



THE HIGHLAND DANCE COMPANY OF New Zealand
"HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS" SHOW

EXCITING PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH ISLAND SHOWS – AUGUST 2025

A revised version of the highly successful Highland Dance Company of New Zealand show "Heart of the Highlands" will be staged August 2025 in two North Island venues, Palmerston North and Auckland. The production is a spectacle of Highland dance, music and song, telling the story of the history of our five Highland dances.

The Highland Dance Company of New Zealand invite highland dancers interested in being a part of this production to apply to join the cast of "Heart of the Highlands". There are limited spaces, and priority will be given to dancers within the local regions if numbers exceed the spaces available.

Dancers are required in the following categories:

JUNIOR GROUP A

Dancers Under 8 years old, must be proficient at Highland Fling and Irish Jig. Kilts required.

JUNIOR GROUP B

Dancers 8 – 10 years old, must be proficient at Highland Fling, Irish Jig, Sword Dance and Sailors Hornpipe. Kilts required.

SOLOIST ROLE

One junior dancer, age approx. 7 – 10 years required to dance the role of the storyteller with the narrator.

INTERMEDIATE GROUP

Dancers 10 - 14 years old, proficient in all dances named above plus Highland Reel and Seann Triubhas. Kilts required.

SENIOR GROUP

Dancers 14 years and over, proficient in all ten dances to senior level. Kilts required with long sleeved jackets.

Performance Dates & Rehearsal Commitments

Successful applicants and their teachers will be sent the choreography for the show items via video. They will be expected to learn the choreography from the video prior to the rehearsal and performance weekend.

Dancers will be required for rehearsals and performances prior to the shows as follows:

AUCKLAND

Friday 22 August	Rehearsals from 4pm onwards
Saturday 23 August	Rehearsal with Dance Company in morning followed by dress rehearsal in afternoon EVENING PERFORMANCE
Sunday 24 August	Master classes with Julie Hawke, Robyn Simmons, and Dance Company

PALMERSTON NORTH

Friday 29 August	Rehearsals from 4pm onwards
Saturday 30 August	Rehearsal with Dance Company in morning followed by dress rehearsal in afternoon EVENING PERFORMANCE
Sunday 31 August	Master classes with Julie Hawke, Robyn Simmons, and Dance Company

PRODUCTION FEE

Dancers will be provided with a show t-shirt plus costume accessories which they will wear combined with their own basic black dancewear (details to be advised) for the shows. All dancers will also wear their own kilts for one item.

There will be a Production Fee which will cover all show tuition and rehearsals, and show t-shirt.

Sunday master classes are optional with an extra fee applied to attend these.

Production Fees will be Juniors and Intermediates \$70; Seniors \$100.

Master Classes will be an additional \$50 for all ages.

Successful applicants will be invoiced by the Academy Secretary.

HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS DANCERS APPLICATION FORM

NAME.....

AGE..... **PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME**.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....

EMAIL **MOBILE PHONE NUMBER**

TEACHER'S NAME..... **EMAIL**.....

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TUTORS/SUPERVISORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF

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Please tick confirmation of following conditions:

I am available for all rehearsal/performance times as notified.

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I agree to pay Production Fee as notified (to be paid once selection is confirmed.)

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I consent to publication for promotion purposes of any photos/images taken during "Heart of the Highlands."

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I also wish to apply for the Soloist role.

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I wish to attend the Sunday Master Classes

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Please email application forms to Julie Hawke julie_hawke@xtra.co.nz

NB: APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

SIGNATURE.....

(To be completed by parent/guardian if under 18 years.)