

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH TATTOO HIGHLAND CEILIDH DANCERS

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An Opportunity to join the 2012 Royal Edinburgh Tattoo Highland Ceilidh Dancers Team

There will be a number of vacancies for dancers in the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo Highland Ceilidh Dancers team for the 2012 season. The group has taken part in the Tattoo since 1992, originally as part of a combined Highland/Country dance display but since 1997 as a separate Highland Dance item. In addition to the annual performances in Edinburgh the team, in recent years, has visited Canada, Australia, Ireland, England, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany taking part in arena shows and Military Tattoos. The group already have invitations to dance at overseas events from 2012 through to 2013.

Dancers must be of 'Premier' standard and that standard must be maintained throughout your membership. The Dance Director's decision is final. The commitment of team members to rehearsals and performances is very important and must be complete, particularly during the rehearsal and performance weeks of the Edinburgh Tattoo. Dance rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings, approx. one per month from March until July. The group is invited to take part in a number of other events during the year therefore some of the rehearsal time will be used to introduce new members to the dances the group normally performs at those events and functions. The team has a uniform used when travelling, rehearsing and appearing with the group either at the Edinburgh Tattoo or at other events in which the team performs. This consists of a Tattoo Tracksuit, Embroidered Polo Shirts, T-shirts and ¾ length Training Pants. The cost of these is approx. £80. New dancers contribute half of this cost and the remainder comes from our funds raised during the year through other performances and special fund raising events. In order to ensure consistency during performances and in the Tattoo Finale when all dancers are normally 'on parade' dancers provide their own black dance shoes and all-black Dance Trainers. Dancers may take part in competitions before and during the Tattoo as long as they appear fit and on time for rehearsals and performances. Failure to do so will mean leaving the group. Finally courtesy is expected from all dancers to other team members, to visiting dancers, to Tattoo participants and all Tattoo Staff. Disorderly behaviour, particularly at Redford Barracks, will not be tolerated. The Tattoo is under Military supervision and conditions, in discipline of any kind will mean leaving the group.

Dancers wishing to be considered for membership of the group should complete the form below and send it to the Dance Director at the address above. Please ensure a recent (small) photograph is attached to the form and that your dance teacher has signed the form. Should you be selected your dance teacher will be contacted to confirm your attendance at classes. Should you now be running your own classes it is essential that your fitness level for quality performance is maintained throughout the year. Applications will not be acknowledged. If you apply you should attend the Selection Meeting on February 26 and be prepared to dance. Normal class dress will be suitable for this. Finally the current team members are aged between 14 and 24 years of age.

The Edinburgh Tattoo Highland Ceilidh Dancers is a performance group within the Scottish Traditional Arts Association, a recognised Scottish Charity No. SCO 030810. The dancers are under the direction of Billy Forsyth MBE, the Highland Dance Director for the Edinburgh Tattoo, and Team Leader Mischa Drever.

The 2012 team will be chosen at a Dancers Selection Meeting which will be held in the main Gym at Redford Barracks, Colinton Road, Edinburgh on 26 February 2012 at 6 pm. Rehearsals will be - Sunday evenings March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 and during the day on the weekend of July 28/29

Edinburgh Tattoo Highland Ceilidh Dancers - Application Form 2011

Dancer Name : Dance Teacher :

Address : Address :

Photo

Here Tel. No. : Tel. No. :

Email : Email :

Date of Birth : Age : SOBHD Reg No. : Height:

Dancer/Parent Signature : Teacher Signature :EMT12