



2008

**MANITOBA GYMNASTICS
ASSOCIATION**

Awards Event Evening

**June 13, 2008
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn South
1330 Pembina
Winnipeg, MB**

President's Message

The Manitoba Gymnastics Association celebrates 40 years of service as 2007 - 2008 comes to a close. The MGA continues in its tradition of being a strong leader in programming and in the provision of high quality services to its athletes, coaches, judges and volunteers.

This year was exceptional for the development of gymnastics in Manitoba with Regional Invitational Competitions scheduled almost every weekend somewhere in the province. The Regional Stream Program continues to be a great success. Demonstrations by gymnasts and coaches held in elementary schools across the province provided excellent exposure to the sport. Since the Program's inception, both Gymnastics and Trampoline and Tumbling programming have made strides.

Tonight, we honour all those who have worked hard over the past year. Athletes, coaches, judges, and volunteers deserve our heartiest congratulations for their achievements and successes. In particular, I wish to recognize our gymnasts at each level - Regional, Provincial, and National – they are our primary focus at this event.

Parents, I commend you for supporting your son or daughter in the pursuit of their dream. Your encouragement and commitment have contributed greatly to their success and play a large part in our celebration tonight.

I extend our warmest congratulations to Lynn Smith who has been appointed to serve as Canada's Olympic Judge in Beijing this summer, and to Barb Heaps who has been inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. Your accomplishments make us very proud.

The development of our sport owes a debt of gratitude to our major partner, Sport Manitoba, and our many other sponsors. I wish to recognize their solid commitment and continued support of Manitoba Gymnastics. I would also like to thank the Manitoba sports media for their coverage of gymnastics events and our athletes this year.

Finally, I wish to thank our Executive Director, Kathy Stoesz, her Administrative Assistant, Linda Megarry, the Board of Directors, and the membership for their continued support and assistance.

This Awards Evening is dedicated to the achievements of Athletes, Coaches, Judges and Volunteers in the sport of Gymnastics. Congratulations to ALL!

Lawrence Oystryk

Western Canadian Championships

Gymnastics Team

Prince George, British Columbia

May 1 – 4, 2008



Chef de Mission	Lawrence Oystryk	Manager	Doug Safioles
MEN			
Level 4	Taran Barrett Daniel Keding	Cedric Berard	Nicholas Bertram
Level 5	Justin Engen Jason Marks	Tyler Franklin	Christopher Keding
Level 6	Colin Gaspar	Ivan Oresnik	Riley Vandermeulen
WOMEN			
National Open	Aimee Harrison	Gabrielle May	Amber Yaholkoski
National Novice	Tegan Turner Sydney McEachern	Tristyn Sitarz	Madeleine Arbuckle
Provincial Open	Samantha Allegro Vanessa Keith	Cristelle Buissé Abbey Lacoste	Alex Holt Melissa Richards
Provincial Novice	Brighton Douglas Madelynn Perry	Sydney Deighton	Alexandra Empey
Provincial Tyro	Ryann Lewis	Brenley Toffan	
Coaches	Kelcie Chiswell Robert Persechino Dmitry Berezovski	Brooke Johnson Victoria Robson Murat Kanakayeu	Rachelle Lawrence Alyssa Rajotte
Judges	Alana Charles Dana Reynolds	Hélène Desmarais Patrick Oystryk	Angela Djordjevitch Aaron Rodier

T & T Western Canada Cup

Trampoline & Tumbling Team
Regina, Saskatchewan
May 9-11, 2008



Athletes

Justine Friesen
Gabrielle Lemire
Kelsey Hak
Kaitlin Fritz
Raven Griffiths
Natasha Jenkyns

Coaches

Justin Smith
Jackie Rude
Michelle Dewyn

Judges

Lyndsay Houston
Toni Montanti

Medal Winners

2008 Western Canadians

Ivan Oresnik	Silver Medal Parallel Bars	Bronze Medal High Bar
Justin Engen	Bronze Medal Parallel Bars	
Ryann Lewis	Bronze Medal All Around	Gold Medal Uneven Bars
Brighton Douglas	Silver Medal Balance Beam	Bronze Medal Vault
Madelynn Perry	Bronze Medal Uneven Bars	
Melissa Richards	Bronze Medal Vault	
Abbey Lacoste	Bronze Medal Floor Exercise	

2008 Western Canada Cup – T & T

Natasha Jenkyns Bronze Medal Tumbling Level A

2008 Canadian Championships

Yohandy Diaz Silver Medal Open Tumbling

Canadian Gymnastics Championships

Gymnastics Team
Calgary, Alberta
June 1-8, 2008



Chef de Mission Lawrence Oystryk

MEN

Senior

Aaron Boila

Junior

Francois Lansard

Level 5

Justin Engen

Jason Marks

Tyler Franklin

Christopher Keding

Level 6

Colin Gaspar

Ivan Oresnik

Riley Vandermeulen

WOMEN

H.P. Senior

Sarah Flett

H.P. Junior

Tamsyn Lasuita

Gabrielle May (unable to attend due to injury)

Leah Cuscito (unable to attend due to injury)

National Open

Aimee Harrison

Joanna Leung

Amber Yaholkoski

Nicole Vaillancourt

Nicole Bewski (unable to attend due to injury)

Melissa Clark (unable to attend due to injury)

National Novice

Sydney McEachern

Tegan Turner

Madeleine Arbuckle

Tristyn Sitarz

Emily Blackner

Paige Samson (unable to attend due to injury)

TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING

Cloe Jackson

Rachel Erickson

Yohandy Diaz

Coaches

Elfriede Goermann

Peter Grozdanovic

Rachelle Lawrence

Robert Persechino

Murat Kanakayeu

Jackie Rude

Justin Smith

Brooke Johnson

Victoria Robson

Judges

Alana Charles

Hélène Desmarais

Kathy Stoesz

Lyndsay Houston

Wendy Smith

Lynn Smith

Criteria for Sport Excellence Award

COACHES

Award of Merit

Bronze

Silver

Coach at Western and Canadian Championship Level
Coach of Medalist at National Championships (Silver or Bronze)
Coach of Gold Medalist at Western Canada Summer Games
Coach of a National Champion

ATHLETES

Award of Merit

Bronze

Silver

Provincial National Stream Champion and/or Provincial Team Member
Medalist at National Championships (Bronze or Silver); Gold Medalist at Western Canada Summer Games
Gold Medalist at National Championships

The Manitoba Gymnastics Association is proud to be hosting the

2009 Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships

And

Western Canada Cup for Trampoline and Tumbling

April 29-May 3 , 2009

Max Bell Centre
University of Manitoba

Are you interested in becoming involved?

The MGA will be contacting all clubs to provide them and their members with the opportunity to become involved in these prestigious events.

Please feel free to email us at mangym@sport.mb.ca. or kstoesz@sport.mb.ca

You can also call us at 925-5781 or 925-5782

Come Join the Fun!

Sport Excellence Awards

Award of Merit - Coaches

Dmitry Berezovskiy
Peter Grozdanovic
Rachelle Lawrence
Victoria Robson

Michelle Dewyn
Brooke Johnson
Robert Persechino
Jackie Rude

Elfriede Goermann
Murat Kanakayeu
Alyssa Rajotte
Kelcie Chiswell

Award of Merit - Athletes

Samantha Allegro
Madeleine Arbuckle
Taran Barrett
Cedric Berard
Nicholas Bertram
Nicole Bewski
Emily Blackner
Aaron Boila
Cristelle Buisse
Melissa Clark
Leah Cuscito
Sydney Deighton
Brighton Douglas
Alexandra Empey
Justin Engen
Rachel Erickson
Sarah Flett

Tyler Franklin
Justine Friesen
Kaitlin Fritz
Colin Gaspar
Raven Griffiths
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Aimee Harrison
Alex Holt
Cloe Jackson
Natasha Jenkyns
Daniel Keding
Christopher Keding
Vanessa Keith
Abbey Lacoste
Francois Lansard
Tamsyn Lasuita

Gabrielle Lemire
Joeanna Leung
Ryann Lewis
Jason Marks
Gabrielle May
Sydney McEachern
Ivan Oresnik
Madelynn Perry
Melissa Richards
Paige Samson
Tristyn Sitarz
Brenley Toffan
Tegan Turner
Nicole Vaillancourt
Riley Vandermeulen
Amber Yaholkoski

Bronze – Coach **Bronze - Athlete**

Justin Smith
Yohandy Diaz

Provincial Award Winners

MEN

Regional Beginner

Colton Rupp – Pine Falls

Regional Advanced

Pieter Botha – Morden

Provincial Level 1

Benjamin Naaykens – Premier

Provincial Level 3

Danny Kidane – Flairs

WOMEN

Regional

Regional Beginner

Kaelin Van Achte – Panthers

Regional Intermediate

Candace Janzen – Springers

Regional Advanced

Ashley Jolicoeur – Springers

Regional Advanced Optional

Hillary Marrast - Sillhouettes

Provincial

Optional Level 1

Ashlen Radics – Brandon

Optional Level 2

Lauren Jackman - Panthers

Optional Level 3

Peyton Gale – Brandon

Optional Level 4

Maris Fardoe – Aerials

Optional Level 5

Ryann Lewis – Brandon

National Award Winners - Artistic

Keith Carter Award

Aaron Boila

Kathleen Finnegan-Leipsic Award - National Novice

Sydney McEachern

Bonnie & Lynette Wittmeier Award - National Open

Aimee Harrison

Katie McAvoy Award - HP Junior

Tamsyn Lasuita

Monica Goermann Award - HP Senior

Sarah Flett

National Award Winners – T & T

Men's Tumbling

Yohandy Diaz

Women's Tumbling

Rachel Erickson

Women's Trampoline

Cloe Jackson

MGA RECOGNITION AWARDS

Special Achievement Awards

YEAR	Coaching	Judging	Administrative	Volunteer
1997	Robert Persechino	Lynn Smith	Donna Tesarowski	Sandra Grevstad
1998	Barb Heaps	Colin Lorback	Darwin MacFarlane	Lorie Henderson & Michael Sykes
1999	Hélène Desmarais	Wendy Smith	Rick Anderson	Darlene Sill
2000	Diana Weremiuk	Kathy Stoesz	Sandra Grevstad	Leslie McAvoy
2001	David Sykes	Elfriede Goermann	Chris Yuzdepski	Renate Jubinville
2002	Karen Gutknecht	Tera Lachance	Laura Ealing	Karen Smith
2003	Gerry Seadon	Hélène Desmarais	Barb Heaps	Jody Smith
2004	Bato Rafajlovic		Jane Turkula	Deborah Taylor
2005	Elfriede Goermann	Lorie Henderson	Fred Reichardt	Lawrence Oystryk
2006	Valerie Nuytten	Alana Charles	Bonita Martens	Jennifer Bewski
2007	Peter Grozdanovic		Karen Tsuchino	Doug Safioles
2008	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Jack Mowat Award

2008	TBA
2007	Laura Ealing & Val Nuytten
2006	Robert Persechino
2005	Kyle Walsh
2004	Dale Grevstad
2003	Colin Lorback
2002	Sandra Grevstad
2001	Lynn Smith
2000	Barb Heaps & Lorie Henderson
1999	Elfriede Goermann
1998	Pat Middleton
1997	Kathy Stoesz

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