

2024



GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD

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# EVENT REPORT

REPORT BY TEAM GCE



# GCE 2024

The 42nd Gold Coast Eisteddfod, was another resounding success, continuing its tradition of highlighting the remarkable abilities of performers across a variety of artistic disciplines. The event, held annually, remains one of the largest and most prestigious performing arts festivals in Australia, attracting performers from across the region and beyond. This year a soloist from China & another from Melbourne. Dance Studios from Sunshine Coast to Port Macquarie.

The event featured a wide array of participants, ranging from solo performers to large school groups, with age categories extending from young children to adults. Youngest performer in 2024 being just 2 years old. This inclusiveness allowed for a dynamic and exciting array of talents.

An important aspect of GCE remains its commitment to providing performers with an opportunity to do what they love. This year was no different. Performers, teachers, and audience alike expressed gratitude for the platform that allowed them to share their art and hone their skills in a professional yet supportive environment.

Audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the professionalism of the event and the quality of performances. The sense of community and collaboration was palpable throughout, reinforcing the event's reputation as a key fixture in the cultural life of the Gold Coast.

Staged from July to September across the Gold Coast, 59 days 633 Sections in all genres of Music, Dance & Drama including Strings Wind Brass, Piano, Vocal, Choral, Dance, Speech & Drama, Young People with Disability, Bands & Musical Theatre.

GCE created enduring memories for all performers involved.



# CONVENORS

Our genre specific Convenors were always on site with their expert knowledge during their genre and followed up with suggestions on the completion of their genre.

Dance – **Pru Wilson**

Young People with Disability – **Rochelle Wilson & Akaisha Porter** from **Gold Coast Recreation & Sport**

Piano – **Miriam Dawood**

Strings, Wind & Brass – **Joy Powell & John Whale**

String Orchestras – **Vicky Speight**

Bands – **Pam Lowry**

Choral – **Marilyn Sheppard & Vicky Speight**

Vocal – **Kirri Adams & Tracey Kriz**

Speech & Drama – **Naomi Middlebrook & Sally Nind**



## VENUES

### Broadbeach Cultural Precinct - Broadbeach

- Albert Water Ways Hall and use of multipurpose rooms for additional dressing rooms for Young People with Disability.

### HOTA - Home of the Arts - Surfers Paradise

- Theatre 1 as well as use of additional areas at HOTA including Studio 1 & 2, Lounge & Basement which are used for holding rooms during the event.

### Glow Church - Robina

- Auditorium and use of additional spaces for storage of instrument cases, warm up/ tuning as well as 750 seat auditorium with up to date technology.

### Robina Community Centre - Robina

- Auditorium and Multi Purpose rooms

### A.B. Paterson College Dawn Lang Theatre

- Theatre and use of additional classroom areas used for holding/dressing areas. With technology to allow viewing in dressing rooms.



We kicked off the 42nd Gold Coast Eisteddfod on Monday July 15, 2024 with Dance solos at the Broadbeach Cultural Precinct and continued the competition through until September 11 with all genres of Music, Dance & Drama. During our event we received continued coverage from the Gold Coast Bulletin our Media partner which had a grand finale of a wonderful souvenir lift out. Channel 7 visited a couple of times and produced 2 great stories on the local news one in particular about our long term volunteer, Lenore.

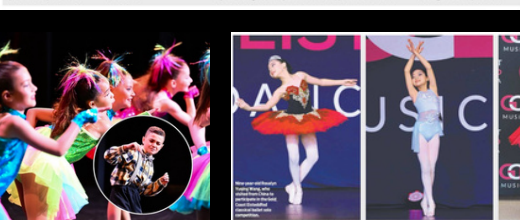


Rachel Newcomb, a choir teacher at All Peoples College, with more than 100 young performers from preparing for Eisteddfod this year. Picture: Glenn Hampson

**Safety in numbers for school's Eisteddfod hopes**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 A leading private school plans for the 42nd Gold Coast Eisteddfod, with more than 100 students getting ready to perform at the annual event.  
 "Assistant head of the performing arts faculty at All Peoples College, Rachel Newcomb said they had a large number of students performing, particularly in the choir sections of the year. "We like to see a lot of students taking part in the competition."



**SISTERS CARRY ON PROUD TRADITION OF PERFORMING**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 Lauren Namine's two daughters have been preparing for the stage at the 42nd Gold Coast Eisteddfod - creating a family legacy.  
 "It was always such a great opportunity for my girls to perform on stage and it's a tradition that we carry on."



**100+ pictures: week six of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod**



**A 32-page pictorial souvenir**  
**100s of photographs**  
 - Dance - Music - Speech - Drama



Overseas students (left to right) were the youngest performers to compete in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod, alongside Rachel Marshall. Picture: The Wilson Photography



**TWINS TAKE ON THE EISTEDDFOD**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 Competing in more than 10 events between them, a pair of Gold Coast twins will take over the Eisteddfod stage.  
 "It's a really great way for them to perform together and we're excited to see them shine."



**Stage set for biggest Coast Eisteddfod**  
**Abigail Jensen**  
 The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is set for its largest year yet, with over 1000 performers and a record number of events.  
 "We're really excited to see so many talented young performers and to have such a large audience."



**The Gold Coast Eisteddfod School Dance Groups**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 The Gold Coast Eisteddfod School Dance Groups are showcasing their talents on stage.  
 "The students have worked hard on their routines and we're proud to see them perform."

**WATCH THE NEWS**  
**Channel 7 News Story 1**  
**Channel 7 News Story 2**



Competitors strut their stuff during the Dance Sales on Day 1 of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Picture: Supplied

**Annual competition's new event**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 The first headliner of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod has been added for the first time this year.  
 "We're excited to have a new event to make it about the weekend."

**28 NEWS THE INTERVIEW with Ann Wason Moore**



**Master of greatest show on the Coast**  
 The Gold Coast Eisteddfod has an illustrious alumni from Cody Simpson and Margot Robbie. And it's only getting bigger.  
 "It's such a special event and it gives so much to the community."



**Annual competition is a family affair**  
**Tabitha Leahart**  
 The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is a family affair, with many performers and spectators bringing their loved ones.  
 "It's a wonderful experience for everyone involved."

# YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Broadbeach Cultural Precinct, Albert Water Ways Hall and the use of the multipurpose rooms for additional dressing rooms

Sponsored - Gold Coast Private Hospital

**1 Day**  
**75 Performances**

Adjudicated by Debbie Landel who is extremely encouraging and supportive of all performers.



# DANCE SOLOS

Broadbeach Community Centre, Albert Water Ways Hall

**9 days**

**1172 performances**

**134 sections**

Adjudicated by Sarah Boulter - Sydney choreographer  
'So You Think You Can Dance'.

# MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWOFF



Broadbeach Community Centre, Albert Water Ways Hall

Sponsored - Studio Empire Performing Arts Centre, NAPA & Trina Power Creative.

**1 afternoon**  
**2 workshops**  
**27 performances**  
**2 sections**

Adjudicated by Leah Howard - Resident Director "Tina" The Musical. Class taught by Euan Fitzrovic-Doidge & hosted by Carla Tooma Board Member & Channel 9





# CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE

Broadbeach Community Centre, Albert Water Ways Hall

Sponsored - John Paul Langbroek, Amanda Bollinger Dance Academy, Dance Desire & Queensland Ballet Academy.

**1 day**

**2 workshops**

**84 performances**

**2 sections**

Adjudicated by Paul Boyd - Queensland Ballet. Class taught by Jessica Wood & hosted by Balanced Ballerina Georgia Dostal.

# STRINGS, WIND & BRASS



Robina Community Centre Multi Purpose Room 1.2, using Room 1.3 & 2.2 as warm up space

**5 days**

**412 performances**

**46 sections**

Adjudicated by Helentherese Good - Brisbane & Brendan Collins - Sydney

# PIANO

Robina Community Centre Auditorium

**9 days**

**664 performances**

**51 sections**

Adjudicated by Daniel Johnson - Brisbane

# STRING ORCHESTRAS, SMALL ESEMBLES & JAZZ/ROCK BAND



Glow Church Auditorium with additional spaces for holding and instruments storage.

Schools Sponsor - Griffith University

**4 days**

**133 performances**

**22 sections**

Adjudicated by Celia Egerton - Toowoomba &  
Sean Butler - Scenic Rim

# DANCE GROUPS



HOTA Home of the Arts, Theatre 1 with additional rooms including Studio 1 & 2, Basement & lounge as dressing rooms

**6 days**

**417 performances**

**54 sections**

Adjudicated by Nathan Sheens & Alice Robinson - Sydney

# BANDS

HOTA Home of the Arts, Theatre 1 with the use of Studio 1 & 2 for holding spaces

Schools Sponsor - Griffith University

**5 days**

**166 performances**

**28 sections**

Adjudicated by

Jeanette Douglas - Rockhampton & Helentherese Good as A Grade panelist

# CHORAL

A large group of young girls, likely from Ormeau State School, are shown in profile, singing in a choir. They are wearing light blue polo shirts with dark blue collars and dark blue shorts. The shirts feature a logo with a tree and the text 'ORMEAU STATE SCHOOL'. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the girls, creating a dramatic effect.

Glow Church Auditorium, with additional spaces for holding spaces

Schools Sponsor - Griffith University

**5 days**

**172 performances**

**32 sections**

Adjudicated by Chris Bircin - Cairns & Danielle Lo Passo - Gold Coast

# SCHOOL DANCE GROUPS

A group of school dancers in pink sequined outfits performing a lift on stage. One dancer is being held up by others, with their arms raised in support. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the performers.

A.B. Paterson College - Dawn Lang Theatre, with additional class rooms used as dressing rooms

Schools Sponsor- Griffith University

**2 days**

**245 performances**

**35 sections**

Adjudicated by Kylie Smith & Chelsee Hastie - Gold Coast



# VOCAL



Robina Community Centre Auditorium

**6 days**

**728 performances**

**54 sections**

Adjudicated by Natalie Carboni - Sydney

# SPEECH & DRAMA



Robina Community Centre Auditorium

**10 days**

**1233 performances**

**137 sections**

Adjudicated by Talisa Parris Proby - Brisbane, Anita Eldridge - Gold Coast,  
Maree Clancy - Brisbane & Amy Skene - Byron Bay

# VIRTUAL SECTIONS

Choral, Bands and School Dance Groups

Sponsor - Griffith University

**39 performances**

Adjudicated by Chris Burcin, Jeanette Douglas & Chelsee Hastie

Electronic Programs were produced for Music, Dance, Drama & Young People with Disability available to all who entered and via a QR code at the venues. This has all information in regards to venue, performance date and time and features advertisements from our sponsors and supporters.



Music



Dance



Drama



Young People with Disability





**1,374**

2024 Medals received by the placegetters in solos, duos & trios

**810**

Trophies given out to Schools & individuals. All sourced locally, Gold Coast Trophies who has been supplying for the past 42 years

**3,023**

Ribbons for Highly Commended, Very highly Commended & ratings of Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze in bands & choirs. Ribbons supplied by Marellen Ribbons.

**15,000**

Participation Certificates

**76,317**

Photographs taken by the official photographers at Dance Solos, Dance Groups, Young People with Disability, Bands & Choirs

**47,800**

Social media post engagements

**4,000**

Competitor passes for dance groups





**30,000**

Audience members  
plus all the  
competitors

**30,000**

Competitors



**944**

Meals catered for

**27 KG**

Lollies consumed  
by volunteers &  
team GCE

**55**

Volunteers

**3,186**

Volunteer hours



# SCHOOL DANCE GROUPS

A.B. Paterson College  
Alexandra Hills State High School  
Aquinas College  
Arundel State School  
Assisi Catholic College  
Beaudesert State High School  
Beenleigh State High School  
Benowa State School  
Brighton Grammar School  
Broadbeach State School  
Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School  
Canterbury College  
Cleveland State School  
Clover Hill State School  
Coombah State High School  
Currumbin State School  
Downlands College  
Eatons Hill State School  
Elanora State High School  
Elanora State School  
Emmanuel College  
Foxwell State Secondary College  
GCYTA  
Helensvale State High School  
Helensvale State School  
Hillcrest Christian School  
Ipswich State High School  
John Paul College  
Keebra Park Musical Theatre  
King's Christian College Reedy Creek  
Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School  
Lockyer District State High School  
MacGregor State High School  
Marymount College  
Merrimac State School  
Miami State High School Dance Excellence  
Miami State School  
Mt Gravatt High School  
Musgrave Hill State School  
North Lakes State College  
Ormeau Woods State High School  
Pacific Pines State High School  
Palm Beach State School  
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences  
Robina State High School Dance Academy  
Saint Stephen's College  
Sathya Sai College  
Somerset College  
St Andrews Lutheran College  
St Hilda's  
St Michael's College  
Tallebudgera State School  
Windaroo Valley State High School  
Yarrabilba State Secondary College

# CHORAL

A.B. Paterson College  
All Saints Anglican School  
Aquinas College  
Arundel State Choir  
Ashmore State School  
Benowa High School  
Benowa State School  
Biggera Waters State School  
Broadbeach State School  
Caningeraba State School  
Clover Hill State School  
Coastal Charisma  
Coomera Anglican College  
Cornerstone Chorus  
Currumbin State School  
Emmanuel College  
Foxwell State Secondary College  
Gainsborough State School  
Gilston State School  
Guardian Angels  
Helensvale State High School  
Helensvale State School  
Highland Reserve State School  
Hillcrest Christian College  
Kingston State College  
Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School  
Marymount College  
Marsden State School  
Mastery School Australia  
Merrimac State School  
Miami State High School  
Miami State School  
Ormeau State School  
Ormeau Woods SHS  
Oxenford State School  
Palm Beach State School  
Park Lake State School  
Picnic Creek State School  
Pimpama State School  
Reddam House  
Robina State School  
Saint Stephen's College  
Serotonin Singers  
Silkwood School  
Somerset College  
Sonyq Edge Performing Arts  
Southport State High School  
Southport State School  
St Andrews Lutheran College  
St Hilda's School  
St Michael's College  
Surfers Paradise State School  
Tallebudgera State School  
The Southport School  
Upper Coomera State College  
Varsity College  
Vocalescence  
Vocal Waves  
Worongary State School



Schools Involved in GCF 2024

## BANDS

A.B. Paterson College  
All Saints Anglican School  
Aquinas College  
Arundel State School  
Ashmore State School  
Bellevue Park State School  
Benowa State High School  
Benowa State School  
Biggera Waters State School  
Broadbeach State School  
Burleigh Heads State School  
Caningeraba State High School  
Clover Hill State School  
Coolangatta State School  
Coomabah State High School  
Coomabah State School  
Coomera Rivers State School  
Currumbin State School  
Currumbin Valley State School  
Elanora State High School  
Elanora State School  
Emmanuel College  
Foxwell State Secondary College  
Gainsborough State School  
Gaven State School  
Gold Coast Christian College  
Guardian Angels  
Helensvale State High School  
Helensvale State School  
Hillcrest Christian College  
Keebra Park State High School  
King's Christian College - Pimpama & Reedy Creek  
Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School  
Marsden State High School  
Merrimac State High School  
Merrimac State School  
Miami State High School  
Miami State School  
Mount Gravatt State High School  
Mudgeeraba Creek State School  
Mudgeeraba State School  
Musgrave Hill State School  
Nerang State High School  
Ormeau Woods State High School  
Oxenford State School  
Pacific Pines State High School  
Pacific Pines State School  
Palm Beach Currumbin State High  
Palm Beach State School  
Park Lake State School  
Pimpama State School  
Pimpama State Secondary College  
Queensland Academy Of Health Sciences  
Robina State High School  
Robina State School  
Saint Stephen's College  
Silkwood  
Somerset College  
Southport Special School  
Southport State High School  
Southport State School  
St Hilda's School  
St Michael's College  
Studio Empire Performing Arts Centre  
Surfers Paradise State School  
Tallebudgera State School  
The Southport School  
The Southport School Preparatory  
Varsity College  
Worongary State School



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# DANCE STUDIOS

Academy Dance Studios  
Academy of Dance Excellence  
Adrenaline Performing Arts  
Amanda Bollinger Dance Academy  
B.O.K School of Dance  
Barrick Dance Centre  
Cloudland  
Club Dynamite  
Dance Force  
DANCE TECH  
Danielle's Studio of Dance  
DIVAS  
Extreme Dance Studios  
Hong Dance  
Just Ballet School  
Kidz-N-Co Talent  
King's Dance Academy  
LAUNCH Performing Arts Centre  
Let's Bollywood Dance School  
Loyalty Dance Co  
Luminous Dance Company  
Movements Academy of Dance  
NAPA  
Penny Lane Dance  
Queensland Dance Centre  
Queensland World Dance Academy  
Retro Dance Divas  
Sheridans Studio 1  
Stage Door Academy  
Sunshine Coast Conservatory of Dance  
Tamborine Mountain Dance Academy  
The Dance Centre  
The Dance Dept  
UNIVERSAL DANCE COMPANY  
YJ Dance School



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The 42nd Gold Coast Eisteddfod was a triumphant event, celebrating the diverse talents of performers across the region. By providing a platform for artistic expression, it not only nurtures talent but also strengthens the cultural fabric of the community. As the event looks toward the future, it remains committed to offering performers a place to shine, pursue their passion, and inspire audiences year after year.

