

## **The Glasgow Music Festival 2025**

On Saturday 8th March, it was my pleasure to host the Dance Section of the 113<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Music Festival held in the Renfield Church Centre, Bath Street. The enthusiastic audience was treated to dance performances throughout the day.

During the morning session, it was a pleasure to welcome back pupils from St Ninian's Primary, Comely Park Primary, St Andrew's Primary and the Dalriada Dancers team. Blairdardie Primary attended for the first time and intend to make a return visit next year. The enthusiastic pupils danced to the lovely music provided by Màrtainn Skene.

A positive, supportive adjudication was provided by Les Lambert. Thank you to Maureen Daniel who had to scribe all the remarks quickly and accurately. The Marion B Hamilton Certificate was awarded to Dalriada Dancers, scoring 89%, for the dance "The College Hornpipe". They were presented with this certificate by Robert MacDonald, the current Hon. President of The Glasgow Music Festival, who is a nephew of Marion Hamilton. This year a social dance for fun, with no adjudication, was introduced during the morning and all schools appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to dance together.

The Adult teams competed for the Glasgow Branch Quaich throughout the afternoon. I was delighted to welcome Glasgow Dancers, Edinburgh University New Scotland Dance Society Dundee University Scottish Country Dance Society, back to the festival and also dancers from Glenburn Scottish Country Dance Club and Edinburgh Scottish Dancers who attended the Festival for the first time. The audience really appreciated the high level of skill and precision demonstrated by all.

The Quaich was awarded to Glasgow Dancers for the Square Dance, "St Andrew's Cross", achieving a score of 90%.

A huge thanks must go to ALL Entrants, the Adjudicator, Scribe, Musician, RSCDS Guests, Dance Teachers and the encouraging audience. My sincere thanks go to all the RSCDS volunteer stewards who worked behind the scenes to support the dancers and myself, facilitating the smooth running of the festival. Thanks to Ian Johnson, Chair of RSCDS Glasgow Branch for opening and closing the event and to the current Branch Committee for supporting the festival.

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