

A young woman with red hair in a braid, wearing a red hat and a yellow and red tropical print shirt, is playing a steel drum. She has her arms raised, holding the mallets. In the foreground, the back of another person wearing a similar red hat and tropical shirt is visible. The background is dark with some stage lights.

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GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD

2023

EVENT REPORT

REPORT BY TEAM GCE



GCE 2023

The 41st GCE was a very successful event. We continue to provide an opportunity for performers to do what they love, this is the most important aspect of our event and what we work all year round to achieve.

This year many thousands of performers were given the chance to shine by just stepping onto the stage sharing their talent in all genres of Music, Dance & Drama. By just appearing on the 'big stage' it builds confidence and resilience, skills that extend beyond the competition. It is a wonderful journey for all involved, and contributes to personal growth, skill development and the building of valuable life skills. We saw performances from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Southeast Queensland and as far as regional Victoria and Sydney.

GCE is a celebration of talent and creativity whether a seasoned performer or first timer's it is an excellent opportunity to express and share their passion with our supportive audience and community.

The GCE Community consists of many from a wide range of stakeholders – staff, volunteers, teachers, parents and students, the organisation required to run the 8 weeks of competition which was planned and produced like clockwork from the beginning of 2023.

The Syllabus was online in February and entries opened in March and closed in early May with 5,500 performances entered to be scheduled, programs produced, venues organised and logistics produced and communicated.



CONVENORS

Our genre specific Convenors were always on site with their expert knowledge during their genre and followed up with suggestions on the completion of their genre.

Dance – **Pru Wilson**

Young People with Disability – **Rochelle Wilson & Akaisha Porter Gold Coast Recreation & Sport**

Piano – **Miriam Dawood**

String Wind & Brass – **Joy Powell & John Whale**

String Orchestras – **Vicky Speight**

Bands – **Pam Lowry**

Choral – **Marilyn Sheppard**

Vocal – **Kirri Adams & Tracey Kriz**

Speech & Drama – **Naomi Middlebrook & Sally Nind**



VENUES

Broadbeach Cultural Precinct - Broadbeach

- Albert Water Ways Hall and use of multipurpose rooms for additional dressing rooms for Young People with Disability

HOTA - Home of the Arts - Surfers Paradise

- Theatre 1 as well as use of additional areas at HOTA including Studio 1 & 2, Lounge & Basement which are used for holding rooms during the event.

Glow Church - Robina Auditorium

- use of additional spaces for storage of instrument cases as well as 750 seat auditorium with up to date technology.

Robina Community Centre

- Auditorium and Multi Purpose rooms

A.B. Paterson College Dawn Lang Theatre

- as well as hire of additional classroom areas used for holding/dressing areas. With technology to allow viewing in dressing rooms.



We commenced the 41st Gold Coast Eisteddfod on Monday July 17, 2023 with Dance solos at the newly renovated Broadbeach Cultural Precinct and continued the competition through until September 17 with all genres of Music, Dance & Drama. During our event we received continued coverage from the Gold Coast Bulletin which had a grand finale of a wonderful souvenir lift out. Channel 7 visited a couple of times and produced 2 great stories on the local news.





YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Broadbeach Cultural Precinct, Albert Water Ways Hall and the use of the multipurpose rooms for additional dressing rooms

Co-ordinated by Gold Coast Recreation & Sport in collaboration with Team GCE.

Sponsored – Gold Coast Private Hospital

1 Day, 58 Performances

Adjudicated by Debbie Landel who is extremely encouraging and supportive of all performers, from the Gold Coast.

DANCE SOLOS

Broadbeach Community Centre, Albert Water Ways Hall

9 days

1195 performances

146 sections

Adjudicated by Christopher Favaloro - Sydney.



CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE

Broadbeach Community Centre, Albert Water Ways Hall

Sponsored – John Paul Langbroek, Amanda Bollinger Dance Academy, Dance Desire and Queensland Ballet.

1 day

49 performances

2 sections

Adjudicated by Queensland Ballet Camilo Ramos, class taught by Christopher Favaloro & hosted by RAD Examiner Karen Perring.

STRINGS, WIND & BRASS

Robina Community Centre Multi Purpose Room 1.2, using Room 1.3 as warm up space

5 days
393 performances
45 sections

Adjudicated by Helen Carvolth and Rowan Yates - Brisbane

New convenors Joy Powell and John Whale

PIANO

DA

Robina Community Centre Auditorium

9 days

650 performances

53 sections

Adjudicated by Barry Walmsley - Gold Coast

STRING ORCHESTRAS, SMALL ENSEMBLES & JAZZ/ROCK BAND

Glow Church Auditorium with additional spaces for holding and instruments storage

4 days
116 performances
21 sections

Schools Sponsor - Griffith University

Adjudicated by Helentherese Good and Rowan Yates - Brisbane

DANCE GROUPS

A photograph of three young dancers, two girls and one boy, in school uniforms (white shirts, plaid vests, and dark skirts/trousers). They are captured in a dynamic dance pose on a stage. The girl in the foreground is smiling and looking to the side, with her arms raised. The boy to her right is also smiling and looking forward. Another dancer is visible in the background, slightly out of focus. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the dancers against a dark background.

HOTA Home of the Arts, Theatre 1 with additional rooms including Studio 1 & 2, Basement & lounge as dressing rooms

6 days

502 performances

54 sections

Adjudicated by Nathan Sheens - Sydney &
Jayden Hicks - Melbourne

BANDS



HOTA Home of the Arts, Theatre 1 with the use of Studio 1 & 2 for holding spaces

Schools Sponsor – Griffith University

5 days

163 performances

31 sections

Adjudicated by Warwick Tyrrell - Sydney and Warwick Adeney as A Grade panelist

CHORAL



Glow Church Auditorium, with additional spaces for holding spaces

Schools Sponsor - Griffith University

5 days

166 performances

28 sections

Adjudicated by D'arne Sleeman - Brisbane

SCHOOL DANCE GROUPS

A.B. Paterson College - Dawn Lang Theatre, with additional
class rooms used as dressing rooms

2 days
212 performances
27 sections

Schools Sponsor- Griffith University

Adjudicated by Jayden Hicks - Melbourne

VOCAL



Robina Community Centre Auditorium

5 days

580 performances

48 sections

Adjudicated by Ryan Sheppard - Sydney

SPEECH & DRAMA



Robina Community Centre Auditorium

10 days

1234 performances

131 sections

Adjudicated by Talisa Parris Proby - Brisbane &
Tracey Gaylard - Melbourne

VIRTUAL SECTIONS

Choral, Bands and School Dance Groups

62 performances

Sponsor - Griffith University

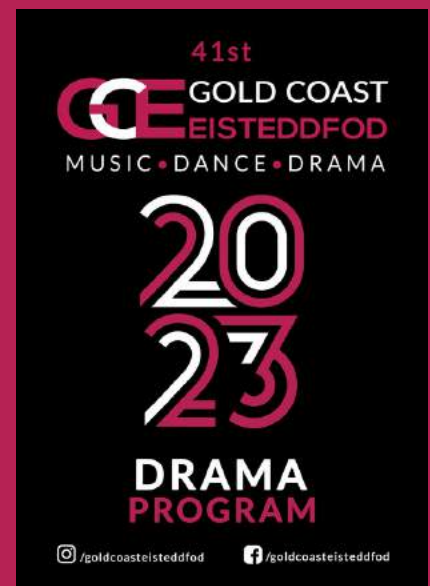
Electronic Programs were produced for Music, Dance, Drama & Young People with Disability available to all who entered and via a QR code at the venues. This has all information in regards to venue, performance date and time and features advertisements from our sponsors and supporters.



[Music](#)



[Dance](#)



[Drama](#)



[Young People with Disability](#)

[2023 Snapshot Video](#)

1,278

2022 Medals received
by the placegetters in
solos, duos & trios

779

Trophies given out to
School & individuals.
All sourced locally,
Gold Coast Trophies
who has been
supplying for the past
41 years

2,468

Ribbons for Highly
Commended, Very highly
Commended & ratings of
Platinum, Gold, Silver &
Bronze in bands & choirs.
Ribbons supplied by
Marellen Ribbons.

14,000

Participation
Certificates

10,500

Wristbands

23,100

Social media
post
engagements

5,000

Competitor
passes for dance
groups

81,351

Photographs taken by the
official photographers at
Dance Solos, Dance
Groups, Young People with
Disability, Bands & Choirs



30,000

Audience members
plus all the
competitors

30,000

Competitors



684

Meals catered for

25 KG

Lollies consumed
by volunteers &
team GCE

55

Volunteers

2,736

Volunteer hours

SCHOOL DANCE GROUPS

A.B. Paterson College
Aquinas College
Arundel State School
Barkers Vale Public School
Beenleigh state high school
Benowa High School
Broadbeach State School
Canterbury College
Chisholm Catholic College
Cleveland State School
Clover Hill State School
Coomababah State High School
Currumbin State School
Downlands College
Elanora SHS
Elanora State School
Emmanuel College
Foxwell State Secondary College
Gold Coast Youth Theatre Academy
Guardian Angels
Grace Lutheran Primary School
Hillcrest Christian College
Ipswich State High School
John Paul College
Keebra Park State High School
King's Christian College (Reedy Creek)
Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
Marymount College
Merrimac State School
Miami State High School
Miami State School
Moreton Bay Boys' College
Moreton Bay College
Mt Gravatt High School
Nerang State High School
North Lakes State College
Ormeau Woods State High School
Pacific Pines State High School
Pimpama State Secondary College
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences
Robina State High School
Saint Stephen's College
Sathya Sai College
St Michael's College
Shailer Park State High School
Somerset College
St Andrews Lutheran College
St Michael's Junior
Tallebudgera State School

CHORAL

A.B. Paterson College
All Saints Anglican School
Arundel State School
Ashmore State School
Benowa High School
Biggera Waters State School
Broadbeach State School
Burleigh Heads State School
Caningeraba State School
Clover Hill State School
Coastal Charisma
Coolangatta State School
Coomera Anglican College
Currumbin State School
Elanora Primary School
Emmanuel College
Foxwell State Secondary College
Gainsborough State School
Gilston State School
Griffith University
Guardian Angels Primary School
Helensvale State High School
Highland Reserve State School
Hillcrest Christian College
John Paul College
Keebra Park State High School
King's Christian College (Reedy Creek)
Livingstone Christian College
MacGregor State High School
Merrimac State School
Miami State School
Ormeau Woods SHS
Palm Beach Currumbin SHS
Palm Beach State School
Park Lake State School
Picnic Creek State School
Pimpama State School
Reddam House
Robina State School
Saint Stephen's College
Silkwood School
Somerset College
Southport State High School
Southport State School
St Andrews Lutheran College
St Hildas School
St Michael's College
Surfers Paradise State School
Tallebudgera State School
Tamborine Mountain State School
The Southport School
The Southport School Preparatory
Upper Coomera State College
Varsity College
Worongary State School



BANDS

A.B. Paterson College
All Saints Anglican School
Aquinas College
Arundel State School
Bakers Vale S
Ashmore State School
Bellevue Park State School
Benowa High School
Biggera Waters State School
Broadbeach State School
Burleigh Heads State School
Caningeraba State School
Clover Hill State School
Coolangatta State School
Coomera Rivers State School
Currumbin State School
Currumbin Valley State School
Elanora SHS
Elanora State School
Emmanuel Anglican College, Ballina
Emmanuel College
Foxwell State Secondary College
Gainsborough State School
Gaven State School
Gilston State School
Gold Coast Christian College
Guardian Angels Primary School
Helensvale State High School
Helensvale State School
Hillcrest Christian College
Keebra Park State High School
King's Christian College (Reedy Creek)
King's Christian College Pimpama
MacGregor State School
Merrimac State School
Miami State High School
Miami State School
Mount Gravatt SHS
Mudgeeraba Creek State School
Mudgeeraba State School
Nerang State High School
Ormeau State School
Ormeau Woods SHS
Oxenford State School
Pacific Pines State High School
Palm Beach Currumbin SHS
Palm Beach State School
Park Lake State School
Picnic Creek State School
Pimpama State School
Pimpama State Secondary College
Queensland Academy of Health Sciences
Robina State High School
Robina State School
Saint Stephen's College
Silkwood State School
Somerset College
Southport Special School
Southport State High School
Southport State School
St Hildas School
Studio Empire
Surfers Paradise State School
Tallebudgera State School
Tamborine Mountain State School
The Southport School
The Southport School Preparatory
Varsity College
Worongary State School



Schools Involved in GCE 2023

DANCE STUDIOS

5th Element Dance
Academy Dance Studios
Academy of dance and hip hop
Academy of Dance Excellence
Amanda Bollinger Dance Academy
B.O.K School of Dance
Brisbane Academy of Dance
Club Dynamite
Dance Artistry Academy
DANCE FORCE
DANCE TECH
Danielle's Studio of Dance
Extreme Dance Studios
Hervey Bay Dance School
Hong Chinese Dance Studio
Ikin Dance
KC's School of Dance
Kidz-N-Co Talent
King's Dance
LAUNCH PAC
Let's Bollywood Dance School
LOYALTY DANCE CO
Movements Academy of Dance
NAPA
Queensland Dance Centre
Queensland World Dance Academy
Retro Dance Divas
Sheridan's Studio 1
Signature Dance
Stage Door Academy
Sunshine Coast Conservatory of Dance
The Dance Department
The Dance Dept Creative Studios
The League Studios
UNIVERSAL DANCE COMPANY