

Manx Folk Awards Review 2025

Aundyryn Kiaull-Theay Vannin 2025



Over 1300
entries
5 days

97 classes

12 choirs

29 schools

363 dancers

575 singers

21 harpists

15 adjudicators

9 brass &
woodwind players

& 2 organisers....



With grateful thanks to Kensington Arts, Trinity Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Hall & Royal Chapel Hall and the Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust. And to Paul Boulton and Caitlin Bennett. Gura mie eu.

Friday 21st KEYSTAGE 1	Sunday 23rd SECONDARY	Monday 24th KEYSTAGE 2	Tuesday 25th KEYSTAGE 2
Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust FolkTastic Winner: Buchan Pre Prep School Choir	Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust FolkTastic Winner: Resa Brown	Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust FolkTastic Winner: Arbory School	Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust FolkTastic Winner: Cronk y Berry School

The children and staff work so hard to get ready for the Folk Awards and there is such a lovely buzz in the run up to the event.

We were made to feel really welcome at the Kensington Arts – what a fabulous venue.

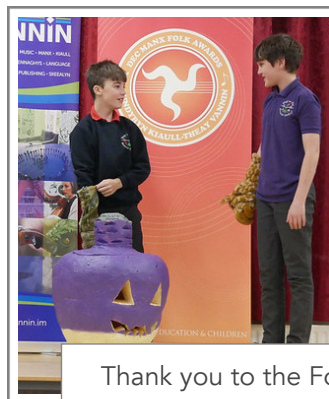
Thank you so much for all your help and support over the past years, I feel like I have come a long way from the first time you came to help me muster up something that could be an arrangement. Our large folk group at school is as dishevelled as ever and my conducting doesn't look any less odd, but super pleased the children are so committed and excited about it!

The folk awards take so much organisation, Chloë and SisterJo do an absolutely amazing job pulling it all together. It's such a wonderful, supportive event to showcase children's talent and hard work.

It was the best surprise to get the FolkTastic Award, so proud of where we have come with folk music at Arbory!

Thank you very much. The children loved the experience and for many of them it was their first competition experience.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you and congratulate you all on the Manx Folk Awards. They have clearly grown and grown and the standard of performances today was outstanding.



Thank you to the Folk Awards organisers for creating such a relaxed performance opportunity for the children



The experience has been immensely rewarding, allowing students to develop their confidence, refine their skills and deepen their appreciation for Manx culture.



Really positive and fair adjudication done in a lovely relaxed environment.



2025 Manx Folk Dance Society Special Prize

The Manx Folk Dance Society gives awards for the best solo dancer in key stage 1,2 & 3. Manx dance adjudicator Rachel Clarkson, has been a member of the MFDS for a number of years and was instrumental in arranging the new award. This year's winners were Kitty Kilgallon (KS1), Millie Harrison (KS2) & Lowenna Joughin (KS3). Rachel said she particularly liked the progression she could see as the dancers came up through the age groups. Special thanks to Rachel for her adjudication over 3 days!

