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Dancers on a high

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Think you have real rhythm? Test your skills at the school putting Dubai on the highland dancing map

Camel polo, dragon boat racing and skiing - just a few of the sports you can try your hand at in the city.

But if you're after a new challenge, why not see if you've got what it takes to be a highland dancer?

Highland Dance Dubai, the group putting the city on the traditional form of Scottish dancing map, recently paid for an examiner to fly out to grade their students in the highland dancing exams - the first time they've been held in the UAE, and possibly even in the Middle East.

The group is now appealing for new members - young or old - to come along and try their hand at the unusual and lively form of athletic solo dancing.

Carissa Crowley from Highland Dance Dubai says the group is making waves in the dance world: "What the exams represent is that the students here are not just dancing at functions, but are becoming certified by Scotland - which means the UAE is becoming a new destination for highland dancing around the world!"

"One of our students, Maddie Smith, just returned from Scotland where she entered several competitions. This is a huge achievement as the competitions are very international standard, with dancers coming from all over the world.

"She wore our uniform, with the Highland Dance Dubai logo at the competitions in Scotland and several people approached the examiner who was on her way here and told her that they had seen a highland dancer from Dubai!"

Classes are open to all ages and take place at Greenfield Community School. For more information, call 050 765 8007 or visit highlanddancedubai.com.

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