

## Welcome...

...to the SDTA 8th annual North American Conference. Dancers, parents, and teachers of all ages are welcome! Please note that you do not need to be affiliated with the SDTA in order to attend. Don't miss out on this fun filled weekend of dance!

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday October 5th

-SOBHD Judges Exam

### Friday October 6th

-James L. McKenzie and Elspeth Strathern Scholarships (by nomination)  
-Teachers and Judges Reception

### Saturday October 7th

-Classes and Meetings (approximately 9:00am-5:00pm)  
-Banquet Dinner in the evening

### Sunday October 8th

-Brunch to be followed by classes until approximately 4:00pm

## Confirmed Instructors

-Aileen Robertson  
-Ann Johnson  
-Betty Sutherland  
-Christie Freestone  
-Douglas McFarland  
-Gillian Brough Urquhart  
-Gregor Bowman  
-Sabra MacGillivray

To learn more about our instructors, please visit our facebook page by searching "SDTA Vancouver 2017"

## Registration Fees

Registration will only be accepted online

## To register visit [www.eventry.net](http://www.eventry.net)

**\*\*Prices include breakfast, lunch, and banquet dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday**

**\*All fees are in Canadian Dollars\***

**\*\*SDTA Members: \$300**

(Can participate in all classes)

**\*\*Non-SDTA Members: \$340**

(Can participate in all classes)

**\*\*Pre-Premier Dancers: \$220**

(Can participate in classes designated for pre-premiers)

**\*\*Premier Dancers: \$300**

(Can participate in classes designated for premiers but cannot attend professional classes)

**Family (3 or more dancers): \$50 off total fees**

**Banquet Dinner ONLY: \$80**

(No classes or other meals included)

**\*\*Parent and Spectator (non-dancer or non-member): \$220**

(Can participate in classes designated for parents and spectators but cannot attend dancer lectures)

**Pass to watch Friday Scholarships: \$20**

(Grants entry to watch Tribute to J.L. and Choreography events but the masterclass is not open to watch)

## James L. McKenzie and Elspeth Strathern Scholarships - By nomination

The overall scholarship winner will be the candidate with the most total points from sections 1, 3, and 4. Candidates must participate in all 4 sections to be eligible to win the scholarship title.

### Section 1 - Tribute to J.L. McKenzie

A junior and senior 4 step Tribute to J.L. McKenzie will be performed by each candidate in full highland costume.

**Junior Steps: 1st 2nd 3rd 6th**

**Senior Steps: 1st 4th 5th 6th**

### Section 2 - Solo Choreography

Junior and Senior solo choreography dance will be performed with a maximum time limit of 2 minutes from the start of the music (not the start of the dance).

-Music must be a Celtic or Scottish theme

-The theme of the dance to be in keeping with the piece of music used

-Costume to be in keeping with the theme of the dance

-Lyrics are permitted

Music must be cued ready on **CD only**. The candidates name and number must be clearly printed on the CD along with the appropriate track number. Candidates should also supply a back-up CD. Music must be submitted to the scholarship committee at registration on the day of the scholarships.

There will be an automatic disqualification for exceeding the maximum time permitted. The disqualification only applies to section 2 of the scholarship.

### Section 3 - Written Paper

Junior and Senior Highland technical papers will be issued and candidates will have a maximum of one hour to complete the paper.

### Section 4 - Master Class

Junior and Senior master classes, each 1.5 hours in length, will be held. Candidates should wear suitable practice clothes. Hairstyle and grooming in accordance with highland requirements.

## AWARDS

Trophies will be presented to the overall top 3 candidates covering sections 1, 3, and 4 in both junior and senior categories. Scholarship cheques will be presented to their teachers.

Section 2 will be scrutineered using the SOBHD system with medals awarded to the top 6 candidates for junior and senior sections. A trophy will be presented to the winning candidate in section 2.

All nominated candidates should e-mail and confirm whether or not they will be attending to:

**[sdtaconference2017@gmail.com](mailto:sdtaconference2017@gmail.com)**

by August 31st, 2017.

**Lunch will be provided for Scholarship Participants**



## Hotel Information

Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront  
1133 W Hastings St.  
Vancouver, BC V6E 3T3  
604 689 9211  
(toll free) 1 844 337 3118

Located in the Coal Harbour neighbourhood of downtown Vancouver, the hotel is within walking distance of all of downtown Vancouver's top attractions including Stanley Park, Gastown, the Seawall and the Granville Street Entertainment District.



For online booking visit:

[https://aws.passkey.com/  
event/16305210/owner/2075/home](https://aws.passkey.com/event/16305210/owner/2075/home)

## Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance

8th North American  
Conference

A Weekend of Dance for Pre-  
Premiers, Premiers, Teachers,  
Judges, and Parents



Vancouver, BC  
October 6-8, 2017

For Any Questions or Further  
Information, Please Contact us at  
[sdtaconference2017@gmail.com](mailto:sdtaconference2017@gmail.com)