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Comox Valley Schools dominate Canadian Improv Games

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – Comox Valley Schools dominated the Canadian Improv Games with Highland’s team “Technically...It’s improv” winning the senior competition for the first time. SD 71 schools also won the junior competition for students in Grades 7-10, with the “Senior Junior” team from Isfeld and Vanier’s junior team the Awkward Elbows tying for first place overall.

“These kids worked hard through one of the longest, strangest years in theatre,” said Highland Secondary drama teacher Lisa Williams. The pandemic has taught us to be innovative and commit to each other in such a big way.”

Comox Valley Schools teams have worked hard to maintain their craft with all the recent uncertainty and long periods of time with no audiences. Each team played four out of a possible five events - each of which emphasizes a specific skill while all events emphasize the skills needed in improv.

Senior First Place Winners – Highland–Technically... It’s Improv

- Olivia Parsons
- Ava Bayers
- Owen Valmorbida
- Nicolas Costantino

Junior First Place Winners (Tied) – Isfeld – Senior Juniors

- Ellie McNamee
- Cleo Dawson
- Kayleigh McDonald
- Carter McIlsac
- Aryn Baker
- Neve Fioravanti

Junior First Place Winners (Tied) – Vanier – Awkward Elbows

- Sae Matsui,
- Olly Gadsby-Jones,
- Emily Joy, Kira Parkin,
- Vivian Mills,

- Jordyn Wallace-Patterson
- Sonja Mellstrom

Several other Comox Valley Schools teams also had very strong showings. Vanier's senior team "The Element of Surprise" placed third in the senior tournament and Isfeld's senior team came in fourth place. Isfeld's "Junior Junior" team finished in fourth place. The junior team called "Punk-tuation" from Vanier placed in fifth and a senior entry from Vanier called "Argh the Single Mateys" came in sixth place.

The Canadian Improv Games is a nation-wide Improv tournament that has worked hard to continue to offer students the opportunity to develop and create throughout the last couple years despite the pandemic. This year - for the Hybrid tournaments - the events were recorded and sent in to be assessed by judges from across Canada.

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See attached backgrounder with pictures

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BACKGROUNDER

Pictures are courtesy Josh Langhorn and Lisa Williams

Senior 1st Place: Highland Secondary - Technically... It's Improv

Team members:

Olivia Parsons

Ava Bayers

Owen Valmorbida

Nicolas Costantino



Junior 1st Place (Tied): Isfeld Secondary – Senior Juniors Team

Team members:

Ellie McNamee

Cleo Dawson

Kayleigh McDonald

Carter McIssac

Aryn Baker

Neve Fioravanti



Junior 4th Place: Isfeld Secondary – Team Junior Juniors

Team members:

Jaxon Rose

Kael Pare

Ruby Williams

Maria Faux

Aliana Merrillee

Blue Heinrich

Rhapsody Spruitt



Senior 4th Place: Isfeld Secondary – Senior Team

Team members:

Ava Lariviere

Ellie McNamee

Blue Heinrich

Monet Ghinnis

Josephine Boyd

Cleo Dawson

Carter Mclsaac

Lili Sue Johnson



Junior 1st Place (Tied): Vanier Secondary – Awkward Elbows

Team members:

Sae Matsui, Olly Gadsby-Jones, Emily Joy, Kira Parkin, Vivian Mills, Jordyn Wallace-Patterson

Lying down Sonja Mellstrom



Senior 3rd Place: Vanier Secondary - The Element of Surprise

Team members:

Delfina Sokil-Carron, Connor Haut, Celine D. Peters, David Poelvoorde, Taite Marcoux, Cain Tipton, Graham Lee, Loki Tipton



Senior 6th Place: Vanier Secondary – Argh the Single Mateys

Team members:

Olly Gadsby-Jones, Curtis Anderson, Liam Scoville, Emma Mulhall, Howie Shaw, Keira Braniff, Jocelyn Van Giesen, Rosie Wood



Senior 5th Place: Vanier Secondary – Punk-tuation

Team members:

Grayson Collins, Imogen Ignatiuk, Sebastian Dicus, Freya Mellstrom, Callie Pratt, Jesse Hatch, Sadie MacPherson, Keira Braniff

