

# Manx Folk Awards Review 2023

Aundyryn Kiaull-Theay Vannin 2023



**Over 1000  
entries**

**5 days**

**92 classes**

**200 videos**

**15 choirs**

**11 new compositions**

**310 dancers**

**521 singers**

**12 harps**

**58 Manx readings**

**12 adjudicators**

**And lots of cups of tea!**



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**26th**

**SECONDARY  
CLASSES**

Malcolm Scott  
Dickinson Charitable  
Trust Folkstastic  
Winner:  
Frank Joughin

**27th**

**KEYSTAGE 1  
CLASSES**

Malcolm Scott  
Dickinson Charitable  
Trust Folkstastic  
Winner:  
Arbory School

**28th**

**KEYSTAGE 2  
SONG/DANCE**

Malcolm Scott  
Dickinson Charitable  
Trust Folkstastic  
Winner:  
Skeddan Jiarg  
Couples

**29th**

**KEYSTAGE 2  
INSTRUMENTAL**

Malcolm Scott  
Dickinson Charitable  
Trust Folkstastic  
Winner:  
Mannin Music

**30th**

**KEYSTAGE 1 & 2  
Manx Language,  
Poetry and  
Recitation Classes**

“As always – a lovely informal atmosphere in which to perform. Our children got a lot out of it. Thanks for organising such a mammoth event.”

“We love the relaxed, competitive atmosphere which encourages participation and allows all the children to shine. The judges are kind and constructive with their comments and this encourages the children to improve rather than leaving them disappointed. The ability to be a little flexible with timings also allows children to take part in more than one discipline.”

“Moylle as soylley diu! Congratulations to everyone involved!”

“This is absolutely fantastic! My daughter took part in the Manx Folk awards a few years ago and it is so wonderful to see it has continued to go from strength to strength!”

Brilliant event as ever! Congrats to the team for organising - the Manx Folk Awards are a joy 🥰

“The amount of work that you guys put into this is immense, and we all really appreciate the relaxed and supportive environment that you create for the kids”

Thank you so much for today. The coffee in the middle of the day was very very welcome! Please pass on my thanks to your lovely stewards who were fantastic with the Rhumsaa children. I really needed their assistance getting everyone on the bus at the end of the session



“Thank you very much for putting on the event! These events help make memories for pupils and teachers alike. An absolute highlight for us all”



It's fantastic. All those children immersed in the music and enjoying the experience!



“One of the highlights of my year! This event is so well organised and is totally supportive and encouraging for the children. It's wonderful to see it grow every year”



## 2023 MANX FOLK DANCE SOCIETY SPECIAL PRIZE

The Manx Folk Dance Society gives two awards for the best solo dancer in key stage 1 & 2. Manx dance adjudicator Rachel Clarkson, has been a member of the MFDS for a number of years and was instrumental in arranging the new award. This year's winner was Cara Rowles who performed the particularly difficult solo dance 'Sharon's Jig'. Rachel said she was thrilled with the standard of dancing and is pleased it will continue to be recognised over the coming years with this new award.

