

# Arts & Entertainment

## Three local dancers heading for Vegas

Andrea Moore, Callie Moore and Sol Giwa of the Rhonda Copeland School of Dance have been selected to perform at the International Championships of I Love Dance in Las Vegas, Nevada.

More than 50,000 dancers from coast to coast in

Canada, the United States and Australia will participate in I Love Dance preliminary competitions at Caesar's Palace June 26 to July 5.

Throughout the week, the dancers will take classes with world-renowned teachers. And they will perform individually and as a group.

## Local grade 4 student on the jury of children's film festival

By FANNIE SUNSHINE  
The Champion

During the week, Johnny Kobos is a regular grade 4 student. But come weekends he's one of six selected jury members for Sprockets, Toronto's International Film Festival for Children.

"We saw an ad in the paper (Toronto Star) that said young critics wanted," the nine-year-old Holy Rosary School student said. "I had to write an essay on a movie review. I entered for the heck of it — I sort of thought I had a chance (of being chosen)."

Johnny, who chose to review How The Grinch Stole Christmas, received a phone call from a Sprockets staff member who then gave him and his parents the good news - he was picked as a jury member out of hundreds of entries.

"I screamed my head off," he admitted.

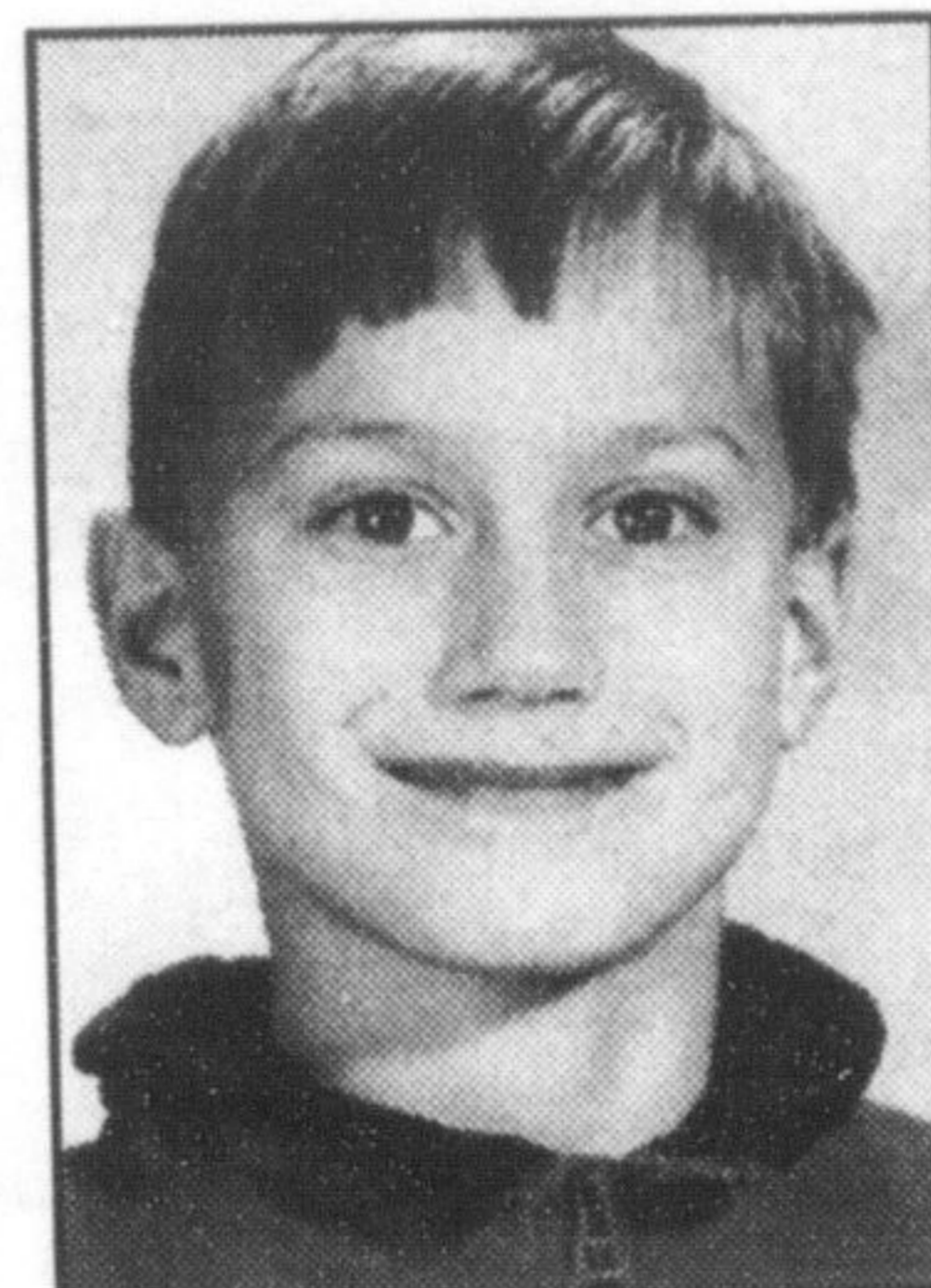
Last weekend Johnny, along with jury members Maya Shankman and Zachary Lewsen, critiqued several children and

family movies from around the world.

A second children's jury is made up of 10 to 12 year olds.

Reviewing ends Sunday, at which time the jury must select an overall winner to present the YTV Silver Sprocket Award at the awards ceremony held that night.

"When we watch the movies, we get a folder with sheets we have to fill out, like why we liked or didn't like the movie," Johnny said. "There are seats for parents also. After the movie is over we fill in the sheets and chat about the movie (with the other jury members) and what we wrote. Me and Maya have the same opinions about the movies and Zack usually likes the other ones."



Johnny Kobos

So what makes a good movie? "How the audience reacts, if the scenery is good, if the acting is good. A good actor will use a lot of expression. But the most important thing is if the story is interesting. All together we have to watch seven movies."

The jury members also walked away with a t-shirt, a black hat and a jean jacket from the GAP, with the logo Honourary Jury Member printed on the clothing.

"I enjoyed the experience," Johnny said. "It was quite a new experience. I think other kids should also try new experiences."

His mother Alina said she never heard of the children's festival, only the international film festival.

"I asked Johnny if he wanted to enter and he said sure," she said. "He's always been a great story writer."

She said she was "thrilled" when she received the news her son had indeed been chosen as a jury member.

"My husband and I supported him with the idea (of entering the contest)," Johnny said. "We drove him into Toronto each time."

## Dance Shoppe cleans up at Brantford competition

Team gets 21 first-place awards

The Dance Shoppe dancers had quite an eventful weekend April 6 to 8.

The dancers showed off their hard work and dedication while at the Rhythm Dance competition held in Brantford.

The competitive dance team received many of the judge's special awards for excellence and over-all entertainment showmanship.

The Intermediate Tap Group received the

Precision Tap award for Jump-Shout-Boogie while its rendition of Shake Your Groove Thing was awarded the Audience Participation award.

The Junior Acrobatic group won a special award for its cheerleading rendition of Hey Mickey.

Lauren Neely, Kathleen McClelland, Holly Gordon and Brittany Stark, first-year competitors in the Mini-Group, danced their way into the judges hearts

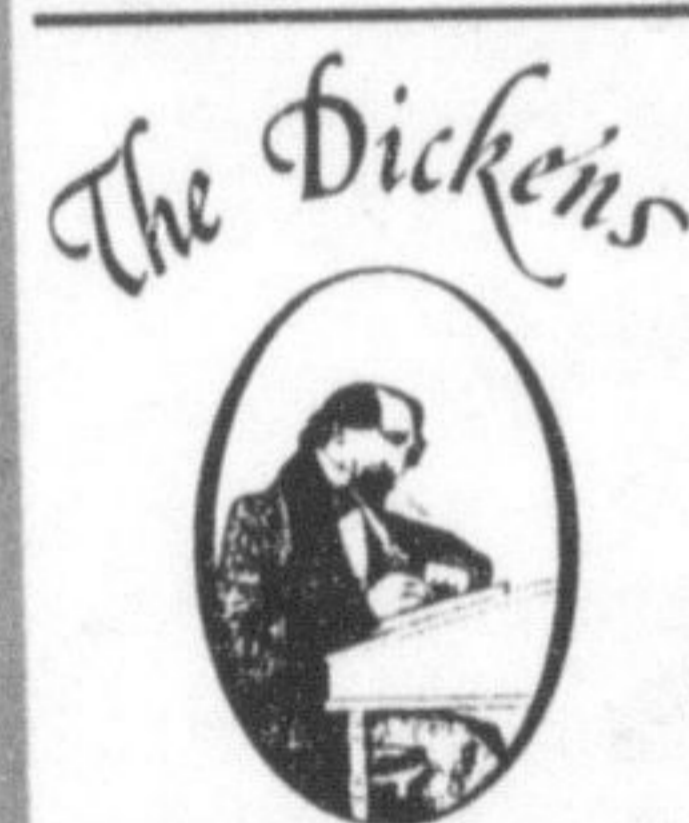
by receiving two first-place awards and one second-place award.

Ms Stark also received first place for Put On A Happy Face.

All of the Novice or first-time competitors received first-place honours with Kiersten Corradetti receiving first place for her age group and second over-all.

Overall, the team received 21 first-place awards, 19 second place awards and four third-place awards.

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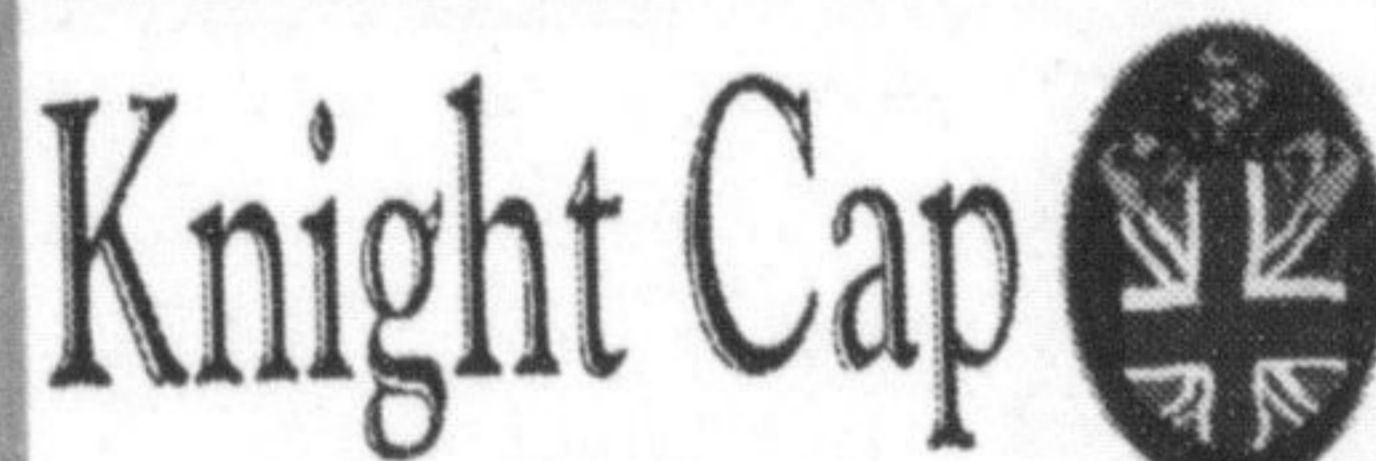


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