



**2007**

**MANITOBA GYMNASTICS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Awards Event Evening**

**June 15, 2007  
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn South  
1330 Pembina  
Winnipeg, MB**

# President's Message

The Manitoba Gymnastics Association reached a new milestone in 2006-2007 as we now have over 8,000 members in our organization.

The continued growth of the Manitoba Gymnastics Association can be attributed to the continued growth in the Regional Development Program, the continued strengthening of the T & T Program and development clinics being hosted in schools across Manitoba.

As I do each year, I want to thank the clubs that hosted the 2007 Provincial Championships at all levels. In 2007, the GymKyds Gym Club, Brandon Eagles Gym Club, Springers Gym Club and Flairs Gym Club hosted our Provincial Championships. If it was not for the club executives, club owners, club staff and hundreds of parent volunteers who put in thousands of hours of their time, these events would not happen.

The athletes and coaches who are recognized in your program tonight - from the Regional Stream all the way to the National Team - began their competitive career at Provincial Championships in Manitoba. These events have been the stepping stone for all of our athletes and coaches in their careers and at this time I want to salute those people who have made these events a major success.

I would like to personally congratulate each and every athlete, coach and judge who is being recognized this evening. You have set goals for yourself and with hard work and perseverance you have achieved them, and for this you should be very proud.

The other people I would like to recognize are the "unsung heroes" of amateur sport the Parents. The parents drive the athletes to their training and competitions throughout the year and provide the funds for their training. In addition to fiscal support, the parents provide emotional support to the athletes through the ups and downs of a demanding sport. Parents – we salute you!

The continued development of our sport would not be possible without the assistance of our major funding partner Sport Manitoba and our many great sponsors. The MGA wishes to recognize our partners for their continued support. In addition, the MGA would like to acknowledge our friends in the Manitoba Sports Media who once again provided top notch coverage of our events and our athletes throughout the year.

The MGA would also like to salute our Executive Director Kathy Stoesz, who was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame as a Builder. This is an honor that Kathy has earned with her tireless dedication to our sport over the past 30 + years. Congratulations Kathy!

Enjoy the evening as we salute the outstanding achievements of our athletes, coaches and officials.

Fred Reichardt

# Canada Winter Games

Gymnastics Team  
Whitehorse  
March 4 – 10, 2007



## Athletes: Women

Amy Adolphe

Jayde Finkbeiner

Gabrielle May

Melissa Clark

Sarah Flett

Leah Cuscito

Aimee Harrison

## Athletes: Men

Aaron Boila

Francois Lansard

Victor Tsuchino

Colin Gaspar

Juan Latorraga

Matthew Gnutel

Kyle Lavoie

## Coaches

Rachelle Lawrence

Murat Kanakayeu

Robert Persechino

Patrick Oystryk

Alyssa Rajotte

## Judge

Hélène Desmarais

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# Western Canadian Championships

Gymnastics Team  
Edmonton, Alberta  
April 13 – 14, 2007



<b>Chef de Mission</b>	Doug Safioles	<b>Manager</b>	D.J. Cole
<b>MEN</b>			
<b>Level 4</b>	Henri Coudiere Christopher Keding	Justin Engen Jason Marks	Tyler Franklin Connor Zubrecki
<b>Level 6</b>	Matthew Gnutel Riley Vandermeulen	Ivan Oresnik Jordan Zwingerman	Victor Tsuchino
<b>WOMEN</b>			
<b>National Open</b>	Amy Adolphe Joanna Leung Nicole Vaillancourt	Nicole Bewski Kristen Pratt-Chalmers Amber Yaholkoski	Sarah Flett
<b>National Novice</b>	Melissa Clark Aimee Harrison Nicole Kussin (unable to attend due to injury)	Jayde Finkbeiner Caila Kucheravy	Natalie Gervais Sydney McEachern
<b>Provincial Open</b>	Cristelle Buisse Jennie Henry	Meaghan Giesbrecht Abbey Lacoste	Melissa Richards
<b>Provincial Novice</b>	Vienna Code Vanessa Keith	Brighton Douglas Madelynn Perry	Alex Holt
<b>Provincial Tyro</b>	Tessa Adams Paige Samson	Madeleine Arbuckle Teagan Turner	
<b>Coaches:</b>	Leah Benoit Peter Grozdanovic Robert Persechino	Nadia El-Gabalawy Brooke Johnson Victoria Robson	Elfriede Goermann Rachelle Lawrence Murat Kanakayeu
<b>Judges:</b>	Alana Charles Wendy Smith	Hélène Desmarais David Chuang	Angela Djordjevitch

# Canadian Gymnastics Championships

Gymnastics Team  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
May 21 – 27, 2007



## **Chef de Mission Manager**

Lorie Henderson  
Vicotria Robson (Coach/Manager)

## **MEN**

### **Senior**

Nicolas Lees

### **Junior**

Aaron Boila                      Francois Lansard

### **Level 6**

Matthew Gnutel                      Victor Tsuchino                      Riley Vandermeulen

## **WOMEN**

### **H.P. Junior**

Leah Cuscito                      Gabrielle May

### **National Open**

Amy Adolphe                      Nicole Bewski                      Kristen Pratt-Chalmers  
Sarah Flett                      Joanna Leung                      Nicole Vaillancourt  
Amber Yaholkoski

### **National Novice**

Melissa Clark                      Jayde Finkbeiner                      Natalie Gervais  
Aimee Harrison                      Sydney McEachern                      Caila Kucheravy  
Nicole Kussin (unable to attend due to injury)

## **TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING**

Bobbie-Jo Burkitt                      Rachel Erickson  
Carla Nicholson                      Kim Harris (unable to compete due to injury)

### **Coaches:**

Elfriede Goermann                      Peter Grozdanovic                      Rachelle Lawrence  
Robert Persechino                      Murat Kanakayeu                      Jackie Mazurak

### **Judges:**

Alana Charles                      Hélène Desmarais  
Wendy Smith                      Kathy Stoesz

# T & T Western Canada Cup

Trampoline & Tumbling Team  
New Westminster, BC  
May 4 – 6, 2007



## Women

Leah Budzinski  
Brittney Fehr  
Kaitlin Fritz  
Alie Funk  
Jamie Gillies  
Cloe Jackson

## MEN

Andrew Reeves  
Cristian Sprague

**Coaches:**  
**Coaches/Judges**  
**Judge**

Justin Smith  
Lyndsay Houston  
Toni Montanti

Robert Persechino  
Jackie Mazurak

## Criteria for Sport Excellence Award

**COACHES** *Award of Merit* Coach at Western and Canadian Championship Level

*Bronze* Coach of Medalist at National Championships (Silver or Bronze)  
Coach of Gold Medalist at Western Canada Summer Games  
*Silver* Coach of a National Champion

**ATHLETES** *Award of Merit* Provincial National Stream Champion and/or Provincial Team Member

*Bronze* Medallist at National Championships (Bronze or Silver); Gold Medallist at Western Canada Summer Games  
*Silver* National Champion

# Sport Excellence Awards

## Award of Merit - Coaches

Leah Benoit  
Lyndsay Houston  
Jackie Mazurak  
Justin Smith

Nadia El-Gabalawy  
Brooke Johnson  
Robert Persechino

Elfriede Goermann  
Murat Kanakayeu  
Victoria Robson

## Award of Merit - Athletes

Tessa Adams  
Amy Adolphe  
Madeleine Arbuckle  
Nicole Bewski  
Aaron Boila  
Leah Budzinski  
Cristelle Buisse  
Bobbi-Jo Burkitt  
Melissa Clark  
Vienna Code  
Henri Coudiere  
Leah Cuscito  
Brighton Douglas  
Justin Engen  
Rachel Erickson  
Brittney Fehr  
Jayde Finkbeiner  
Tyler Franklin  
Kaitlin Fritz

Alexandra Funk  
Colin Gaspar  
Natalie Gervais  
Meaghan Giesbrecht  
Jamie Gillies  
Matthew Gnutel  
Kim Harris  
Aimee Harrison  
Jennie Henry  
Alex Holt  
Cloe Jackson  
Christopher Keding  
Vanessa Keith  
Caila Kucheravy  
Nicole Kussin  
Abbey Lacoste  
Francois Lansard  
Juan Lattoraga  
Kyle Lavoie

Nicolas Lees  
Joanna Leung  
Jason Marks  
Gabrielle May  
Sydney McEachern  
Carla Nicholson  
Ivan Oresnik  
Madelynn Perry  
Kristen Pratt-Chalmers  
Andrew Reeves  
Melissa Richards  
Paige Samson  
Cristian Sprague  
Victor Tsuchino  
Teagan Turner  
Nicole Vaillancourt  
Riley Vandermeulen  
Amber Yaholkoski  
Connor Zubrecki  
Jordan Zwingerman

## Silver – Coaches Silver - Athlete

Rachelle Lawrence and Peter Grozdanovic  
Sarah Flett

## Provincial Award Winners

### **MEN**

**Regional Beginner**  
**Regional Advanced**  
**National Level 1**  
**National Level 2**  
**National Level 3**  
**National Level 4**  
**National Level 6**  
**HP Junior**  
**HP Senior**

Ben Naaykens - Premier  
Pieter Botha - Morden  
Sajjad Ghaniabadi – Flairs  
Danny Kidane - Flairs  
Taran Barrett - Flairs  
Justin Engen - Flairs  
Victor Tsuchino – Flairs  
Aaron Boila - Flairs  
Nicolas Lees - Flairs

### **WOMEN**

#### *Regional*

**Regional Beginner**  
**Regional Intermediate**  
**Regional Advanced**  
**Regional Advanced Optional**

Taylor MacLean – Beausejour  
Lydia Barsalou - Fantastic  
Taylor Sidak - Silhouettes  
Haley Ealing - Silhouettes

#### *Provincial*

**Optional Level 1**  
**Optional Level 2**  
**Optional Level 3**  
**Optional Level 4**  
**Optional Level 5**

Emma Wilson – Brandon  
Tessa Price – Brandon  
Brianna Ternowesky – Brandon  
Ryann Lewis – Brandon  
Madelynn Perry - Springers

## National Award Winners

**Keith Carter Award**

Aaron Boila - Flairs

**Kathleen Finnegan-Leipsic Award**

National Novice

Natalie Gervais – Springers

**Bonnie & Lynette Wittmeier Award**

National Open

Sarah Flett – Springers

**HP Junior**

Gabrielle May - Panthers



# 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	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

### 2006 SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD PAUL EDMOND, EDMOND FINANCIAL GROUP

## Jack Mowat Award

2007	TBA
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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