

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, Mar 30, 2018

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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Apr 7 – Open Studio – 10 am to Noon – **Make the most of the end of OID Spring Break!**

Apr 9 – Classes Resume. Look for a Welcome Back letter from Natalie & Cormac this weekend!

Apr 28 – Minneapolis Feis. Register at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com). - [Volunteer for Minneapolis Feis](#)

Apr 29 – OID Feis. Register at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) - [Volunteer for OID Feis](#)

Festival of Nations performances. [Form/rubric available here](#).

- 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 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!**



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### What's Up at Worlds?

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*Congratulations to Evan  
who placed 5<sup>th</sup>  
at Worlds in Glasgow!*

*Thanks to Jason (9<sup>th</sup>), Sophie, Molly,  
Molly, and Evan (5<sup>th</sup>). Way to  
represent! We're proud of you!*



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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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**2018**  
BLIAIN NA  
Gaeilge

### Féile na Gaeilge, April 7

Irish Language Day at The Junction! For beginners to fluent speakers, join us for fun and educational activities in recognition of the *Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 (Year of Irish)* created to celebrate the language and encourage the use of Irish in Ireland and abroad.

### 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.*



### Yoga with a Celtic Slant - FREE, April 7 at noon

Celebrate the Celtic Junction's Lá Gaeilge (Irish Language Day) with Yoga Gaelach (Yoga in Irish Gaelic). Limber up, improve your sláinte (health) and pick up cúpla focal (a few basic words of Irish) while you stretch and move through the poses. For all ages and abilities. *Please bring a mat if you have one.*

### 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.

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE CJAC HOPPING AGAIN NEXT WEEK!  
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY APR 13, 2018**