

History of Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST

2013 - 2015 - Changing venues for a better DANCEFEST celebration



Adjudicators for 2014 at Scotiabank Conference Centre, Niagara Falls

The “work to rule” action in 2013 changed the course of DANCEFEST. Never again would the event be held in a secondary school venue.

DANCEFEST continued, despite the challenge of the 2013 “work to rule” action in schools when we were unable to host our annual event at a school venue. We moved to an outside venue for a one-day event at the River Run Theatre in Guelph that was hosted by Terpsichore Dance Celebration. For the next two years, DANCEFEST2014 and DANCEFEST2015, were co-produced with Scott Kufske at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls where we enjoyed a wonderful theatre with raked audience seating; excellent workshop spaces; a large banquet hall; and, with accessible hotel accommodation nearby. The increase of participants at those events meant that we had outgrown the school venue and future DANCEFEST events would be organized by a DANCEFEST Committee rather than school hosts.

2013	River Run Theatre, Guelph	Host: Terpsichore Dance Celebration/Laurel Brown
2014	Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls	Host: DANCEFEST Board/Scott Kufske
2015	Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls	Host: DANCEFEST Board/Scott Kufske