DANCE CLUB 2016/2017

DanceSoc has once again had an extremely successful year. This year our club has continued to grow with a large intake of freshers bumping our membership up to 278 members. This year we have been able to run 22 different classes over a range of 12 styles at beginner, intermediate and advanced while offering additional workshops with industry professionals including Joan Clevillé Dance, BalletLORENT, Verve and Paul and Pamela Distefano.

We have also expanded our range of DanceSoc events! We created a new 601 Club night for the arts “Siren”, which was brilliantly received by the St Andrews Arts community. As well as running socials and Sinners as usual, we hosted an after show party for Kaleidoscope, a lovely Christmas Dinner at Bibi’s and an Awards Dinner at the British Golf Museum to celebrate a fabulous year of DanceSoc! During the Alumni Weekend, we celebrated 10 years of Blue Angels with an anniversary dinner at the wonderful Cottage Kitchen and also organised a 24 Hour Choreography Challenge. Also new this year was the very first DanceSoc tour to Malaga; 21 members travelled to Spain to enjoy the sun, sites and learn some beautiful flamenco dancing too! We also supported three On The Rocks shows this year (two financially), all of which were a success and gave members further opportunities to perform.
As part of DanceSoc we are extremely proud of our competitive dance team The Blue Angels, and our highland demonstration team, Highland Fusion, who have both had a highly successful year. Highland Fusion were new to the society this year and what a year it has been. From receiving their own class time in the schedule they have been able to focus on "cool, hip Highland" choreography and leave the traditional dances to the taught classes. With choreography to a wide variety of music; from a bagpipe cover of ‘Faith’ to Catherine Zeta-Jones’ cover of ‘Hit Me With Your Best Shot’ they have performed at various shows throughout the year. However, the highlight was the fact that they had a chance to put on our very own show: A Touch of Tartan as part of On The Rocks. One year in and ‘Highland Fusion’ are going strong; this year has been a great foundation for the bigger and better things to come.

Furthermore, this year the Blue Angels Dance Team turned ten years old. To celebrate ten years the team worked to have their most successful year yet through competitions and showing St Andrews dance through their Winter Showcase, Spring Gala, and many performances for societal events around town. The team attended four competitions across the nation winning a total of 30 trophies including ‘Best Overall University’ at the University of Loughborough’s Dance Competition, the largest inter-university competition in the UK. Furthermore, our Spring Gala entitled ‘A Decade of Dance' was a sell-out.

Finally, the year drew to its conclusion with our popular end of year annual show at the Byre theatre was titled Kaleidoscope - What does dance mean to you? Through this we created a vibrant creative show, which documented why we all love to dance and what it meant to each choreographer and dancer, which unites us in DanceSoc. The show was highly successful and the second night sold out which was incredible.