

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Provincial Rhythmic Championships & Rhythmic Gymnaestrada**

Saskatchewan's Rhythmic gymnasts gathered in Prince Albert on April 26<sup>th</sup> to determine Provincial Championship titles in Provincial and National level individual and group performances. Athletes from Yorkton Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, Wascana Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (Regina), and Club Aurora Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (Prince Albert) took part.

The top provincial athlete and group were awarded as the top performers of the day; Jee Hee Suh of Wascana Rhythmics in Regina performed three great routines to win the Marta Kroupa Award as Top Provincial Athlete of the championships. The Wascana Provincial Senior Duo of Emma Power and Sarah Laroque were awarded the Victoria Buriana Memorial Provincial Group Trophy as the Top Provincial Group of the championships. Jennifer Levasseur and Sarah-Jane Laxdal were awarded the Nadia Mihaylova Award for the Top National Group; Levasseur was also the recipient of the Top National Individual performer, the Victoria Buriana Memorial Trophy.

The evening finished with a Gymnaestrada performance of 40 performances. Gymnaestrada means "gala showcase", and groups perform intricate routines with apparatus of their choice. Provincial Gymnaestrada is an annual event where "Mass Routines" are performed for a one-time performance of the year. Clubs learn the mass routine choreography on their own, and then come together to perform the routine together in a mass display of athleticism, artistry, and unity. Clubs participating in the Gymnaestrada included Prairie Ribbons Gymnastics Club (Saskatoon), North Valley Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (Neudorf), Regina Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, and Wascana Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (Regina).

### **2008 Provincial Rhythmic Championships Results:**

#### **Marta Kroupa Award - Top Provincial Athlete**

Jee Hee Suh (Wascana, Regina)

#### **Victoria Buriana Memorial Provincial Group Trophy - Top Provincial Group**

Emma Power and Sarah Laroque (Wascana Provincial Senior Duo)

#### **Victoria Buriana Memorial Trophy – Top National Athlete**

Jennifer Levasseur (Wascana, Regina)

#### **Nadia Mihaylova Award - Top National Group**

Jennifer Levasseur and Sarah-Jane Laxdal (Wascana National Senior Duo)

### **Provincial Championships Results**

#### **Level 2A**

1. Brittney Hanson, Wascana
2. Rene Czemes, Wascana
3. Jessica Fisher, Wascana

#### **Level 3A**

1. Jasmine Zhang, Wascana
2. Tayte Zelowsky, Aurora
3. Telyn Marris, Aurora

#### **Level 3B**

1. Adeena Cox

Level 4A

1. Chantal Dubroy, Aurora
2. Darienne Nikolaisen, Aurora
3. Selina Siwy, Aurora

Level 4B

1. Taylor Lekach, Wascana
2. Davlynn Pedrick, Wascana
3. Alison Wu, Wascana
4. Aadyn Oleksyn, Aurora
5. Samantha Siwy, Aurora

Level 5A

1. Emma Power, Wascana
2. Shalyn Fisher, Yorkton
3. Melanie Dubray, Aurora

Level 5B

1. Jee Hee Suh, Wascana
2. Victoria Manning, Wascana

Level 6A

1. Sarah Laroque, Wascana

Level 6B

1. Ginette Bishop, Wascana
2. Rachel Krauss, Aurora

Senior National Level 9

1. Jennifer Levasseur, Wascana

Pre-Novice Duet

1. Wascana Duo - Rene Czemerer, Tara Czemerer

Novice Duo or Trio

1. Wascana Duo – Davlynn Pedrick, Alison Wu
2. Yorkton Trio – Tessa Datema, Stephanie Sturtz, Megan Varga

Novice Group of 4 or 5

1. Wascana Group (4) – Adeena Cox, Brittney Hanson, Taylor Lekach, Jessica Fisher
2. Aurora Group (5) – Aadyn Oleksyn, Selina Siwy, Samantha Siwy, Tayte Zelowsky, Darienne Nikolaisen

Senior Duet

1. Wascana Duo – Emma Power, Sarah Laroque

National Senior Duo

1. Wascana – Sarah-Jane Laxdal, Jennifer Levasseur



***Jee Hee Suh, recipient of the Marta Kroupa Award (2008), performs her Ball routine***

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***Provincial Mass Hoop Routine  
2008 Performance***