

## CELT FEST 2024 SPRING BREAK HIGHLAND DANCE MINI-CAMP & Workshops



**Mar 18, 19, 20 @ Dance Unlimited Studios, 5748 Culduthel Rd, VICTORIA**  
for all competitive level dancers Pre-Premier to Premier I Championship Level  
• 9am -3pm- Levels 2 & 3  
• 12-3- Level 1

Instructors: **Alexandra MacPhail**, Vancouver, Member, SDTA, Teacher  
**Mary Munro**, Vancouver, Examiner, BATD, RSOBHD Judges' Panel  
**Sherril Medd**, Victoria, Member, SDTA, RSOBHD Judges' Panel  
**Carolyn Cusson**, Member BATD, RSOBHD Judges' Panel

A 3-day Intensive series of workshops for:

- Strengthened Technique, Fitness & Stamina
- Competition & Exam Step Preparation
- Dancing to a live piper & live music (yes, it's different than to recordings)
- New Fun Dances (Level 1) & Choreography (Level 2-3)
- Championship and Premiership Set Steps

Programming of classes and instructors subject to the dancers who register



### ALEXANDRA MACPHAIL

Alex started highland dancing at the age of 4 and has competed across Canada, the USA, and Scotland. She has won numerous championships throughout BC, Alberta, and the United States. Some of her proudest achievements include winning the BC Provincial Championships nine times and representing BC at the Canadians thirteen times. Alex has also placed in the top 6 at the Canadian Championships four different times. Along with competing Alex has also been fortunate to travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, and Sydney, Australia to dance with the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Highland Dance Team. She also enjoyed performing with *The Barra MacNeils* in their most recent Canadian Christmas tours. Alex is also a member with the SDTA and has just recently started up her own dancing school based in Maple Ridge, BC. Along with teaching highland dancing Alex is also an elementary school teacher in the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows school district.



### MARY MUNRO

Mary resides in Burnaby, British Columbia. She is a Fellow and Examiner of the B.A.T.D. and she is also on the SOBHD Adjudicators Panel. Mary's teachers were the late Dorothy Christie and Heather Jolley. She is very grateful to both of these ladies for sharing their knowledge with her especially during her competitive years. As a dancer, highlights of her competitive career included winning the Adult Canadian Championship and finishing First Runner-up in the Adult World Championship. As a judge and teacher, she has had the opportunity to travel to Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, and also extensively throughout North America. Her former students have won many open and closed championships. Besides teaching full day kindergarten in North Vancouver, she also runs a dance program at school. She finds this very rewarding as it is an opportunity to give back to the school community. Mary served as Treasurer of ScotDance Canada for 11 years and she also held the same position with ScotDance BC for 11 years.



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### **SHERRIL MEDD**



Originally from Alberta, Sherril Medd began teaching in 1976, equipped with a passion for Highland Dance and an intuitive sense that through dance, she could create a unique culture that would bring out the best in everyone --- a community that would teach more than just dance, one that would challenge and inspire students to reach their full potential in whatever they do.

Sherril is a Fellow of the SDTA and a member of the RSOBHD. worldwide panel of judges. Her dancers have had exceptional success in their achievements at both national and international level championships as well as competitive choreography.

Sherril and her husband Terry recently moved to Victoria with their two dogs – Jake and Elwood and are loving Island life, exploring beaches and trails. They have begun agility training with their dogs- who can't wait for their daily "practice" sessions!

### **CAROLYN PHILLIPS CUSSON, MBA, CPC - Director**



Born in Montreal, Carolyn studied ballet and music in Europe where her family lived till age 9. Despite her late start in Highland Dancing at age 11 in Ottawa, Carolyn won her first Ontario Championship at age 13, and went on to become Eastern Canada Champion, Great Lakes Champion, Western US Champion, runner-up BC Champion and Canadian Interprovincial Champion, and was a World Championship Finalist. She competed and won titles until she was 25.

Moving from Ontario to BC at age 17, Carolyn considers herself fortunate to have trained with many of the greatest Highland teachers across North America and Scotland. In turn, she has trained hundreds of dancers, many becoming provincial champions and Canadian champion finalists.

She and her mother formed the Central Interior Highland Dancing Association in Prince George, BC. A Life Member of the BATD, and

RSOBHD judge, she enjoys adjudicating, teaching, and sharing her passion for the culture and excellence in the arts all over the world.

Carolyn served for eight years as Governor on the Board of Directors for Ballet British Columbia, Canada's fourth largest professional dance organization, for the United Way, and on the Island Crisis Care Society's Women's shelter, among other charities. She was Artistic Director for the BC Summer Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Carolyn is a Management Consultant and Certified Professional Coach with her company, CUE Consulting. She teaches university leadership, business, and tourism courses, and often works with festivals and cultural groups on organizational development and strategic leadership.

Carolyn founded *CeltFest Vancouver Island* with her husband, piper and composer, René Cusson, providing learning and performance events for her community and beyond. She has two daughters, Megan and Céitinn; both were Highland dancers who now perform and teach in other artistic realms.

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### **REGISTRATION FORM** – Register by Mar 8 | Late fees after may apply

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*Pls send completed form to email address below*

Student's Name .....Age.....Level\*:

*\*Level 1: Beginner | Level 2: Novice | Level 3: Advanced Intermediate/Premier/ more info below\**

Parent/Guardian Name (under 19):.....

Phone (daytime) .....(evening):.....

Address.....City.....

Province/Postal.....email.....

Contact in the event of emergency (in addition to parent above):

Name:.....Relationship.....

Their phone number (daytime):.....(evening):.....

### **GOOD CONDUCT CONSENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I understand that for students to learn effectively and remain safe, a standard of good conduct on behalf of all students during the camp will be expected at all times. Any breach of conduct may result in a student being sent home, without any rebate of fees.

I understand that dance poses an element of risk, therefore I will not hold liable the organizers, instructors, or the dance studio venue responsible, should any injury or loss occur.

I attest that I am/my child is medically fit to attend this camp, and/or that I will advise/have advised the Director of any conditions that may potentially pose a health threat. I understand that any medical information submitted is held confidential and is referred to *only* in the event of the need for professional medical attention.

Further, having read, understood, and completed this form, I hereby release **Celtic Performing Arts Inc.** its **Directors**, staff and volunteers, and sponsors of **CeltFest 2024 Spring Break Highland Dance Camp & Workshops**, from any and all claims which may arise as a result of my/my child's participation in this event.

Signed: ..... Date:.....  
Parent or Guardian | Student (over 19) Print Name .....

### **PHOTO PERMISSION** (signature optional)

I permit the taking and use of photos of me/my child for promotional use of CeltFest Vancouver Island events.  
(Initials) .....

### **PAYMENT – Due on Registration**

\*Levels 2 & 3 (Full days): – for all competitive level dancers Pre-Premier to Premier & Championship level

\*Level 1 (1/2 days):– for dancers who know their Highland Fling and elements of their Sword [minimum]

**Select One** (prices include GST): *Includes snacks at breaktime*

Levels 2 or 3 \$280 \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Level 1 \$185 \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYING by** : e-Transfer to [info@celticperformingarts.com](mailto:info@celticperformingarts.com) \_\_\_\_\_ [preferred] OR Cheque\_\_\_\_\_ [address below]

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