



ICDF Newsflash

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ICDF Foundation Awards

The ICDF Foundation recently hosted a Trivia Night in Sydney, focussing on the theme Film and Theatre. While we all 'dug deep' to remember names of dance companies that had been scrambled into unrecognisable phrases and racked out brains to remember who played, sang or danced 'what and when'... it was a ball of fun and a great way of promoting Christian dance world wide. Friends who came said, 'they had no idea there was an international dance movement that supported Christian dance in places they had never heard of'.

The evening, as always, incorporated dance and music. Yasmine Urquhart a young 'up and coming' musician, accompanied by her father Robert, set the scene with classical works for cello and Caitlin Lee presented a modern dance work on God's goodness. Fraser Tustian strutted in costume and announced, 'Let the games begin!' We swore an oath to the 'Queen' not to cheat and the games were on - all trying hard to remember 'any name' of any dance company - which I really should have known!

Some of us felt vindicated but others, like me, felt we were on our way to early dementia ...but we all laughed and ate and deciphered wrong and right answers as teams, called, for example, Les Miserables (my table) remembering our need for redemption, and another called 'West Side Story' that were able to sing happy tunes of forbidden love. I remembered the opening jazz sequence of Jemone Robbin's West Side Story that got me nowhereno-one cared that I could still slide and glide diagonally across the floor as they were too busy re-sorting letters - clearly they had done well at school! I wished there was a prize for remembering dance sequences - I think I might have been able to win it?



Photo: Lucy Jarasius receiving the Flame Award from Mary Jones on behalf of Marie and Andrew Bensley

We presented the Flame Award 2019 to Marie and Andrew Bensley from the UK and raised money for the Paula Douthett Scholarship for the ICDF Diploma in Dance Ministry. The Flame Award was presented to the Bensleys in recognition of their contribution to the Ministry of Flags and Banners in Worship together with their Leadership within the CDFB and ICDF. You can see a short presentation about them and one on the Diploma students ...

<https://youtu.be/65upjK0ERQ>

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Anita Gillespie from Canada and Jessica Wilcox from the US received scholarships to undertake the Diploma Course over 4 years. Congratulations to them all.

Thank you to my fantastic hard working Board who pulled a great event together- Mary Jones (Deputy Chair), Susie Bond, Bruce Dennis, Rebecca Roberts, Sally Torr, Ilda Wade and Rod West.

Jenny Dennis

Chair of the ICDF Foundation



Members of the Board from left to right: Susie Bond, Mary Jones, Rebecca Roberts, Jenny Dennis, Bruce Dennis, Sally Torr, Ilda Wade and Rod West

The ICDF Foundation supports ICDF in its aim to serve the movement arts in ministry and mission in a visible, available and relevant way by ...

- recognising excellence in Christian Dance/Movement ministry;
- raising money for scholarships/special projects;
- promoting Christian dance/movement internationally.

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