

## **Report for newspapers - 'Perform in Dumfries' 9th – 11th March 2018**

Our Festival 'Perform in Dumfries', now in its 90th year, runs over four weekends in March and it was the turn of largest Section, Music, to take place at the weekend. This ran from Friday morning through to Sunday afternoon.

There was a large number of entries from schools and organisations throughout the Region and the hundreds of children in choirs from 12 of our Primary Schools sang their hearts out either in the lovely St. George's Church or in Dumfries Academy. Kirkcudbright Academy returned for a second year, our only entry from a secondary school choir, who sang beautifully and received a well deserved outstanding award for their performance.

Throughout the day on Friday it was indeed a treat for the huge turnout of parents, relatives and friends who came along and enthusiastically supported the choirs. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the teachers, tutors, and accompanists.

Grateful thanks, also, for the use of the Church Hall and the Assembly Rooms which were used to assemble all the choirs on Friday.

On Friday evening more school choirs performed in the Academy Hall which was full to capacity and the atmosphere was fantastic! The singing from all the choirs was of a very high standard and the variety of songs very entertaining.

Special congratulations to Sanquhar Primary Choir who won the coveted Sanquhar (Glendyne) Shield for overall best choir for large schools, and to the overall winner of the Annan Public School Shield for Rural Schools, Duncow Primary in their first year of entering!

Over Saturday the Festival showcased a multitude of talent in the following music disciplines: vocal solos, senior choirs, strings, woodwind, brass and bands.

The standard of solo singing on Saturday afternoon was very high and well done to Molly McTeir from Sanquhar who won both the P5-7 Scots singing and the P7 vocal solos.

Saturday evening was very special as we welcomed, for the first time, Auchencairn Community Choir, as well as the lovely ladies' choir, The King's Grange Singers and Dumfries Male Voice Choir who delight us every year. All sang beautifully and thoroughly entertained a large and appreciative audience with a variety of songs. Sanquhar & District Silver Band and it was a rousing finish to Saturday night's session.

Sunday was the turn of the pianists, many of whom received very high marks and were a credit to themselves as well as their teachers. Maxwelltown West Brownies started the morning off by giving two charming performances.

Our two, very highly qualified adjudicators, Mr Michael Hancock and Mr Daniel Chandler gave very constructive comments and encouragement to all the competitors. They were impressed with the very high standard of the performers, the warmth of the hospitality they received and the excellent organisation of the whole weekend.

The festival is organized entirely by volunteers and thanks goes to those who gave up their time to make this event such a success.

This is particularly special year for Perform in Dumfries as it is the 90th celebration year. As part of the celebrations, Perform in Dumfries are organizing a concert on Friday 11th May to showcase the talent displayed across the four disciplines of the music festival; speech, music, country dancing and accordion and fiddle. Tickets are available to buy from John Douglas Music Shop on Great King Street, The Ticket Office at the Mid-Steeple or by contacting the Chairperson or Treasurer through our website [www.ddmfa.org](http://www.ddmfa.org).

Music Festival 2018  
90th Anniversary Festival

Adjudicators:  
Michael Hancock & Daniel Chandler  
Winners:

<b><u>Class:</u></b>	<b><u>Cup:</u></b>	<b><u>Winner:</u></b>	<b><u>Category:</u></b>
10	The Wallace Cup	Troqueer Primary School	Distinction
9	The Laurieknowe Cup	Troqueer Primary School	Commended
11	Millenium Glass Trophy	Sanquhar Primary School	Distinction
13	DDMFA Shield	Elmvale Primary School	Not Known
8	The Marie Keillor Memorial Sheild	Sanquhar Primary School	Distinction
7	Noblehill Shield	Cargenbridge Primary School	Distinction
1	Dr Burnett Shield	Duncow Primary School	Commended
3	E Norcott Sheild	Closeburn Primary School	Not Known
15	Wallacehall Bicentenary Shield	Kirkcudbright Academy	Outstanding
6	Mrs Douglas Barbour Cup	Troqueer Primary School	Commended
12	Dumfries Male Voice Choir Shield	Sanquhar Primary School	Distinction
5	Troqueer PTA Shield	Sanquhar Primary School	Distinction
5 & 6	The Sanquhar Gelndyne Shield	Sanquhar Primary School	N/A
52	Cunningham Shield	Hadrian Gray	Commended
57a	N/A	Hadrian Gray	Commended
57d	N/A	YMI	Distinction
58	Brown Simpson Memorial Shield	Monty Duncan	Commended
63	DDMFA Preliminary Shield	Ruby Lockwood	Commended
64	DDMFA Junior Shield	Campbell More	Commended
65	DDMFA Intermediate Shield	Jack Storey	Commended
66	N/A	Beatrice Surplyte	Commended
68a	DDMFA Shield	Sima and Beatrice Surplyte	Commended
70	N/A	Lahari Nagodavithana	Distinction
74	Provost Jean McMurdo Shield	Rebecca Plant	Commended
76	J.W Hunt Shield	Will Archibald	Distinction
78	Double Bass Junior	Lara St John Claire	Commended
42	T.S.B Cup	Maeve Reekie	Distinction
37	The Houston Quaich	Molly McTeir	Distinction
35b	Mrs P. Allen Challenge Cup	Molly Mc Teir	Distinction
43	Brigend Theatre Cup	Ailsa Black	Distinction
20	Church Choirs	Castle Douglas Parish Church	Distinction
22	The Standard Cup	King's Grange Singers	Distinction

23	Annandale Cup	King's Grange Singers	Distinction
24	Arrol Johnstone Challenge Shield	Dumfries Male Voice Choir	Outstanding
26	Dumfries and Maxwelltown Coop Shield	Auchencairn Community Choir	Commended
103	Miss Reid Shield	Sanquhar & District Silver Band	Distinction
30	Mrs J Ferguson Guides Cup	Maxwelltown West Brownies	Distinction
31	Mrs J Ferguson Campfire Cup	Maxwelltown West Brownies	Distinction
130	The Margaret Grierson Tait Shield	Declan McGarva	Distinction
132	The Dorothy Howden Glass Trophy	Declan McGarva	Distinction
133	The Hilda Yuen Shield	Nerissa & Nathan Tung	Commended
83	Osborne Cup	Hattie Brown	Commended
90	William S. Bain Shield	Eleanor Tofield	Commended
32	The Sisters Memorial Shield	Ellie McConnachie & Star Murdy	Distinction
34	DDMFA Boys Shield	Donald Whitelaw	Distinction
36	Edward Murray Boys' Cup	Joe Clark	Distinction
44	Composition	Kate Kyle – Broken Silhouettes	Distinction
39	Iris Winifred Jardine Vocal Shield	Maeve Reekie	Outstanding
33a	DDMFA Girls' Shield	Summer Thomas	Commended
35a	The Duff Cup	Amy MacPherson	Commended
33b	DDMFA Shield	Lucy Gallacher	Distinction
118	Family Class	Sima Jakubus and Beatrice Suirplyte	Distinction
38	Ainslie Irvine Junior Memorial Cup	Rose Byers	Outstanding
41	Burns Bicentenary Cup	Emily McLatchie	Distinction
122	The Eileen Miller Memorial Shield	Felicity Jackson	Distinction
123	Mrs. J. D. (Ena) Simpson Shield	Nerissa Tung	Commended
124	Jeannette Dalziel Shield	Angus McIntyre	Distinction
125	The John Johnstone Rosebowl	Aidan Kennedy	Distinction
126	The James C. Crosbie Cup	Ross Henderson	Commended
127	William Glendinning Quaich	Sean Findlay	Commended
128a	The Arthur Riley Memorial Cup	Declan McGarva	Distinction
128b	Sight Reading	Angus McIntyre	Commended
129	The Mrs Douglas Barbour Rosebowl	Lucy Rowan	Distinction