



2009

**MANITOBA GYMNASTICS
ASSOCIATION**

Awards Event Evening

**June 12, 2009
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Winnipeg South
1330 Pembina
Winnipeg, MB**

President's Message

Manitoba Gymnastics remains as strong as ever, offering diverse programming and promoting superior services to its athletes, coaches, judges, and volunteers.

Our Development Program was another huge success this year. Coaches and gymnasts visited various elementary schools around the province demonstrating their gymnastic skills. Since its inception this program has significantly increased exposure to the sport of Gymnastics and Trampoline and Tumbling. Development of gymnastics throughout Manitoba has continued with an impressive number of clubs participating in the Regional Invitational Competitions. At the Provincial Championships meet, 22 provincial clubs were in attendance.

This was an exceptional year for Manitoba Gymnastics as we experienced the first ever hosting of the combined Western Canada Cup and Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships. Our Association took on the challenge and when all was done, Westerns proved to be a great success. The MGA would like to thank its many volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible.

Tonight, we honour all those who have worked hard over the past year. In particular I want to recognize all our gymnasts. These athletes are our focal point and they richly deserve our praise and support as they work tirelessly to reach their personal best. As well, I wish to congratulate all the coaches for their successes and to thank our judges and volunteers for their dedication.

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

I offer our warmest congratulations to Kathy Stoesz who was successful in obtaining category 1, the highest level for international judges, at the recent Intercontinental Course. Kathy has obtained Category 1 at five consecutive International Courses and has been a F.I.G. Expert or A1 judge at several World Championships since 1993. Her accomplishments make us very proud.

Our sport is indebted to our major partner, Sport Manitoba, and our many other sponsors. I wish to acknowledge their loyalty and sustained support of Manitoba Gymnastics. I would also like to thank the sports media for their coverage of gymnastics and our athletes.

Finally I extend my sincerest thanks to our Executive Director Kathy Stoesz, Administrative Assistant Linda Megarry, the Board of Directors, and the entire membership for their commitment and support.

This 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 T & T Western Canada Cup

Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 30-May 2, 2009



Chef de Mission Lawrence Oystryk

Artistic Gymnastics Team

MEN

Youth	Nicholas Bertram Chris Keding	Justin Engen Jason Marks	Tyler Franklin
Level 4	Taran Barrett Daniel Keding	Cedric Berard	Pieter Botha
Open	Colin Gaspar	Ivan Oresnik	Riley Vandermeulen

WOMEN

Provincial Novice	Sydney Deighton Ashlyn Erickson	Amy Desjardins Amy Schappert	Alex Empey
Provincial Tyro	Molly Oswald	Brett Whitla	
Provincial Open	Rachel Alder Justine Erickson	Hailey Crawford (unable to compete due to injury)	
Pre Novice Aspire	Mara George	Chelsea Arnaud	
Pre Novice Elite	Alia Ross		
National Novice	Madeleine Arbuckle Tristyn Sitarz	Emily Blackner Brenley Toffan	Ryann Lewis Tegan Turner
National Open	Gabrielle May Nicole Vaillancourt	Sydney McEachern Melissa Clark	Natalie Gervais

Coaches	Lauren Bulbuck	Alana Charles	Kelcie Chiswell
	Elfriede Goermann	Peter Grozdanovic	Brenda Heard
	Robert Persechino	Victoria Robson	Sandy Ross
	Joe Stouffer	Rachelle Valel	Murat Kanakayeu

Judges	Alana Charles	Hélène Desmarais	Angela Djordjevitch
	Victoria Robson	Wendy Smtih	Lynn Smith
	Kathy Stoesz	Nicolas Lees	Patrick Oystryk
	Jeff Reznik	Aaron Rodier	

Trampoline & Tumbling Team

Athletes

Tumbling	Kaitlynn Fritz	Madelynn Perry	Raven Griffiths
Trampoline	Sarah Chan	Amber Friesen	Gabrielle LeMire

Coaches	Jackie Rude	Michelle Dewyn
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Judges	Lyndsay Houston	Toni Montanti	Justin Smith
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Canadian Gymnastics Championships

Gymnastics Team
Hamilton, Ontario
May 28 – June 6, 2008



Chef de Mission Lawrence Oystryk

MEN

Youth Justin Engen Jason Marks

Open Colin Gaspar Ivan Oresnik Riley Vandermeulen

Senior HP Aaron Boila

WOMEN

National Novice Madeleine Arbuckle Emily Blackner Tristyn Sitarz
 Brenley Toffan Tegan Turner

Novice HP Ryann Lewis

Open Melissa Clark Natalie Gervais Joanna Leung
 Sydney McEachern Nicole Vaillancourt

Senior HP Gabrielle May

Coaches Alana Charles H el ene Desmarais Elfriede Goermann
 Peter Grozdanovic Robert Persechino Victoria Robson
 Joe Stouffer Rachelle Valel Murat Kanakayeu

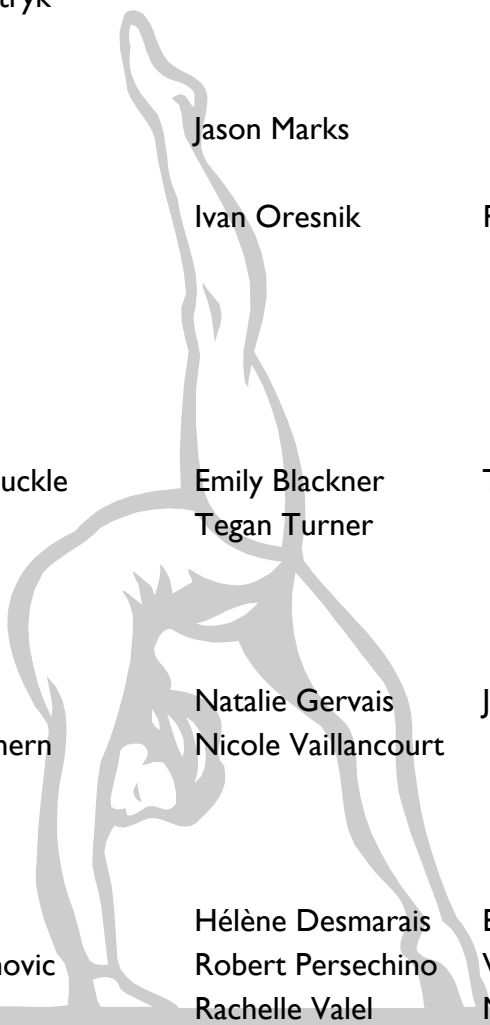
Judges Alana Charles H el ene Desmarais Lynn Smith
 Wendy Smith Kathy Stoesz

TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING

Athletes Bobbi-Jo Burkitt Rachel Erickson

Coaches Jackie Rude

Judges Lyndsay Houston



2009 Medal Winners

2009 Western Canadian Championships

Ryann Lewis	Bronze Medal All Around Gold Medal Uneven Bars Silver Medal Vault
Tegan Turner	Silver Medal Floor Exercise
Gabrielle May	Silver Medal All Around Gold Medal Vault, Uneven Bars and Balance Beam
Sydney McEachern	Bronze Medal Floor Exercise
Alex Empey	Gold Medal Uneven Bars
Chelsea Arnaud	Bronze Medal Balance Beam
Cedric Berard	Bronze Medal Parallel Bars
Jason Marks	Bronze Medal High Bar
Justin Engen	Silver Medal High Bar
Ivan Oresnik	Bronze Medal Pommel Horse

2009 Western Canada Cup

Raven Griffiths	Silver Medal C Tumbling
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2009 Canadian Championships

Tristyn Sitarz	Gold Medal Uneven Bars Silver Medal Vault
Emily Blackner	Bronze Medal Uneven Bars
Tegan Turner	Gold Medal Floor Exercise
Melissa Clark	Bronze Medal Uneven Bars
Bobbie-Jo Burkitt	Gold Medal Tumbling

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Criteria for Sport Excellence Award

COACHES	<i>Award of Merit</i>	Coach at Western and Canadian Championship Level
	<i>Bronze</i>	Coach of Medalist at National Championships (Silver or Bronze) Coach of Gold Medalist at Western Canada Summer Games
	<i>Silver</i>	Coach of a National Champion
ATHLETES	<i>Award of Merit</i>	Provincial National Stream Champion and/or Provincial Team Member
	<i>Bronze</i>	Medalist at National Championships (Bronze or Silver); Gold Medalist at Western Canada Summer Games
	<i>Silver</i>	Gold Medalist at National Championships

Sport Excellence Awards

Award of Merit - Coaches

Lauren Bulbuck
Alana Charles
Kelcie Chiswell

Michelle Dewyn
Elfriede Goermann
Brenda Heard

Murat Kanakayeu
Sandy Ross
Joe Stouffer

Award of Merit - Athletes

Rachel Alder
Madeleine Arbuckle
Chelsea Arnaud
Taran Barrett
Cedric Berard
Nicholas Bertram
Aaron Boila
Pieter Botha
Sarah Chan
Hailey Crawford
Sydney Deighton
Amy Desjardins
Alex Empey
Justin Engen

Ashlyn Erickson
Justine Erickson
Rachel Erickson
Tyler Franklin
Amber Friesen
Kaitlin Fritz
Colin Gaspar
Mara George
Natalie Gervais
Raven Griffiths
Christopher Keding
Daniel Keding
Gabrielle Lemire

Joeanna Leung
Ryann Lewis
Jason Marks
Gabrielle May
Sydney McEachern
Ivan Oresnik
Molly Oswald
Madelynn Perry
Alia Ross
Amy Schappert
Brenley Toffan
Nicole Vaillancourt
Riley Vandermeulen
Brett Whitla

Bronze Medalists

Athletes: Emily Blackner Melissa Clark
Coaches: H  l  ne Desmarais Victoria Robson Robert Persechino

Silver Medalists

Athletes: Bobbi-Jo Burkitt Tristyn Sitarz Tegan Turner
Coaches: H  l  ne Desmarais Peter Grozdanovic Robert Persechino
Victoria Robson Jackie Rude Rachele Valel

Provincial Award Winners

MEN

Regional Beginner	Andre Smith – Thompson
Regional Advanced	Joel Deneweth – Selkirk
Provincial Level 1	Phillip Duchominsky – Flairs
Provincial Level 2	Paul Eros – Fantastic
Provincial Level 3	Pieter Botha - Flairs
Provincial Level 4	Nicholas Bertram – Brandon
National Stream – Youth	Jason Marks – Flairs
National Stream – Open	Ivan Oresnik - Flairs
High Performance Senior	Aaron Boila – Flairs

WOMEN

Regional

Regional Beginner	Ashleigh Janis - GymKydS
Regional Intermediate	Nerisse Martinuk – Springers
Regional Advanced	Alexia Cunial - Springers
Regional Advanced Optional	Kate Menzies – Springers
Provincial Level 1	Catherine Robert - Panthers
Provincial Level 2	Jannessa Phillips – Brandon
Provincial Level 3	Isabela Onyshko - Brandon
Provincial Level 4	Peyton Gale - Brandon
Provincial Level 5	Alex Empey - Brandon
National Pre-Novice Aspire	Mara George – Panthers
National Pre-Novice Elite	Alia Ross – Aerials

TUMBLING

2009 Manitoba Champion	Bobbi-Jo Burkitt
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TRAMPOLINE

2009 Manitoba Champion	Gabrielle Lemire
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National Award Winners

Keith Carter Award	Aaron Boila
Kathleen Finnegan-Leipsic Award - National Novice	Ryann Lewis
Bonnie & Lynette Wittmeier Award - National Open	Melissa Clark
Monica Goermann Award - HP Senior	Gabrielle May

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	Sheena Reed		Lynne Lasuik	Angela Gaspar
2009	Kendra Fredricksen	Angela Djordjevitch	Linda Megarry	Brian Yaholkowski

Jack Mowat Award

1997	Kathy Stoesz	2004	Dale Grevstad
1998	Pat Middleton	2005	Kyle Walsh
1999	Elfriede Goermann	2006	Robert Persechino
2000	Barb Heaps & Lorie Henderson	2007	Laura Ealing & Val Nuytten
2001	Lynn Smith	2008	Hélène Desmarais
2002	Sandra Grevstad	2009	Joe Stouffer
2003	Colin Lorback		

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