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**Alexandra Lo Sardo from
the Royal Danish Ballet**

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Barbara Sharples International Choreographers Award 2014



The winning group "Tsunami" choreographer, Aileen Coffey

Manchester's Dance House Theatre was the excellent venue for the prestigious Barbara Sharples International Choreographers Award now in its 4th year. This Award aims to develop and encourage the talent of young aspiring Choreographers but of course we enjoy their innovation by watching their young performers from aged 10 years to adults. Miss Jane Tumelty, President of the IDTA, was our friendly and elegant compere whose first words were "Hello, good evening" and Jane was correct, it was a very good evening.

The theatre was full of excitement and anticipation as parents, grandparents, friends and professionals awaited 16 International Teams competing for the £1000 prize but more valuable - the 2014 title. Each team had previously submitted DVDs and

successfully auditioned earning a place in this final which was adjudicated by the Organising Committee (demonstrating their commitment and obvious joy derived from this promotion of talent). Barbara, who is the current President of the Theatre Dance Council International, was accompanied by the Producer David Lee (now having more than 200 productions under his Directorship) who may not only have been judging the choreography but also seeking potential performers for his forthcoming shows. The judging panel was completed by the experienced Geoff Lucas, whose career has taken him performing through a long list of top West End Shows before turning to productions.

The well-deserved WINNER was Aileen Coffey from Cork, Eire, with her performance 'Tsunami'. 21 boys and girls aged between 15 & 19 flooded the stage with wonderful technique, imagination and entertainment. One young lady standing on the shoulders of her colleagues as they performed literally took this to new heights.

Close runner up was Nazene Langfield from Liverpool with 'Beneath You're Beautiful' who possibly received the loudest applause from the audience. Nazene consistently produces mesmerizing material perfectly performed by her 12 boy and girl team expressing the title so aptly – it was beautiful.

Charlotte Liddle from Newcastle secured 3rd place with 'Trapped', a Modern/Contemporary thought provoking production by beautiful young dancers aged between 12 & 21 years.



Runner up group "Beneath you're beautiful" choreographer Nazene Langfield



3rd Place "Trapped" choreographer Charlotte Liddle

Each of the 16 performances brought something different to the stage, raw talent, dedication, musicality, story-telling, costume, makeup, colour and an amazing desire to 'Perform' all displaying the excellent work given by these young 'Choreographers' in each display, which is what this evening was about, the entire show collectively confirmed what fabulous young talent we all witnessed here tonight and congratulations to you all.

The evening was completed by 3 young Cabaret Artists..... Ebony Kitts (TDCI British Senior Tap Champion) oozing confidence making challenging Tap combinations look easy. Connor Williams (IDTA Theatre Craft Grades Winner) demonstrating his strength with suppleness and Hollie Jane Woodhouse (Miss Dance of Great Britain 2014) with yet again a faultless performance with flair enforcing that Hollie has an extremely promising future.

I was delighted to be an invited guest along with many prestigious Professionals some who had travelled over 3 hours each way to be there. That's dedication to our Profession.



Barbara Sharples with dancers of the winning group

A truly exceptional evening, well organized by Miss Barbara Sharples and her hard working team, may this event continue to recognize the talent of our young aspiring 'Choreographers'

Carol Parry, General Secretary, Allied Dancing Association Limited



Geoff Lucas adjudicator, Annie Barry deputising for Aileen Coffey, Barbara Sharples adjudicator, Jane Tumelty compere and host and David Lee adjudicator.

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