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Eisteddfod
2026

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TAREE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

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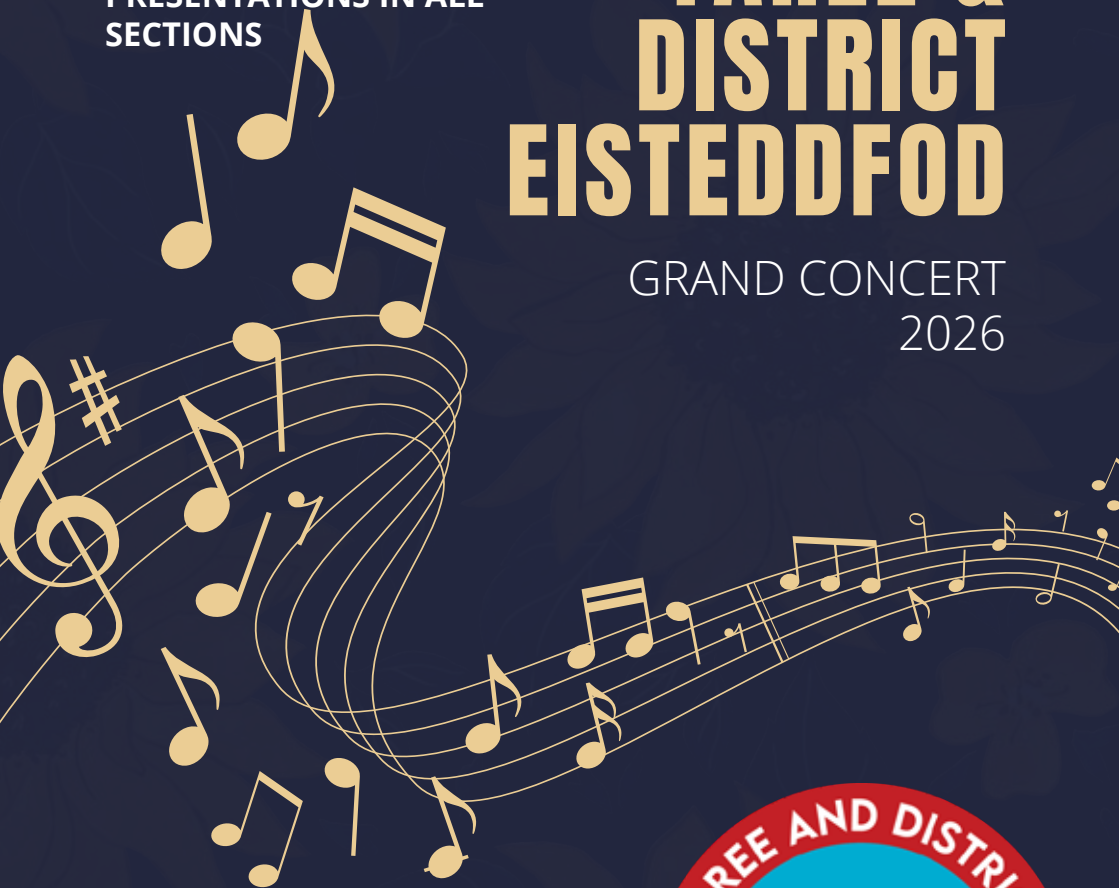
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Winners' names may be made public in the local media.

Competitors in this Eisteddfod participate at their own risk.

Teachers should ensure that all copyright matters are in order.

Differences in the size of the trophies are because some trophies are from private donors and others given by the Taree and District Eisteddfod Society Inc.in accordance with the resources available to the Society.

All cash awards will be accompanied by a certificate.

Perpetual trophies will no longer be taken home by the successful winner but they may have their photo taken with it then returned to the Committee.

Successful Competitors are asked to cash their vouchers as soon as possible after the Eisteddfod.

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- ☺ The Scholarship value to each winner is \$1000
- ☺ Your support will create opportunities for winners to lift their talents to the next level
- ☺ This is a Community effort facilitated by the Taree & District Eisteddfod
- ☺ As the Fund grows so can the number of Scholarships awarded
- ☺ As many as possible *Smile Scholarships* to be awarded annually (minimum 10)

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Name(s) as you wish it to appear in our Annual Eisteddfod Program:

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Name(s)

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Future Smile Scholarship Winners thank you for your generosity

(NB: This Appeal is ongoing so you can give a "Smile" at any time)

EMILY GABITES - 2024 Roma Liggins Perpetual Scholarship Winner

I have been dancing at Taree Eisteddfod for many years now, starting in under 9s to the age of 17 in the 15 and over division. It has been a huge honour to have been awarded many championship and scholarship titles over that time, such as the Jazz Scholarship three times, the Smile Scholarship twice, and at my last eisteddfod in 2024 receiving the Roma Liggins Scholarship. This Eisteddfod has provided such a warm and supportive environment where I was able to grow and progress as a dancer. I trained in all styles of dance including jazz, lyrical, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, tap, musical theatre as well as cheerleading. In 2025 I made my professional debut, at 18 years old, with Royal Caribbean Cruise Line onboard Freedom of the Seas as an elite dancer in the production cast. I had a fantastic time sailing the Caribbean and am very grateful for this start to my professional career. In 2026, I have now embarked on my second contract onboard Explorer of the Seas sailing around Europe and am excited for what else is to come in my future of dance. Once again, I am very thankful for the scholarships that I received from the Taree Eisteddfod which allowed me to further my dance training and support me in my dance career.



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Open Age

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- 2 Emily Reeves
- 3 Trinity Miller
- 4 Matthew Miller
- 5 Rachael Wills

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16yrs & under

- 1 Darcy Hobden Midcoast Singing Coach Studio

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Open Age

- 1 Maddi Steber
- 2 Cameron Richardson
- 3 Ian Fletcher
- 4 Andrew Krotz

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- 1 John Green

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Open Age

- 1 Trinity Miller & Emily Reeves Duet
- 2 Breakthru Brightstars
- 3 Matthew Miller & Rachael Wills Duet
- 4 Dundaloo Community Choir
- 5 Stars In Motion B - Valley Industries
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Thank you

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**For any more information, please ring the President
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