

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, April 13, 2018

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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We've got a lot of performances coming up. Please sign up for as many as you're able. Performances in and outside of the Celtic Junction Arts Center really help bring visibility and vitality to our school. Looking forward to seeing you at these performances!

Apr 14 – **CANCELLED** Feis preparation Hair Workshop and Solo Dress Exchange. **NO OPEN STUDIO.**

Apr 21 – Feis preparation Hair Workshop and Solo Dress Exchange – 9:30 am to 11:30 am at CJAC.

Apr 22 – **Performance Opportunity** – Irish Arts Week Children's Fair at CJAC. [Form/rubric available here.](#)

Apr 28 – Minneapolis Feis. Register at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com). (late fees now apply)

Apr 29 – OID Feis. Register at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) (late fees now apply)

Festival of Nations **performances.** [Form/rubric available here.](#) Open to Intermediate I and up.

- May 4 – 11 am (kids); 1 pm (teens); 9:45 pm (adults/teens)
- May 5 – 11 am (kids); 2 pm (teens)
- May 6 – 5:15 pm (adults/teens)

May 19 – 1:25 pm – **Performance Opportunity:** World Fest in Blaine. Save the date. [Form/rubric available here.](#)

May 19 – 4 pm and 5:15 pm – OID Spring Recital. **Save the date!** Intermediate/KII Showcase **performance** [form/rubric available here.](#) Tickets coming soon.

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## Celebrate April Birthdays!

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Happy Birthday to the following O'Shea dancers with April birthdays:

Luciana Byron	Meghan Harcus	MollyRose McCarthy
Errol Caines	Anna Hester	Roisin Mullan
Emlyn Childs	Bea Holterhaus	Jadyn Ogborn
Margaret Dobie	Bridget Kane	Emily Salter
London Donohoe	Molly Kane	Kaitlin Schirmer
Anna Fini	Isla Kiel	Allie Schmitzer
Kara Fini	Meghan Lamb	Maddy Shaback
Katie Gaughan	Ayuna Lamb-Hickson	Siobhan Sullivan
Katie Glazer	Jocelyn Leafblad	Lailana Vandermeuse-Siteki

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## For Dancers/Families Going to Orlando for Nationals

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IDPA is selling Gerten's gift cards in the quantities of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Your dancer will earn 15% of each card sold. So if you just sell 10 \$100 gift cards, you get \$150 towards your Orlando expenses! The cards don't expire and make great gifts for Mother's Day, birthdays, etc. Talk to your family/friends and encourage them to support your dancer on their way to Nationals! Next Deadlines:

- Apr 19 with delivery to OID on Apr 23
- May 3 with delivery to OID on May 7



Please collect money when order is placed. Order sheet attached. Checks can be made out to IDPA. IDPA will write you a "rebate check" once your order is processed. Turn all orders and money in at kiosk. Contact Heidi Shaback with questions ([heidi.shaback@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.shaback@gmail.com) or 651.245.1985)

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## Coming Up at CJAC – [More Info Here](#)

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### Introduction to speaking the Irish language for young learners (12-18yrs), April 7 - May 26



Children and young learners will learn to speak Irish in a structured yet immersive listening/speaking style. The instructor will supply a booklet of exercises and readings for students. Taught by Lavina Finnerty.

*Lavinia Finnerty, a native speaker from the Connemara Gaeltacht, has taught Irish in secondary school in Ireland and, more recently, to adult learners in San Francisco. She has also prepared learners for the European Pass for Irish/Certificate in Proficiency.*

### Kick Off Day for Irish Arts Week, April 21

Join us for part or all of the day as we celebrate the first full day of Irish Arts Week! Seven events nestled inside the CJAC including: a play, two educational talks, an unusual Irish class, an IGSI panel, the Welcome Reception with Justin Dolan, Vice Consul, from the Consulate General of Ireland-Chicago, and a family céilí dance. Four of these events are FREE!

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## Important Links

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[www.osheairishdance.com](http://www.osheairishdance.com) OID **public** webpage.

<http://damhsa.osheairishdance.com/> This is the private OID school page for school members only.

<https://www.facebook.com/OIDance/> OID public Facebook page.

[O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Majors Competitions Group \(Closed\)](#) For our students, parents and families that are at the Majors level and compete at Nationals, Worlds and Oireachtas.

[O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Dancers and Families Announcements and Activities](#) For OID fams & caregivers.

[O'Shea Irish Dance on Instagram](#) Follow OID on Instagram as [osheairishdance](#).

[O'Shea Irish Dance on Hulafrog](#). OID's page on this website focused on local events for kids.

[www.idpamn.org](http://www.idpamn.org) The Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) website.

[Irish Dance Parent Association](#). The IDPA Facebook page

Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.