

## **BETTY SUTHERLAND BIO**

**Betty Sutherland was born (and still lives) in Alexandria, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland where she attended dance classes given by sisters Jessie and Agnes Stewart (Mrs Haggarty). She trained in all genres of dance provided by the sisters eventually concentrating on Highland dance.**

**Opening her own dance school in Dumbarton success soon followed, winning many competition and championships including a World title, in both Stage and Highland.**

**Betty is a Fellow and Examiner of the Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance and has served in all divisions of their Highland Branch. She was elected to represent the membership on the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing and was the HB convenor for many years. She has been President of the Alliance from the years 2000 – 2003 and again from 2010 – 2014. Being an Examiner with the Alliance has given Betty the opportunity to travel widely. Visiting the United States, South Africa, Japan, Holland, Australia and Canada on numerous occasions.**

**She is an adjudicator on the Scottish Official Board world-wide panel of judges, presently serving on the SOBHD Technical and Judges committees. In 2007 she was elected an Independent Member and in 2017 was honoured to be awarded the prestigious Atholl Clasp.**