

Auditions for Highland & Step dancers

The Amethyst Scottish Dancers are an exciting and talented performance dance troupe, 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 16th September – see time details below Location: Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Rec Centre, Innovation Road, Bedford (adjacent to CP Allen High School)

Junior Highland Troupe: <u>auditions begin at 3pm</u> - dancers age 9-12 who have reached Intermediate level or equivalent with knowledge of all Traditional and National dances. (by 31st August 2018)

Senior Highland Troupe: <u>auditions being at 5:45pm</u> - dancers age 13-25 who have reached Premier level or equivalent with knowledge of all Traditional and National dances. (by 31st August 2018)

Step Dance Troupe: <u>auditions begin at 3pm</u>- dancers age 10-25 with a minimum of three full years of step dancing lessons. (by 31st August 2018)

Musicality, presentation and clarity of beats will be very important.

If you are successful at audition, you will be informed on the day. You are also expected to attend first practice later the same day. Junior Highland & Step Dancers will practice 3:45 – 5:45pm and Senior Highland will practice 6:30-8:30pm. 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 Sundays.

You are required to complete an audition form along with your dance teacher. This form can be obtained by emailing amethystdancersns@gmail.com. Questions can also be addressed to this email.