



**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



<b>Chef de Mission</b>	Lawrence Oystryk	<b>Manager</b>	Doug Safioles
<b>MEN</b>			
<b>Level 4</b>	Taran Barrett Daniel Keding	Cedric Berard	Nicholas Bertram
<b>Level 5</b>	Justin Engen Jason Marks	Tyler Franklin	Christopher Keding
<b>Level 6</b>	Colin Gaspar	Ivan Oresnik	Riley Vandermeulen
<b>WOMEN</b>			
<b>National Open</b>	Aimee Harrison	Gabrielle May	Amber Yaholkoski
<b>National Novice</b>	Tegan Turner Sydney McEachern	Tristyn Sitarz	Madeleine Arbuckle
<b>Provincial Open</b>	Samantha Allegro Vanessa Keith	Cristelle Buissé Abbey Lacoste	Alex Holt Melissa Richards
<b>Provincial Novice</b>	Brighton Douglas Madelynn Perry	Sydney Deighton	Alexandra Empey
<b>Provincial Tyro</b>	Ryann Lewis	Brenley Toffan	
<b>Coaches</b>	Kelcie Chiswell Robert Persechino Dmitry Berezovski	Brooke Johnson Victoria Robson Murat Kanakayeu	Rachelle Lawrence Alyssa Rajotte
<b>Judges</b>	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](mailto:mangym@sport.mb.ca). or [kstoesz@sport.mb.ca](mailto: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  
Kelsey Hak  
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	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## Jack Mowat Award

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

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