PANTO NA GÀIDHLIG: SEASAIÐH AGUS NA SÀILEAN SEUNTA

Bha Meanbh-Chuileag air an rathad eadar 2-11 Dùbhlachd leis a’ phanto Ghàidhlig úr Seasaidh agus na Sàilean Seunta a chaidh a sgrìobhadh le Aonghas MacLeòid. Thadhall a’ bhuidheann air sgoltéan ann an Dùn Omhain, An t-Òban, Ile, Glaschu, Comar nan Allt, Dùn Eideann, Inbhir Pheofharain, Inbhir Nis, Leòdhas, Na Hearadh, An t-Eilean Sgitheanach agus Loch Abar, a bharrachd air dà thaisbeanadh poblach a chaidh airadh ann an Inbhir Nis agus aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

’S ann mu dheidhinn nighean òg air a bheil Seasaidh a bha am panto, is i air leth dèidheil air a bhith a’ fheum dèidheil air a bhith a’ fheum.

A’ gabhail pàirt còmhla ri Aonghas MacLeòid, Dougie Beck agus Shona Nic a’ Mhaoléin bha Eilidh Daniels, a bh' fhuineas do dh’Obar Dheathain ach a tha a-nise a’ fuireach ann an Glaschu. Chaidh a fastadh mar a’ cheathramhail den sgoiba.

Thuirt Aonghas MacLeòid, “Bha e na thlachd mhòr dhuinn Seasaidh a thoirt air an rathad am-bliadhna. ’S e sgoiba air leth a bh’ againn a-rithist ’s tha sinn air sgilean dannaoidh na buidhne a chur am meud, is sinn-a-nise comasach a leithid ballet is breakdancing a thaisbeanadh. Chòrd e rinn a’ chinicinn a’ ghabhail tachd anns an dealbh-chluich agus a bhith a’ ghabhail pàirt ann an cuid de na dannsaichean is òrain a bh’ againn.”

Tha an sgoiba dràma air a bhith air leth trang am-bliadhna le grunn dhiobhar phróiseactan ‘s bidh sin a’ leantainn anns a’ bhliadhna ùr le sreath phróiseactan san amhar综合利用 2014. Cùnaibh sùil air ar làrach-lìn airson fiosrachadh às ùire mu phróiseactan agus tachartasan dràma a lorg.

The Meanbh-chuileag team was on the road between 2 and 11 December with their newly written Gaelic panto Seasaidh agus na Sàilean Seunta. Angus MacLeod, Dougie Beck, Shona Macmillan and Eilidh Daniels performed the show 16 times in schools and halls, with excellent feedback from school pupils, teachers and those who attended two special public performances. The drama team is now looking ahead to 2014 and a busy year is in store, with new plays, workshops and performances in the pipeline.

NA TRADS 2013

Chaith Cuirm nan Duaisean Ciùil Traidiseanta a cumail ann an an Duais na Dhèarthain agus thog iomadh neach aig a bheil ceangal ris na Fèisean duais. Meala-naidheachd orrasan agus air a h-uile duine a chaidh a mholadh airson duais. Thug Fèisean na Gàidheal taic a-rithist dhan duais mar chuirbhneachan air Seumas MacEanruig a chaidh a bhileachadh airson Marian MacDonald a bh' oibrigh fad iomadh bliadhna ann an Sgoil Eòlais na h-Alba.

The annual Traditional Music Awards, organised by Hands Up for Trad, were held in Aberdeen in early December. Among the winners with Fèis connections were Gaelic Singer of the Year, Rachel Walker; Live Act of the Year, Breabach; Music Tutor of the Year, Corrina Hewat; and Up and Coming Artist of the Year, Robert Robertson.

Fèisean na Gàidheal again sponsored the Hamish Henderson Award for Services to Traditional Music: which was awarded to Dr Emily Lyle a dh’obraich fad iomadh bliadhna ann an Sgoil Eòlais na h-Alba.

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You can also contact Caroline Sterritt, Fèis Spè Development Officer, on caroline.sterritt@feisean.org or 07989 907 213.

For details of the upcoming groupwork weekend, Cèilidh Trail auditions and all Fèis Chataibh professional summer tour.

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A fantastic weekend was had at the Teenage Féis in Lochaber which took place in November in Acharacle.
20 participants took part in the range of classes offered in guitar, accordion, piano, stepdancing, clarsach, singing, pipes, whistle and fiddle. Cailean Collier also ran workshops in Gaelic and using Gaelic on the stage. It was very useful and they got a chance to practise this on the Saturday night when an informal session was held in the school hall.
A session at the Loch Shiel hotel marked the end of the Féis and this was very well attended, giving the teenagers a chance to show off their skills in a fun and informal environment.
Now the countdown is on for Féis nan Deugairean 2014!!!
FUARAN: GAELIC SONG COLLECTING PROJECT

In November young people came together to learn more about song and story-collecting at a course in Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, led by Iona MacDonald, Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Mairead MacDonald, Tobar an Dualchais.

They will be carrying out this voluntary collection work in their own local communities and feeding it back to Fèisean nan Gàidheal with the intention of making it more accessible to the public.

Those involved are Ellen MacDonald (Inverness/North Uist), Eilidh MacFadyen (Tiree), Clare Jordan (Connel/Islay), Morwyn Menzies (Perthshire), Ceitlin Smith (Ness), Mischa Macpherson (Lewis/Benbecula) and Ruairidh Cormack (Skye).

NOLLAIG CHRÌDHEIL AGUS BLIADHNA MHUTH ÙR

TUTOR TRAINING 2014

Fèisean nan Gàidheal will be running its training course for Fèis tutors on 22/23 February 2014 at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. Bhrich 3 ireann:

’S e amas lre 1 bunaid a thoirt dhuibh mar oidear aig do chiad fèis, a’ toirt a staigh Gàidhlig, deasachadh, planadh agus dion chlòinne.

’S e amas lre 2 a bhith a’ fregaig cheisteanna sonraichte aig luchd-teagaisg, mar smadh, stuthan teagaisg agus dion chlòinne.

Bidh lre 3 a’ toagail air a dha ire eile, agus a’ toirt a-steach do dhìoghan teagaisg pràtgaiteach agus a’ beachadhadh air claasichean beò.

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Level 2 will focus on more specific issues encountered by tutors, such as dealing with difficult pupils, teaching resources and a child protection question and answer session.

Level 3 will build on the previous 2 levels, incorporating more practical teaching techniques and observations.

For further information, or to book a place, contact Iona MacDonald at iona@feisean.org, or on 01478 614001, or the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website at http://www.feisean.org/en/projects/project.php?ID=4

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