

SANDRA BALD JONES

Sandra has been teaching Highland dancing for over 50 years in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Before moving to Canada from Kirkcaldy Scotland, she was a competitive Highland Dancer, winning many awards and Championships including two World titles, Junior and Adult. As a dancer, she has been featured on Scottish TV programmes and touring shows, and was presented to the Queen several times.

Over the years, Sandra has choreographed for many groups, both amateur and professional. Her own "Schiehallion Dancers" have carried the banner of Highland Dancing with performances across Canada, United States, Great Britain, Macau and Europe in such venues as the Edinburgh Tattoo, Berlin Tattoo, and Brittany's Lorient Celtic Festival. Sandra was a Founder of "The Scottish Dance Company of Canada", and in 2002 directed a Canadian Highland Dance Team who performed with other Dancers representing Commonwealth Countries at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. She was invited to return to the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2003 with her Schiehallion Dancers, and since then the dancers have danced in Bermuda, Virginia U.S., France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and again in the Edinburgh Tattoo 2008.

The Sandra Bald Jones Dance Studio have over the years, produced many Champion Highland Dancers, who have won major Highland dance titles including the Juvenile, Junior and Adult World Championships, North American and Canadian Championships, South African Championship, and the Grand Australasian Championship.

Sandra Bald Jones is a Fellow, Examiner and Honorary Member of the Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance; Fellow and Life Member of the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, and an adjudicator with the Scottish Official Board's panel of Judges. Judging, teaching, and choreographing have taken Sandra all over Canada, the United States, Scotland, Australia, Europe, South Africa and New Zealand. She is also an Independent Member (Emeritus) of ScotDance Canada and Life Member of ScotDance Ontario. In 2010 the SOBHD presented her with the Atholl Clasp for her services to Highland Dancing worldwide and another highlight of her career was when she was recently awarded Honorary Membership with the SOBHD.

Note:

As a young dancer traveling to the Highland Games in Scotland, Sandra was very impressed with the Schiehallion Mountain (the Fairy Mountain), and vowed one day to name something "Schiehallion". The something turned out to be her Dance Company, and as her Dance Studio is on the Mountain (although nothing like a Scottish Mountain) in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the name "Schiehallion Dancers" is perfect. In August 2012, she was thrilled that her 4 Granddaughters were all able to dance at the Rannoch Highland Games. It was a beautiful day, and many pictures were taken with "Schiehallion" in the background. Thanks to Jean Swanston for arranging this.