

# MACKINEWS



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011

## Seaside Highland Games

*October 8 and 9, 2011 – Ventura County Fairgrounds*

MacKinnon Dance Academy once again hosted the Highland Dancing Competition portion of this exciting event. Our dancers will joined dancers from California, Canada, Arizona and other parts of the world for an awesome competition featuring dancers of all levels – primaries (wee ones) through premiers – (not so wee ones). Susan Eskridge works on the organization of this competition and all attending agree that she does an amazing job of getting everyone and everything together so that it runs pretty much seamlessly. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who give generously of their time to help out with this competition.



MacKinnon's Highland competitor's all danced beautifully with a number of them earning aggregate trophies in their category.

Competitor's included: Jalen Ash, Jiaxin Ash, Makani Ash, Hailey Cerio, Elizabeth Dusek, Halle Escoto, Mia Fernandez, Ciarra Garcia, Emilee Garcia, Hailee Garcia, Jaden Graham, Alexandra Hernandez, Makayla Irby, Mia Montalvo, Sadie McCormick, Kaylee Ortega, Madison Paniccia, Adriana Peralta, and Natalie Schaniel.



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#### Dates to Remember:

- MacKinnon's will be Closed on Halloween – Monday October 31
- FUSTA Fundraiser for 2013 USIR in Westminster Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>
- MacKinnon's will be closed in November for Thanksgiving on Thursday 24, Friday 25 & Saturday 26
- MacKinnon's Holiday Show "By the Sea" – Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>
- MacKinnon's will be closed Saturday December 24 thru Sunday January 1, 2012



Seaside Games Fashion Show!



**Seaside Highland Games Continued:**  
*MacKinnon's dancers earned 6 of the 9 Aggregate Trophies awarded at the Seaside Highland Games with Jaden Graham, Natalie Schaniel, Halle Escoto, Makani Ash and Jalen Ash achieving the highest aggregate score in their respective age group and class. In addition Makayla Irby, Halle Escoto, Hailey Cerio, and Kaylee Ortega also captured one of the Special Awards presented at Seaside. Great Job Dancers!*

## MacKinnon's Highland Competitor's News

Our own **Mia Fernandez** competed at the **Fresno Highland Competition** on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. She medaled in every dance, earning the aggregate trophy and named most promising dancer of the day! Great job Mia!

On **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>** MacKinnon's had dancers competing in **Las Vegas Highland Competition**. Several of our dancers placed in their events including: **Emily Garcia, Hailee Garcia, Ciarra Garcia, Natalie Schaniel, Halle Escoto, and Madison Paniccia.**



Halle Escoto, last year's trophy winner passing the Perpetual Most Promising Dancer in Novice to Natalie Schaniel, this year's winner. Competitors from all over the Western Region compete for this trophy. MacKinnon's has won two years in a row.



THIS WAS A TERRIFIC EXPERIENCE FOR OUR DANCERS!

**ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 MACKINNON'S HOSTED A VIDEO WORKSHOP FOR HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITORS** conducted by Kay Hamilton, former U.S. Highland Dancing Champion. Dancers were evaluated by a Highland Dance Adjudicator, and DVD's were given to each dancer which contained. The Judge's remarks. Attendees: Jalen Ash, Makani Ash, Jiaxin Ash, Hailey Cerio, Halle Escoto, Mia Fernandez, Ciarra Garcia, Jaden Graham, Allexandra Hernandez, Makayla Irby, Sadie McCormick, Madison Paniccia, Adriana Peralta and Natalie Schaniel

On Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> MacKinnon's dancers performed at the **CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN** event in Camarillo. This was during a fundraiser for disadvantaged children in Ventura County. Monies from this event are donated to the CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN organization.

Performers: Hailey Cerio, Halle Escoto, Ciarra Garcia, Hailee and Emilee Garcia, Makayla Irby, Mia (cock-Doodle) Montalvo, Madison Paniccia, Emily Payard and Natalie Schaniel. These children delighted the assembled with their beautiful dancing. Thank you so much to all.



## SANTA CLARA FESTIVAL – OXNARD

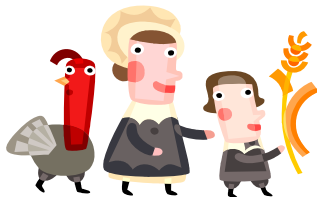
On Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> MacKinnon's dancers performed as this fundraiser for Santa Clara Elementary School.

Performers: Elizabeth Dusek, Halle Escoto, Jaden Graham, Allexandra Hernandez, Mia Fernandez, Kailyn Kerr, Sadie McCormick, Kaylee Ortega, Madison Paniccia, Ashley Phenix, Ashley Skillman.. Thank you so much dancers for sharing your talent with the community!



## MackKinnon Dance Academy Calendar:

MackKinnon's will be closed for Halloween on Monday, October 31. All of our little (and BIG) Ghosties will be 'oot and about' scaring everybody and gobbling up all of their candy. THEN GOING TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY? Who thought up this idea? I mean, having it on a school night? Is it written in **BLOOD** that is has to be on the actual day of **HALLOWEEN**, or can we have a little leverage here? I'm just asking.



MackKinnon's will be closed on Thanksgiving Weekend, Thursday November 24, Friday November 25 and, Saturday November 26. Have A Happy Thanksgiving weekend Everyone!

MackKinnon's will also be closed for the Winter Holidays Saturday December 24 through Sunday January 1 2012. Friday December 23 will be the final day of regularly scheduled classes for 2011 and we reopen for classes on Monday January 2, 2012. Enjoy the break and have a Save and Healthy New Year!



Well...we took a couple of deeeeeep breaths and are now gearing up for our show in December. This will be our fourth\* year for our annual Holiday Show, which features our younger dancers in a showcase of their very own. This year's date for our show entitled **'BY THE SEA'** is **Sunday, December 11**. First show at **12:00** and the second show at **2:30**.

The fun-filled program will feature our little dancers performing to music that is ocean, sand and surf, or just fun at the beach. Don't worry, nothing fishy here, unless you count a mermaid or two. Once again the program will be held at the OceanView Pavilion in Port Hueneme, located coincidentally BY THE SEA.

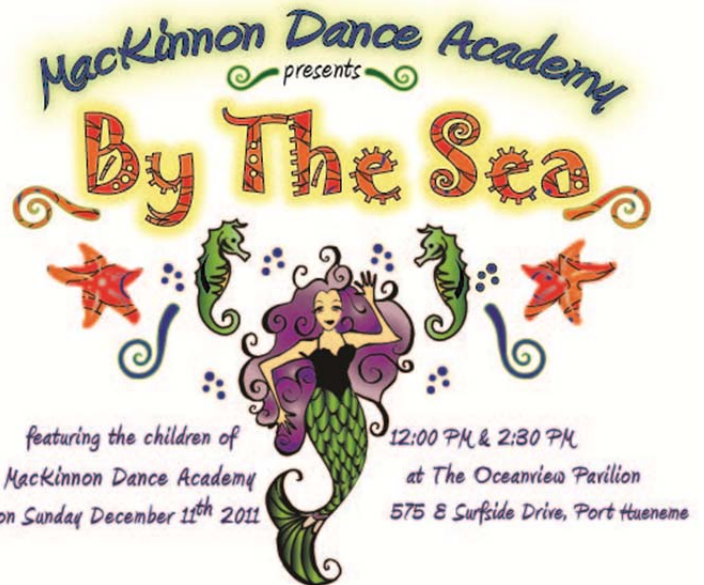
As always, this is the show that our wonderful backstage helpers, among others who cannot watch the July show, actually get to see. The auditorium is small, but adequate. Nevertheless, I suggest getting your tickets early as they WILL be assigned seating and we WILL fill up.

Our senior dancers will take care of the backstage preparations and our teachers will all be participating in readying our children for their performances. Elizabeth Skillman is going to design a backdrop for our show, using her awesome artistic skills for our complete enjoyment.

**NOTE THAT 3-4 Year Old Classes will in EITHER the 12:00 or 2:30 Show. All other Classes Listed will Perform in Both Shows.**

Class Performing:	Age/Type	Teacher
Saturday 11:00A	3&4 Combo	Anna
Wednesday 4:00A	3&4 Combo	Sarah
Friday 4:00C	3&4 Combo	Sarah
Saturday 8:00A	3&4 Combo	Sarah
Saturday 10:00A	3&4 Combo	Anna
Saturday 9:00A	5&6 Combo	Anna
Saturday 9:00B	5&6 Combo	Sarah
Saturday 10:00C	5-8 Kid Jazz	Ashley
Monday 5:00A	6-9 Jazz	Susie
Monday 6:00A	9&Up Jazz	Susie
Tuesday 4:00A&C	Highland	Joy/Susie
Tuesday 4:00B	5&6 Combo	Sarah
Tuesday 5:00A	5-8 Kid Jazz	Vanessa
Tuesday 5:00C	7-10 Tap	Anna
Wednesday 5:00A	6-9 Combo	Susie
Wednesday 5:00C	7&Up Tap	Anna
Thursday 4:00C	Ages Highland	Susie
Thursday 5:00C	7&Up Tap	Susie
Thursday 6:00C	7-10 Combo	Susie
Friday 4:00A	5&6 Combo	Susie
Friday 5:00A	6-9 Combo	Susie
Friday 6:00A	9&Up ITD	Susie
Mon 6C/Wed 6C	Polynesian	Josie

\* Third year at Port Hueneme, first year was at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center in the Oxnard Room



**Tickets go on Sale on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. This theater has assigned seating so a ticket must be purchased for anyone occupying a seat. ALL TICKETS ARE \$13.00 each per show. If you want to see both shows remember to purchase tickets for both. Tickets will be sold in the lobby at MacKinnons.**

**Parking at the Oceanview Pavilion costs approximately \$6.00 a day.**

**Questions about costumes? Please be sure to check with your child's instructor. Remember to also confirm with them hair, make-up, and shoes to worn for the performance.**

**Backstage moms will be needed- please see Susie if you are interested.**

**Channel 1 will once again create a video of the performances. As always for performer's safety and to keep from annoying other audience members PLEASE no photography or videos during the performance.**

**December tuition must be paid to participate in this special performance.**

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

For the fourth consecutive year, MacKinnon's will participate in the ALTRUSA's Oxnard Chapter Holiday Fundraiser at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ventura, Joy MacKinnon, a member of the Altrusa Society, will donate a decorated tree for the Christmas Tree Raffle and will also provide our dancers for entertainment. Each year the tree is decorated by Anna Reed Sanchez. The Pure Joy Moving Company, Scottish Highland Concert Dancers and FLORA will all perform this year.



ALTRUSA is an organization dedicated to making our communities better through leadership, partnership and service. Founded in 1917, Altrusa is relevant to many civic-minded people who are interested in creating better communities. Last year, Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia. For more information check [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org)

FUSTA WESTERN REGION  
Cordially Invites You to Join Us for  
Dinner and An Evening of Scottish Music  
Song & Dance  
Featuring Our Current  
2011 USIR HIGHLAND DANCING  
CHAMPIONS!

**MacKinnon's Scottish Highland  
Dancers, FLORA and PJMC  
will be performing  
at this fundraiser**

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
at Westminster Manor  
14041 Beach Blvd., Westminster  
(Between I405 & 22)**

**5PM Social Hour - 6PM Dinner  
\$37.50 Adults - \$25 Child (12 & Under)**

**MacKinnon's Families will receive a  
special Group Rate of \$20 per Ticket!  
Check with Joy or Susie to take  
advantage of this special rate.**

**Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Board, Door Prizes & More  
Ticket Information: 714-512-1316  
[dumbartondavey@yahoo.com](mailto:dumbartondavey@yahoo.com)**

**2013 USIR Fundraising event – Taxpayer ID Available**





**Be on time for class. Late comers are disruptive and do not get properly warmed up. Each time the door opens the class is distracted from what they are learning!**

**Wear the appropriate dance attire. This means Tights, Leotard, hair up in a bun and the correct style of shoe.**

**Take care of your belongings. Label clothes, shoes and bags so that when you lose an article we will know it is yours!**

## New Students in September & October

Codie Alberto  
Nicole Alberto  
Berty Alvarez  
Natalie Cervantes  
Malaya Clark  
Charlene Dael  
Anastasia Dominguez  
Victoria Dransart  
Jocelyn Escalante  
Abigail Goeman  
Liliana Johnson  
Ava Mateo  
Kieran McCormick  
Ariana Medina  
Isbella Peden  
Julieta Peralta  
Ava Renshaw  
Jayleen Rivas  
Nevaeh Roberson  
Victoria Rodriguez  
Kimberlin Sosa  
Alexis Vargas  
Adien Yniguez



## October Birthdays

10/1 🎂 Aya Bernal  
10/1 🎂 Bianka Nunal  
10/2 🎂 Laura Gonzalez  
10/6 🎂 Jaelynn Benson  
10/7 🎂 Amanda Coronado  
10/7 🎂 Andrea Alfaro  
10/7 🎂 Kalea Manansala  
10/8 🎂 Brandi Duncan  
10/8 🎂 Emily Galindo  
10/8 🎂 Kacey Ambriz  
10/9 🎂 Caren Braza  
10/9 🎂 Jalen Ash  
10/10 🎂 Alexi Myers  
10/10 🎂 Kenna Webb  
10/10 🎂 Rosa Aguilera  
10/10 🎂 Alysa Alvarez  
10/10 🎂 Mia Fernandez  
10/12 🎂 Elizabeth Dusek  
10/14 🎂 Regina Kreuzer  
10/14 🎂 Alexandria Almanza  
10/15 🎂 Lindsey Trotter  
10/15 🎂 Adrinna Escobar  
10/18 🎂 Celeste Carro  
10/18 🎂 Evelyn Sosa  
10/19 🎂 Ellyzel Charizee Ramirez  
10/19 🎂 Mia Montalvo  
10/23 🎂 Ariana Medina  
10/24 🎂 Hannah Gelsinger  
10/26 🎂 Michelle Vega  
10/26 🎂 Chica Allmen  
10/28 🎂 Caitlin Soria



**Yes T-Shirts will be available for purchase leading up to MacKinnon's Holiday show. Cool design on the front and everyone's name**

**on the back of the shirt. White print on Black Shirts. Extra Small Youth sizes will be available this year! Look for them in the lobby the month of November.**

## November Birthdays

11/1 🎂 Autumn Constant  
11/3 🎂 Cindy Martinez  
11/4 🎂 Cadence Lamborn  
11/5 🎂 Julianne Mae Tuazon  
11/6 🎂 Emma Landeros  
11/8 🎂 April Mendoza  
11/15 🎂 Misty Guevara  
11/15 🎂 Georgiana Nava  
11/16 🎂 Victoria Zegers  
11/18 🎂 Hailey Lawson  
11/18 🎂 Ava Renshaw  
11/21 🎂 Audrey Cunningham  
11/21 🎂 Adeline Narula  
11/22 🎂 Azul Alvarez  
11/26 🎂 Natalie Cervantes  
11/26 🎂 Itzel Fernandez  
11/26 🎂 TyLena Gladney  
11/26 🎂 Isabel Tenorio  
11/28 🎂 Heaven Herrera  
11/28 🎂 Addison Nikula  
11/28 🎂 Natalie Schaniel  
11/30 🎂 Samantha Velasco