

The Mòd 1998

Altogether, more than thirty people competed in the 1998 Mòd, from beginning students— one under the age of ten—to fluent speakers. Not all walked away with medals, but all, in a bigger sense, were winners. Ceud taing to those who made the 11th annual Mòd Naiseanta Aimeireagaidh an outstanding event.

Mail-in Gaelic Prose Awards

The Dr. John (Iain) Cameron Awards are presented for excellence in Gaelic prose. The late Dr. Cameron, a native of Kingussie, Scotland, was the founder of ACGA.

Children's Special Award

Anlara Ailis MacKenzie (MD)

Beginner Level

First place: Harry MacKenzie (MD)

Second place: Lorna McLeod (DC)

Second place: Sharon Kestrel (CO)

Third place: Glenn Blauvelt (CO)

Intermediate Level

First place: Susan Hendrix (CO)

Second place: Michelle J. LaFrance (DC)

Third place: Graham Kelly (NY)

Third place: Debbie Brewin-Wilson (NJ)

Advanced Level

First place: Glenn Wrightson (CO)

Second place: Rod Mitchell (DC)

Third place: Mary Gillies Swope (DC)

Gaelic Songs

Slow Airs and Lullabys, Women

First place: Jana Blue

Second place: Janie O'Brien

Third place: Faith Dyson

Fourth place: Kate Herr

Slow Airs and Lullabys, Men

First place: James MacDonald

Second place: Rodrick Mitchell

Third place: William Cassidy

Fourth place: Nicholas Freer

Work Songs

First place: James MacDonald

Second place: Jana Blue

Third place: Rodrick Mitchell

Puirt a Beul

First place: Janie O'Brien

Second place: William Cassidy

Third place: Beatrix Whitehall

Fourth place: Nicholas Freer

Final Songs and Overall Ranking, Women

First place: Jana Blue

Second place: Janie O'Brien

Third place: Faith Dyson

Final Songs and Overall Ranking, Men

First place: James MacDonald

Second place: Rodrick Mitchell

Third place: William Cassidy

Gaelic Poetry Recitation

First place: Rodrick Mitchell

Second place: Mary Gillies Swope

Special Awards

Sabhal Mór Ostaig Scholarship

Presented by the Gaelic College on Skye to the outstanding prose student:
Glenn Wrightson

The Edinburgh Crystal Decanter

Presented by Donald F. MacDonald, co-founder of the ACGA Mòd for poetry recitation, First place:
Rodrick Mitchell

The Argyll Educational Society Award

Presented to the prose and poetry overall combined scores winner:
Roderick Mitchell

The S.C.O.T.S. Shield

Presented by the Scottish Club of the Twin States – Vermont and New Hampshire to the women's
slow song first place winner:
Jana Blue

The McComb Shield

Presented by Mr. and Mrs Richard McComb to the men's slow song first place winner:
James MacDonald

The Marietta MacLeod Quaich

Presented in memory of the Gaelic singer by her husband Donald F. MacDonald and her sister,
Gaelic singer Kitty MacLeod to the women's overall combined solo singing scores winner:
Jana Blue

The Herbert P. MacNeal Memorial Award

Presented by the Clan MacNeil Society to the men's overall combined solo singing scores winner:
James MacDonald

The Lewis Highland Dancing Society Trophy/Leòdhas agus na Hearadh Award

Presented for best performance of a song from the Lewis and Harris traditions:
Rodrick Mitchell

Duais Iain Mhic Mhurchaidh

Special award for the best original poem in Gaelic:
Michelle J. LaFrance