

## Auditions for Highland & Step dancers

The Amethyst Scottish Dancers are an exciting and talented performance dance group, who have been entertaining audiences worldwide since 1985.

The troupe is comprised of highly - trained highland and step dancers, aged 9-25, who blend traditional and contemporary choreography to give audiences an exciting taste of Nova Scotia's vibrant Scottish culture.

Over the years, we have entertained Royalty, cruise ship passengers and countless others at conventions, cultural events and many performances throughout Nova Scotia and beyond.

Elizabeth McCorkell instructs the highland dancers and is the Artistic Director of the troupe. Cindy Penney instructs the step dancers and works alongside Elizabeth to create exciting choreographies for our performances.

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Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 3:45 – 4:15pm Location: Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Rec Centre, Innovation Road, Bedford (adjacent to CP Allen High School)



Junior Highland Troupe: dancers age 9-12 who have reached Intermediate level or equivalent with knowledge of all Traditional and National dances. (by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017)

**Senior Highland Troupe:** dancers age 13-25 who have reached Premier level or equivalent with knowledge of all Traditional and National dances. (by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017)

**Step dance Troupe:** dancers age 10-25 with a minimum of three full years of step dancing lessons. (by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017) Musicality, presentation and clarity of beats will be very important.

Due to a commitment to a large number of performances in the Fall we are holding early auditions in June, so that dancers can be better prepared for dancing with the troupe in the Fall. If you will reach the age and levels described above by 31<sup>st</sup> August you may audition in June.

If you are successful at audition, you will be informed on the day. You are also expected to stay after auditions for an introductory practice. There is a \$5 audition fee, payable on the day.

All Amethyst dancers are required to attend weekly Highland or Step dance classes, in addition to attending regular Amethyst rehearsals, that take place on Sunday afternoons.

Please complete an audition form and email to <u>amethystdancersns@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in joining this exciting performance dance troupe. Any questions should be addressed to this email.