curran Thomas.....

Anne Curran Thomas ADCRG
Feis Registrar
Date...3 March 2008

Fees

Solos	£2.50
Treble Reel Trophy	£3.75
Trophy Reels	£3.75
Special Premiers	£4.00
Championships (up to U9)	£4.50
Championships (U10 and over)	£16.00 (to include 2 solo rounds)
(Where there are 3 or more Boys in any Open Championship, a separate competition will be held)	
Figure Dance	£0.70 per dancer
Family Max	£38.00 (to cover either grades or Championship)

Saturday Age Groups	Under 6 –Under 12
Sunday Age Groups	Under 13 to Senior
(Could change depending upon the numbers)	

Competitions

Beginners	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Primary	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Over 13
Intermediate	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Over 15
Open	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, Senior
Treble Reel	Under 12, 14, 16 and Senior - Step down the line

Please Note: Treble Reel is a freestyle competition but must contain no inappropriate movements or dress.

Dances

Beginners

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Primary

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Intermediate

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Open Under 6 - Under 9

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Championship
(Plus Traditional Set Dance for Under 9 age group)

Open Under 10 - Senior

Championship only to consist of choice of Light Round, choice of Heavy Round and recall Set Dance of own choice.

Results will be given of Light & Heavy Round in addition to final Championship result.

Special Premiers - Open to eligible dancers from any region

Under 7	Step down line in Reel, Recall Light Jig
Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Over 13	Step down line in Reel, Recall Heavy Jig

Open Championship Dances

Under 6/7	Reel & Single Jig
Under 8	Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Hornpipe
Under 9	Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Trad Set

Figure Dancing

Under 7	2 Hand, 3 Hand
Under 9	2 Hand, 3 Hand, 4 Hand (Trad)
Under 11, 13, 16, Senior	2 Hand, 3 Hand, 4 Hand (Trad)

2007 Championship Winners

Under 6	Grace Conlon	McLaughlin School, Glasgow
Under 7	Ellie Conlon	McLaughlin School, Glasgow
Under 8	Ciara Stuart	Boyle School, Glasgow
Under 9	Erin McGinn	Kennedy School, Belfast
Under 10	Rory Heslop	McElvogue School, Newcastle
Under 11	Caitlin Connolly	Caroline Greene School, Glasgow
Under 12	Katie Meikle	Stokes-Collins School, Newcastle
Under 13	Rachel Thompson	Clann Na nGael, Newcastle
Under 14	Laura Giddins	Hendry School, Newcastle
Under 15	Ryan Stephenson	Setanta School, Ayrshire
Under 16	Victoria Thorniley	Hendry School, Newcastle
Under 17	Craig Mason	Hendry School, Newcastle
Under 19	Scott Cordon	Joyce O'Donnell School, Leeds
Senior London	Adrian Kelly	Maguire O'Shea School,

Treble Reel Trophy

Under 12	Rory McElvogue-Heslop	McElvogue School
Under 15	Rachel Thompson	Clann Na nGael, Newcastle
Under 16	Victoria Thorniley	Hendry School, Newcastle
Under 17	Craig Mason	Hendry School, Newcastle
Senior	George Deadman	Setanta School, Edinburgh

Special Premiers

Under 7	Amy McGinn	Kennedy School, Belfast
Under 8	Sophie Henderson	Hendry School, Newcastle
Under 9	Naimh Redmond	Gaffney School, Manchester
Under 10	Fiona Watson	Clann Na nGael, Newcastle
Under 11	Molly McCaffrey	McElvogue School, Newcastle
Under 12	Kayleigh Jewitt	Clann Na nGael, Newcastle
Under 13	Keelin Oliver	Clann Na nGael, Manchester
Over 13	Gillian Park	Boyle School, Glasgow

Please ensure that all trophies are returned by the entry closing date if possible.