

LAKEHEAD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS

2025 DANCE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

LFMA PINS: Sponsored by the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts. These pins are awarded in recognition of Platinum, High Gold, Gold and High Silver achievement for a performance, and are presented to all competitors for Solos, Duets, Trios, Groups, Lines and Productions.

FORT WILLIAM ROTARY CLUB SENIOR BALLET AWARD: Sponsored by the Fort William Rotary Club. This award is presented to the winner of the Final Ballet Competition between the 1st Place winners of Classical Ballet (Pointe & Demi-Pointe) in the age categories of 16 & under and 18 & under. There must be a minimum of 2 contestants for a Final Competition; and, this award can ONLY be won **ONCE** by an individual dancer.

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GOLD CUP: This prestigious award is sponsored by an anonymous donor. The winner will be chosen by the Adjudicators. This Cup will be presented to a young teacher (ages 18 to 25) who has shown promise as a choreographer of dancers in more than one age category. Candidate must complete and submit a "Gold Cup Candidate Form" to the Festival Co-Ordinator. This award can ONLY be won **ONCE** by an individual dancer.

ALL-AROUND AWARD RUNNER-UP AWARD: Sponsored by Fort William Rotary Club. This award consists of twelve printed T-Shirts ~ 6 for Junior All-Around Bowl Runner-Up & 6 for Senior All-Around Bowl Runner-Up. This award recognizes each of the top 5 Runner-Up Bowl applicants in each division. Being a current Society member is not a prerequisite for this award, however, the dancer must submit a completed "All Around Bowl / All Around Runner-Up Application" form for consideration. This award is open to all participants regardless of past wins of All-Around Dance Bowls or Runner-Up Awards.

DEBORAH DELVECCHIO BALLET SCHOLARSHIPS: Sponsored by Deborah Delvecchio in the amount of \$200.00. Adjudicator's choice for the most promising ballet soloist in either 8 & Under or 10 & Under classical ballet solo categories.

SYLVIA HORN YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by the late Sylvia Horn Young in the amount of \$850 to be awarded to a young talented Open or Senior dancer to assist with the cost of post-secondary education. The winner will be chosen by the Adjudicators. Competitor must submit a "Sylvia Horn Young Application" with all required info by the deadline for consideration. The candidate must be a full-time student attending college or university; or a graduating high school student entering post-secondary education the following September; maintaining honourable academic standards while continuing to strive for higher levels in dance. This scholarship can ONLY be won **ONCE** by an individual dancer. See "Application" for further details and criteria.

FAY GLEESON DANCE CENTRE SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Fay Gleeson Dance Centre in the amount of \$300. The winner will be selected by the Adjudicators. This individual will have shown great promise and demonstrated exceptional talent but not have received the highest mark/s for any or all of his/her performance/s and who comes in 2nd or 3rd a few times.

EVA SACCHETTI MEMORIAL NATIONAL DUET OR TRIO SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Lisa Sdraulig and Kathleen Moore in the amount of \$100. The winners will be selected by the Adjudicators and given to a stand out performance in any National routine.

FAY GLEESON DANCE CENTRE PERFORMING COMPANY FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAP: Sponsored by the Fay Gleeson Dance Parent Association in the amount of \$100. The winner/s will be selected by the Adjudicators. This award may be given to one individual or the sum may be divided amongst a number of deserving candidates. The recipients will be between the ages of 8 to 18; and will have demonstrated exceptional tap talent and shown great promise but may not necessarily have been the recipient of the highest mark/s.

ART IN MOTION ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: Art in Motion is proud to sponsor the Artistic Excellence Scholarship at the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts. This \$250 scholarship is chosen by the adjudicators and awarded to a dancer who demonstrates exceptional artistry and creativity in their performance.

This award celebrates dancers who go beyond steps and technique, using movement as a form of storytelling and artistic expression. We at Art in Motion believe that true artistry is what makes dance a powerful and moving experience, and we are honored to recognize a dancer who embodies this spirit.

Recipients of this scholarship exhibit:

Strong Technical Ability – A solid foundation in dance technique that supports their artistic expression.

Musicality – A deep connection to the music, showcasing timing, dynamics, and phrasing.

Performance & Movement Quality – A captivating stage presence and fluidity of movement that brings their performance to life.

Creativity & Expression – A unique interpretation of choreography that highlights individuality and artistic depth.

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ETHEL MARKALL MEMORIAL DANCE SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Ignite Dance Academy in the amount of \$150. Named in honor of Ethel Markal, who once owned her own successful dance studio in Thunder Bay, is awarded to the adult dance with the highest mark in the festival. Ethel's legacy of teaching and nurturing young talent lives on through this scholarship, which recognizes not only technical skill but also leadership, creativity, and a commitment to inspiring young dancers to continue to dance. This will be any solo, duet/trio or group (not dance team) 18 years and over.

THE BOB MARKALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Ignite Dance Academy in the amount of \$150. This scholarship is awarded to the most entertaining acro routine in the Lakehead Music Festival Dance Competition. Named in honor of Bob Markall, a passionate advocate to the acro dance community, this scholarship celebrates the thrilling combination of athleticism, artistry, and creativity that acro dance brings to the stage. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the adjudicators based on their ability to captivate and engage the audience with a routine that showcases skill, precision, and innovation performance. This scholarship is open to all age groups

DANCER WITH THE BEST STAGE PRESENCE: Judge's Choice to be announced at the last adjudication workshop of the festival. Sponsored by an Anonymous donor in the amount of \$75.00. All soloists are eligible and it does not have to be the highest mark. This award is based on the dancer who captures the audience's attention with their energy and personality, their ability to tell a story and use of the whole stage during the performance.

MOST PASSIONATE GROUP: Judges Choice to be announced at the last adjudication workshop. Sponsored by an Anonymous donor in the amount of \$100. All group entries are eligible. Solid technical foundation, well executed routine and outstanding showmanship. Does not have to be the highest scoring routine in its class or age group.

TOP SCORE: Sponsored by the Thunder Bay Ballet Society, these awards will be presented to the dancer/duet/trio or group with the top score in the below categories. These awards will be presented during the last adjudication session of the weekend. Categories are: JR BALLET/POINTE, JUNIOR TAP, JUNIOR JAZZ, JUNIOR ACRO/OPEN, JUNIOR LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY, JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE/CHARACTER, SR. BALLET/POINTE, SENIOR TAP, SENIOR JAZZ, SENIOR ACRO/OPEN, SENIOR LYRICAL, SENIOR CONTEMPORARY, SENIOR MUSICAL THEATRE/CHARACTER, JR/SR HIP HOP, JR/SR NATIONAL (AGE FOR JUNIOR = 8, 10 & 12 UNDER, AGE FOR SENIOR = 14, 16, & 18 UNDER)

BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE (NON-COMPETITIVE): Sponsored by the Thunder Bay Ballet Society, this award is a Judge's choice and will be presented to the dancer or group during the last adjudication session of the weekend.

OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD: Sponsored by Fresh Air, the recipient of this award will be selected by the Adjudicators at the end of the weekend and presented at the last adjudication workshop of the festival. Criteria that will be taken into account will be: artistic impression, thoughtfully constructed routine, a creative use of space, movements that flow together in a clear developed idea and age-appropriate.

THE SANDRA BUFFONE MEMORIAL TAP SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by the family of Sandra and will be awarded to a talented young dancer or group of dancers that embodies the passion, energy, and enthusiasm for tap that Sandra loved to watch. This \$150 scholarship recognizes a tap solo, duo, trio, or group that not only demonstrates technical skills but also brings an infectious energy to the stage, captivating the audience with each step. The recipient(s) will showcase a dynamic performance blending creativity, technical proficiency and a powerful stage presence. Judges will look for a routine that is original, expressive, and filled with personality, where the dancer(s) not only execute clear, rhythmic footwork but also engage with the audience, bringing the performance to life with excitement and confidence.

HEATHER APPELL MEMORIAL STAND-OUT DANCER SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Dream Dance Company in the amount of \$200 for a dancer who demonstrated passion, emotion and beautiful technique. Noticed by the judges throughout the competition in more than one routine. Must compete in a minimum of two solos. Adjudicator's choice.

HEATHER APPELL MEMORIAL STAND-OUT GROUP SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Dream Dance Company in the amount of \$200 for a stand-out senior jazz group or line (14 & Under, 16 & Under or 18 & Under). Performed a very crisp and clean jazz routine. Overall impressive routine displaying nice formations/transition, technique, and a powerful performance factor. Adjudicator's choice.

ARMAND "CHRIS" KAMPELA MEMORIAL TAP SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by Racheal, Lauren & Emerson Kampela. Armand Kampela, passed away on December 19, 2019 and loved nothing more than to watch, encourage and support dance. Both his daughters were a big part of the dance community. This \$100 award will be given to one individual between the ages of 8 to 18; and will have demonstrated exceptional tap talent and shown great promise but not necessarily have been awarded the highest mark in the tap category.

JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARDS: Sponsored by International Dance Academy. Three Judge's Choice Awards selected by the adjudicators will be given out in each session.

DANCE AWARD SYSTEMS:

COMPETITIVE:

HIGH SILVER: 85 – 86.99	PLATINUM: 93 – 95.99
GOLD: 87 – 89.99	DIAMOND: 96 – 100
HIGH GOLD: 90 – 92.99	

NON-COMPETITIVE:

HIGH SILVER: 80 82.99	PLATINUM: 90 – 95.99
GOLD: 83 – 85.99	DIAMOND: 96 – 100
HIGH GOLD: 86 – 89.99	