



Early Festival Successes

Within seven months of the launch of her school, Julie entered their first Festival - Kingston Festival of Dance in November 1983. The students who entered were Alison Brown (Yes - Miss Alison!), Tamsin Sessions, Teri Wheeler, and Claire Fordham. Alison, Tamsin and Teri won the school's first ever Festival Gold Medal, with their Modern Trio - 'Star Wars Trio'.

They continued to compete successfully in festivals, winning their first Gold medal at the All England National Finals in 1991. Sarah Lock took gold in the 12 Yrs Character solo section and Emma Kelly & Sarah Lock won gold in the 12 Yrs Ballet Duet Section. Competing amongst many well established schools, it was clear that the Julie Sianne School of Dancing had firmly established itself on the dance map.

From this time on, the school continued to compete successfully at the All England Finals held every two years. In 1999 the Press reported on their successes at the Finals where they took a record 32 Medals including 8 Golds.

However, since then, the school has gone on to beat their own record. Can you guess in which year they surpassed this medal count and how many Golds it included?



Teri Wheeler, Alison Brown, & Tamsin Sessions with their Gold Medals for their Modern Trio 'Star Wars Trio'



Emma Kelly and Sarah Lock. Winning U12 Ballet Duet at the All England Dance Finals, 1991



Sarah Lock Winning U12 Character All England Dance Finals 1991

ROUND the CLASSES

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Clean sweep for local youngsters

TALENTED young dancers from the Julie Sianne School of Dancing, Bedford, made a clean sweep at the recent Kingston Music Festival, winning all the ballet, jazz, plus cups for tap, Greek dance, song and dance, and character dance. They also carried off the coveted teachers' shield for top school at the festival.

Our picture (top right) shows the three 11 year olds who won the Junior Classical Trio Cup. They are, from left, Lara McAllen and Lisa Cross, both from Slough and Susannah Sharp, from Bletchley. The group photo shows the entire winning...

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Dancers prove they're the tops

A BYFLEET dancing school has established itself as the best in England. Carrying off a record 32 medals at the finals of the All England Dance Competition in London, the Julie Sianne School of Dancing's national reputation is gaining strength.

Eight of the medals were gold, won by Lauren Varadhan, 10, and Amy-Beth Gomez, 12, Ashley-Claire Goddard, 12, Laura Sharp, 11, Samantha Hale, 14, Caroline Blackley, 15, Joanna Kopley, 16 and Chantelle Aglie, 16.

In addition to the eight golds, the school won six silver and 18 bronze medals, covering ballet, modern, Greek, character, tap, song and dance disciplines and were for solos, duets, trios, quartets and groups.

Record Golds at AED Finals 1999