

2018 Scholarship Recipients Experience at Scottish Weekend

I've just gotten back from a wonderful weekend of Scottish Country dance workshops, dances and music. This weekend has always been a favorite weekend for me and I have unfortunately missed a few years of coming. It was a chance to not only see friends I've met over the years but also to make new ones. The mix of old and new dancers, and ages from young to old was a delight. I can't say enough about the energy and happiness it gave me.

Volunteer help was readily available to help with ghillies and committee members were always easily available to answer questions.

The people are always friendly, the teaching excellent and the music is unsurpassed. As a teacher, it is most helpful to attend at weekend such as this. This weekend provided an opportunity to learn not only new dances, but reminders of teaching points and new ways of doing them.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to thank those who contributed to the scholarship fund!

This was my very first Scottish Weekend, though I have been dancing for some time. It was such a privilege to learn from world-class teachers. I not only benefitted from continuing to improve my own dancing, but I also took a lot away from the classes as a new teacher. Music is such a big part of why I love SCD, and the quality and energy of the musicians at this weekend was truly phenomenal. The warmth of the community at Scottish Weekend was palpable. I felt so welcome before, during, and after the event. I want to say a massive 'Thank you' to all those who contributed to the Scholarship fund. I had such an amazing time at Scottish Weekend, which would not have been possible without their wonderful generosity.

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As a scholarship recipient of this years' Scottish Weekend, I can't thank you enough for enabling me to experience my first Weekend with all of you! To be honest, a few years ago I would never have even considered coming to an event where I didn't know anyone and was very limited in my knowledge as a dancer. The friendliness and warm welcome made me feel right at home. I could not have predicted how much fun (and how many steps!) is possible in one weekend! And yes, coming from a group of 8 dancers to 150 plus dancers made me feel like I was at RSCD Super Bowl but it was terrific :-)

I am so thankful for the opportunity to improve my skills, meet wonderful people, and have the best time dancing! Thank you for making this possible for me!

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I am very grateful for the scholarship fund. Without it I am unable to attend Scottish Weekend. Scottish Weekend has become a yearly event that I always look forward to! It is always great to meet new and veteran dancers of Scottish Weekend. Without the scholarship fund I wouldn't be able to attend and I would not be able to improve my dance abilities. A very much thank you to the contributors of the scholarship fund! Without the donors, committee and volunteers, Scottish Weekend would not be the success that it is from year to year!

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I very much enjoyed Scottish Weekend this year. The music was wonderful, the new camp was pleasant, and the other dancers were inviting. As a PhD student, I am kept busy with reading and writing papers, teaching and grading, as well as working on experiments in lab. So it can be difficult to find time during the week to exercise and/or socialize. So I am very grateful for the opportunity to go to a weekend dancing event.

Between student loans, car payments, and gas, I have very little of my stipend left to spend on food, let alone luxuries such as attending social events. So it means a lot to me that others in the dancing community donated so that I could enjoy such a wonderful event. The kindness and generosity of the Scottish Dancing community is unparalleled.

Thank you for letting me take part in Scottish Weekend and for letting me be a part of this beautiful community of dancers!

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I attended Scottish Weekend for the first time this year. Even before moving to the US, when I was living in Paris, people were telling me about how amazing Scottish weekend is, and why I should absolutely attend as soon as I could. Needless to say, my expectations were very high! But I haven't been disappointed.

We arrived on Friday afternoon under a heavy rain. What better way to feel like in Scotland? Luckily for us, the clouds quickly dissipated and the rest of the weekend was sunny, which made walking around the camp extremely enjoyable.

One of the best things about Scottish Weekend compared to other events is the freedom that each attendee has. For instance, I was delighted to attend Elke's Scottish Music history on Sunday morning to rest my feet instead of going dancing.

Waking up with pipes in the morning was also lovely. I would usually open my eyes, smile to the music, and go back to sleep 15 minutes later. Waking up around 7:30 is still a bit hard for me.

Overall, I had lots of fun in this whole new camp (Thanks Dave for the song, it's very catchy). A huge thanks to the staff, the organizers, and all the contributors that made this weekend possible. I hope to see you all next year!

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Scottish Weekend 2018; what a wonderful time! The evening programs were spectacular, the classes delightful, and the camp cat (whom we named "Miss Milligan") added some glee and humor. Thanks to your contribution, I and others were able to attend the weekend and join in the fun with everyone.

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Thank you and the scholarship committee for the chance to participate in this year's Scottish Weekend. The weekend was a wonderful experience and I really liked what the new camp had to offer over Timber Ridge. I attended classes by Steven and William that were so helpful. I especially like Steven's technique class which was the kind of practice I need to improve my dancing. Also, the Scottish music class and the Highland dance class were great additions this year and very informative. William was a wonderful teacher and it would be great to have him as a teacher again. Thank you again for being able to allow me to come.