

Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts

2025 Dance Awards & Scholarships

THUNDER BAY SOCIETY OF BALLET AND DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

THUNDER BAY SOCIETY OF BALLET AND DANCE ALL- AROUND SENIOR DANCE AWARD:

Leah Boczek

THUNDER BAY SOCIETY OF BALLET AND DANCE ALL- AROUND JUNIOR DANCE AWARD:

Georgia Axent

ALL-ROUND SENIOR DANCE AWARD RUNNER-UPS:

Abigail Pedwyssocki, Addison Kaukinen, Alex McKay, Katie Tofinetti, Mya Sousa, Violet Botsford

ALL-ROUND JUNIOR DANCE AWARD RUNNER-UPS:

Audrey Harrison, Emily Taylor, Brooklyn Dykstra, Belle Bobrowich, Lainey Maunu, Hannah Welsh

~ SENIOR SOLO ~

POINTE: 1st place – Mya Sousa <> 2nd place – Kailin Walter

DEMI-POINTE: 1st place – Addison Kaukinen <> 2nd place – Alex McKay

JAZZ: 1st place – Leah Boczek <> 2nd place – Lilly Panacheese

TAP: 1st place – Abigail Pedwyssocki <> 2nd place – Alaina Jason

CHARACTER: 1st place – Molly Forneri <> 2nd place – No Competitor

LYRICAL JAZZ: 1st place – Abigail Pedwyssocki <> 2nd place – Addison Kaukinen

CONTEMPORARY: 1st place – Savana Brochu-Martino <> 2nd place – Alex McKay

ACRO: 1st place – Katie Tofinetti <> 2nd place – Jayla Best

HIP HOP/FUNK: 1st place – Lilly Panacheese <> 2nd place – Madison Hamel

OPEN: 1st place – Leah Boczek <> 2nd place – Katie Tofinetti

NATIONAL: 1st place – Emily Kivi <> 2nd place – Evangeline Sawchuk

MUSICAL THEATRE: 1st place – Porter Roy <> 2nd place – Sophie Bergamo

~ JUNIOR SOLO ~

POINTE: *1st place* – No Competitor <> *2nd place* – No Competitor
DEMI-POINTE: *1st place* – Georgia Axent <> *2nd place* – Ava Paterson-French
JAZZ: *1st place* – Hannah Welsh <> *2nd place* – Belle Bobrowich
TAP: *1st place* – Stella Hodder <> *2nd place* – Lainey Maunu
CHARACTER: *1st place* – Hazel Adduono <> *2nd place* – Keegan O’Connor
LYRICAL JAZZ: *1st place* – Georgia Axent <> *2nd place* – Lainey Maunu
CONTEMPORARY: *1st place* – Audrey Harrison <> *2nd place* – Ava Patterson-French
ACRO: *1st place* – Audrey Harrison <> *2nd place* – Arianna Sutton
HIP HOP/FUNK: *1st place* – Locklyn Davis <> *2nd place* – Hannah Wrigley
OPEN: *1st place* – Brooklyn Dykstra <> *2nd place* – Leece Hupka
NATIONAL: *1st place* – Dalia Papa <> *2nd place* – Eleanor DePaola
MUSICAL THEATRE: *1st place* – Emily Taylor <> *2nd place* – Isabel Jankowski

~ 19 & OLDER SOLO SCHOLARSHIP ~

1st place – Hannah Birse, Acro
2nd place – Ava McOrmond, Lyrical Jazz

~ 6 & UNDER SOLO SCHOLARSHIP ~

1st place – Isabella Stover, Acro
2nd place – Mila McKeown, Acro

~ SENIOR DUET/TRIO ~

1st place – Ella Towell & Juliana Santin, Ballet Demi-Pointe Duet, 14 & under
2nd place – Leah Boczek (Not Eligible), Maliyah Joseph & Rhylin Miller, Lyrical Jazz Trio,
16 & Under

~ JUNIOR DUET/TRIO ~

1st place – Brooklyn Dykstra & Hannah Welsh, Jazz Duet, 8 & Under
2nd place – Bella Milani, Georgia McCart & Tatum Niskala, Lyrical Jazz Duet, 12 & Under

Definitions: “Competitor Not Eligible” = Competitor exceeded scholarship limit. “No Competitor” = No participants in this category.

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SMALL GROUP:

Art in Motion, Entry #87, "Recess", Ballet Demi-Pointe Small Group 10 & Under

OUTSTANDING SENIOR SMALL GROUP:

Ignite Dance Academy, Entry #144, "Bottom of the River", Contemporary Small Group 14 & Under

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LARGE GROUP:

Art in Motion, Entry #387, "Step in Time", Tap Large Group 10 & Under

OUTSTANDING SENIOR LARGE GROUP:

Art in Motion, Entry #441, "Sirens", Contemporary Large Group 16 & Under

OUTSTANDING SENIOR LINE:

Fay Gleeson Dance Centre, Entry #155, "Ghosts", Tap Line 14 & under

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION:

Art in Motion, Entry #274, "The Land of Oz", Musical Theatre Production 14 & Under

“THANK YOU”

*to the dancers for sharing your talents with everyone;
to the teachers for your dedication to the art of dance;
to the parents for encouraging your children to reach for the stars;
to the Auditorium staff for their patience and assistance;
and last but not least,*

to each of the many volunteers for all your hard work!

It is everyone working together that makes this event a success each year!

“CONGRATULATIONS”

to all participants on your achievements!

~ THERE IS POWER IN KINDNESS ~ unknown

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AWARDS:

FORT WILLIAM ROTARY CLUB SENIOR BALLETT CUP: Mya Sousa

FORT WILLIAM ROTARY CLUB JUNIOR BALLETT CUP: Georgia Axent

GOLD CUP: Sydney Height

OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD:

Lauren Kopanski: Entry#441 "Sirens", Art In Motion (Large Group)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

SYLVIA HORN YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP:

Brianna DeAgazio

DEBORAH DELVECCHIO BALLETT SCHOLARSHIP:

Caleb Miller

FAY GLEESON DANCE CENTRE SCHOLARSHIP:

Ava Paterson-French

FAY GLEESON DANCE CENTRE PERFORMING COMPANY FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAP SCHOLARSHIP:

Isabella Lariza: Art In Motion

Odessa Opas: Fay Gleeson Dance Centre

ARMAND "CHRIS" KAMPELA MEMORIAL TAP SCHOLARSHIP:

Lainey Maunu

STANDOUT TECHNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP:

Mya Sousa

LEAD WITH KINDNESS SCHOLARSHIP:

Edie McCart (Fay Gleeson Dance Centre)

Rebecca Hansen (Art in Motion)

ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP:

Alex McKay

ETHEL MARKALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Entry #143 "Imagine": Mackinley Harding & Olivia Kukiel

BOB MARKALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Entry #75 "I Like That", Ignite Dance Academy (Large Group)

SANDRA BUFFONE MEMORIAL TAP SCHOLARSHIP:

Entry #73 "Honey I'm Good", Maliya Joseph & Violet Botsford (Duet/Trio)

JUNIOR LYRICAL JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP:

Hannah Welsh: Entry #212 "Brave"

SENIOR LYRICAL JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP:

Katie Tofinetti: Entry#78 "She's All I Wanna Be"

MOST PASSIONATE GROUP:

Entry#123 "Ethereal" Ballet – Pointe, 16 & Under, Art In Motion (Small Group)

DANCER WITH THE BEST STAGE PRESENCE:

Hayden Halvorsen: Entry#129 "It Works", 16 & Under Musical Theatre, Spirit of Dance

EVA SACCETTI MEMORIAL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Entry #176, SI NON ERA PI VUI, Le Stelle Alpine, SIENA BONAZZA CARANGI, SYDNI SCOCCHIA

HEATHER APPELL MEMORIAL STAND-OUT DANCER SCHOLARSHIP:

Jayla Lathem

HEATHER APPELL MEMORIAL STAND-OUT GROUP SCHOLARSHIP:

Art in Motion Entry #444, "Kill The Lights", Jazz Large Group 14 & Under

INTRODUCTION TO HIGHLAND CLASSES SCHOLARSHIP:

Caleb Miller