
Death of our Founder, Stanley Hawkins

The final decision of our 2010-2011 season was to establish a new bursary in memory of our Founder Stanley Hawkins.

Stanley had passed away on 20 September. Members were reminded of the wonderful valedictory written by Michael Broderick, our Associate Vice President and former Chairman which was published in our October 2011 newsletter and the January 2012 edition of Dancing Times.

On hearing of Stanley's passing the LBC Committee immediately resolved to establish a bursary in his memory. Allison was particularly inspired by a reference made during his funeral service to Stanley's love of his Welsh heritage. As a result the committee decided to build into his memorial a Welsh connection.

Allison welcomed Patricia Vallis, Development Officer of Welsh Ballet who was delighted to tell the meeting about the new award that had been created. To be given the title of the Stanley Hawkins Bursary and reflecting Stanley's Welsh heritage The London Ballet Circle would offer a bursary to a student to attend Welsh Ballet/Ballet Cymru Riverfront Summer Dance Advanced Ballet course. Initially, the commitment would be for 3 years but it was hoped this would become a perpetual award and would be offered on an annual basis. The 2012 award would be valued at £500 and be offered to a student who had the innovative ability to create narrative ballets and be unlikely to be able to take part in the course without LBC's support. The student would be selected by Ballet Cymru's Director, Darius James. Patricia Vallis concluded by expressing the company's delight and gratitude to the London Ballet Circle.

Allison then pointed out several miniature paintings by Stanley on display in the room which his family had very kindly offered for sale during the evening. All monies from the sale of the paintings would go towards financing his award if members would like to make any purchase.
