

EMPAS NEWS

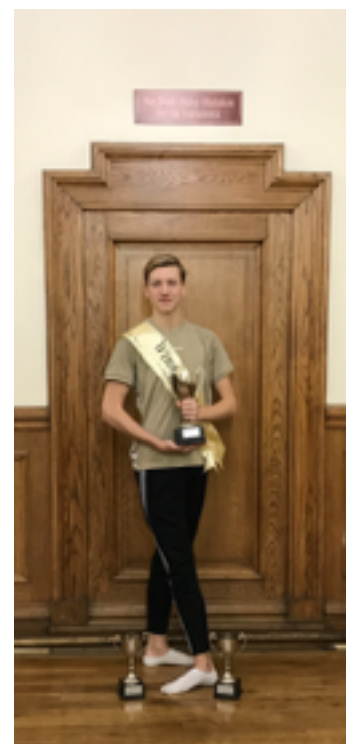
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IDTA THEATRE DANCE AWARDS 2020!

Wow, what a weekend in Manchester at the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards 2020. We are so proud of all our nominees, Luke, Libby and Sophie. Special well done to Libby Donnelly for being called as a finalist in the Tap Grades on her first year at the awards. We are so proud of our Luke Fairless who won the Tap Performers and the Theatre Craft Performers and the Ken Dodd Award for Tap, as well Runner Up in the Ballet Performers and being called as a finalist in the Modern Grades. Such a special year!

We are so excited to announce our nominations for the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards 2021 from our last exam session - we are so proud of you all!

Ballet Grades – Hannah Quigley
 Ballet Grades – Poppy Old
 Ballet Grades – Libby Smith
 Ballet Grades – Kady Martin
 Theatre Craft Grades – Libby Smith
 Tap Performers- Sophie Reddy
 Ballet Performers – Libby Donnelly



The nominees are selected from over 7000 candidates that take IDTA exams every year, so it really is a fantastic achievement to even be nominated! It is lovely to see our younger students continuing on EMPAS legacy at these IDTA events.



Well done to Libby Smith and Olivia Emson who attended the UK Dance Class Championships. Libby won the UKDCC 12-13 Modern Class and came runner up in the UKDCC 12-13 Ballet Class in Bradford and is now invited to compete in the 'Champion of Champions' event in Liverpool.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

TDCI Championships
7/8th March 2020

Workshop with Samantha Varty
14th March 2020

Northumberland Dance Festival
4-6th April 2020

Dress Rehearsal @ RGS
19th April 2020

Spring Dance Festival
26th April & 2/3rd May 2020

CYD Regionals
10th May 2020

TDCI Championships
26th-29th May 2020

Miss Dance of Great Britain
21st June 2020

EMPAS 40 YEAR SHOW
19th July 2020



Well done to all children who had their IDTA examinations on 1st and 7th December, 100% pass rate as usual and some great distinction marks.



Well done to our little team who competed in the Teeside Lyrical Championships on the 17th November.

Special mention to Libby Smith came away as the Runner Up Junior Champion!

We hope all our children who performed in pantomimes across the North East around Christmas time enjoyed every minute!

Well done to Becky Conroy for passing her Grade 4 vocal exam through 'Rock School' with a merit!

Well done to Erin Griffiths who has been successfully cast as Scuttle the seagull in Starlights production of The Little Mermaid Junior on 16th and 17th May at RGS Theatre.

Well done to all parents and students who represented EMPAS at our fundraising bag pack in February! We managed to raise just over £250 which is fantastic and will help massively towards costumes for our 40 Year Show in July!

East Coast Dance Festival - 1/2/3 November 2019!

See results below:

1st – 12-13 Open Ballet Solo – Libby Smith
 1st – 8-9 Open Modern Solo – Eleanor Welsh
 1st – 15+ Classical Duet – Ellie & Nieve Collins
 1st – 10-11 Novice Ballet Solo – Remy Samuelson-Sandvid
 1st – 12-14 Non-Classical Duet – Libby Smith & Libby Donnelly
 1st – 12-14 Tap Duet – Libby Smith & Libby Donnelly
 1st – 12-14 Classical Duet – Libby Smith & Libby Donnelly
 1st – 9-11 Tap Trio – Jemma Quigley, Anya Tumia & Carla Ayuk
 1st – Under 9 Non-Classical Duet – Bea Penny & Lily Rose Wallace
 1st – 10-11 Novice Modern Solo – Owen Clark
 1st – 6-7 Novice Modern Solo – Bea Penny
 1st – 9-11 Non-Classical Trio – Jemma Quigley, Anya Tumia & Carla Ayuk
 1st – 12-13 Novice Lyrical Solo – Libby Smith
 1st – 14-15 Novice Lyrical Solo – Libby Donnelly
 2nd – 12-13 Open Tap Solo – Hannah Quigley
 2nd – 12-13 Open Modern Solo – Libby Smith
 2nd – 8-9 Open Song and Dance Solo – Eleanor Welsh
 3rd – 10-11 Novice Lyrical Solo – Anya Tumia
 3rd – 8-9 Novice Ballet Solo – Lara Sky Wisby
 3rd – 10-11 Novice Tap Solo – Jemma Quigley
 3rd – 8-9 Novice Song and Dance Solo – Lara Sky Wisby
 3rd – 10-11 Open Ballet Solo – Owen Clark
 3rd – 12-14 Non-Classical Duet – Poppy Old & Hannah Quigley
 3rd – 8-9 Open Ballet Solo – Eleanor Welsh
 3rd – 6-7 Open Song and Dance Solo – Bea Penny
 3rd – Under 9 Non-Classical Duet – Eleanor Welsh & Lily Rose Wallace
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Supreme Finalists –

Libby Smith – Ballet Solo
 Eleanor Welsh – Modern Solo
 Ellie & Nieve Collins – Ballet Duet
 Owen Clark – Modern Solo

Improv Section

1st & 3rd – Senior Improv Section – Libby Smith
 2nd – Mini Improv Section – Bea Penny
 3rd – Senior Improv Section – Libby Donnelly
 4th – Senior Improv Section – Hannah Quigley

Trophies

Overall Junior Supreme Winner – Owen Clark (Modern Solo)
 Adjudicators Choice 10-13 – Owen Clark
 Most Promising 10-13 – Libby Smith
 Highest Mark Ballet – Libby Smith
 Highest Mark Duet – Libby Smith & Libby Donnelly
 Highest Mark Novice – Shared between Libby Smith & Libby Donnelly

Well done everyone!

IDTA TYNESIDE GALA 2020!

We are so proud of our students who participated in the IDTA Tyneside Gala of Dance on Sunday 23rd February 2020. We performed two pieces inspired by Sir David Attenborough's 'Our Planet' documentary. We were so pleased with how professionally our students represented EMPAS on and off the stage and we hope you all had a fantastic day and loved performing at the Sunderland Empire!



If you head over to our Facebook or Instagram page you can see some videos of our routine!

**WORKSHOP WITH SAMANTHA VARTY -
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH**

e-mail: admin@empas.co.uk for more information and to book your place!

PHOTO'S OF THE TERM



^ Our IDTA Tyneside Gala Team ^

^ Our Little Ballerinas ^

> Elaine at our annual exam presentation evening
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