MISS TRIXIE HARDY

CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

Nominated by: Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie & District

Trixie Hardy Dance Studio Parents Association

Miss Hardy has dedicated the last 50 years to dance in our community.

- Her commitment and enthusiasm has raised the art of dance to an extremely high level of accomplishment
- Dancers from Sault Ste. Marie perform and compete internationally, achieving high honours and recognition
- ❖ At age 12 she joined her parents as a professional dancer and became one of five British Association Dance Examiners in Canada

Our community has benefited enormously from the high quality of dance performance here. Young people are encouraged to attempt careers in dance, performing or teaching. Seven local dance schools are owned and operated by Miss Hardy's former students. The Northern Lights Dance Festival that she began, and still organizes, has 500 entries annually, with schools participating from across the province.

- ❖ Active on various boards and organizations including the Kiwanis Music Festival, Musical Comedy Guild and Community Theatre Centre;
- ❖ She has directed many large scale musical productions, and productions for children, with proceeds going to assist arts and performing activities in the community;
- Served as an Adjudicator to out-of-town festivals, and her expertise has been called upon by other communities for assistance;
- ❖ She is known throughout the community as a tireless worker for the cause of dance and music; current and former students hold her in awe and affection.