

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, April 20, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

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 21 – OPEN STUDIO from 10 am to Noon.

Apr 21 – Feis preparation **Hair Workshop** 9:30 am to 10:15 am and **Solo Dress Exchange** 10:15 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. (late fees now apply) NO OPEN STUDIO

Apr 29 – OID Feis. Register at www.feisworx.com (late fees now apply)

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

- May 4 - 11 am (Primary II/Intermediate); 1 pm (Advanced/KII); 9:45 pm (Adults/KII)
- May 5 - 11 am (Primary II/Intermediate); 2 pm (Advanced/KII)
- May 6 - 5:15 pm (Adults/KII)

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.](#) Link for tickets coming soon!

May 21 through May 24 – **Bring a Friend to Class Week!** – For preschool, pre-beginner, beginner, primary I primary II classes. Dance instruction with your friend and some fun games too.

For Dancers/Families Going to Orlando for Nationals

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! **Only one more opportunity remaining for this fundraiser:**

- 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 or 651.245.1985)



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

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 Lavinia 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!



Irish Arts Week Children's Fair (for young people 2-12ish) April 22, 1-3pm.

Dancing! Music! Storytime! Fun to be had by all! Know any littles and their families who are interested in Irish dance, heritage, and culture? Spread the word! This event is free and open to the public. Hosted by the Celtic Junction Arts Center in collaboration with O'Shea Irish Dance, Center for Irish Music, Eoin McKiernan Library, Irish Fair of Minnesota, Irish Music and Dance Association, Irish Dance Parents Association and the Minnesota Feis.

Important Links

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 The Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) website.

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

Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.