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ALANA HAINES AUSTRALASIAN AWARDS

\$460,000 AWARDS



POST EVENT REPORT 2019

This biennial event was held at the Opera House Wellington spanning 5 days over Easter weekend Thursday 18th – Mon 22nd April 2019. Theatre was at capacity by dance enthusiasts from throughout Australasia & capacity theatre to view 600 Australasian contestants 11-18yrs competing for \$460,000 cash & Scholarship awards including recipient airfares paid by AHA Awards. The event commemorates a promising 11yr old Wellington dancer Alana, tragically killed Xmas eve 1989 & was founded in 1991 by Alana's mother & former RNZB dancer Katie Haines. The AHA Awards has become the largest & most prestigious dance awards event in Australasia & is supported by the dance community around the world. Scholarships are sponsored from the most sought after international dance schools from UK, USA, Canada, Europe & Australasia - judged by an elite international jury.

The Grand Finals on Monday evening was hosted by Martin James (former Royal Danish Ballet principal) & presented 22 outstanding finalists to a full house with stunning Guest Performers from NZ, Sydney, Royal Ballet School London, Stuttgart's John Cranko Schule & Royal New Zealand Ballet. All three Audience Choice awards were won by talented male dancers and reflected the audience's agreement with the judges' own selections.

Junior: Xavier Xue QLD (also placed 3rd) A group: Alfie Shacklock QLD (Gailene Stock winner) B Group: Rench Soriano Philippines (B winner). Junior Winner was Lily Sophia Dashwood Vic & A group winner was Kohana Williams Auckland.

Abigail Boyle (former principal RNZB) drew tutor raffles (Ballet tickets donated by RNZB/QLD Ballet/MCB) won Fusion Dance Studio Auckland, National College of Dance NSW & McDonald College Sydney.

AHA Awards provides young dancers a career platform & as a result many of our past finalists are international stars throughout the world. This 'UNIQUE' event is a **wonderful** tribute to a dedicated & talented dancer who was taken before she could reach her goal, but would want to help other like-minded dancers reach **their** goals.

Please refer to the website www.ahaawards.co.nz for a full list of the results etc.

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