

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, August 10, 2018

## BEGINNERS FREE TRIAL WEEK - Aug 27 through Sept 1

We are holding classes for Preschool, Beginner, and Adult Beginner the week of August 27 for anyone wishing to try Irish Dance for the first time. Please spread the word and share with friends, family. Free trial class offerings are:

- Monday Preschool - Aug 27 from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
- Monday Beginner - Aug 27 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Preschool - Aug 29 from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Adult Soft Shoe - Aug 29 from 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday Beginner Sep 1 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

The Fall semester for these classes starts on September 10th but students enrolled in these classes are welcome to come to these classes and dance with potential new O'Shea students and friends!

## Upcoming Important Dates

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

- August 10 – August 12 – Irish Fair of Minnesota - See you tomorrow and Sunday!
- August 16 - St. Paul Saints Day - [Advanced/KII Form/Rubric here.](#)
- August 27 - Sep 1 - Free Trial Week for New Dancers
- August 27 - Classes resume for Primary and up
- September 3 - State Fair Day - [Advanced/KII Form/Rubric here.](#)
- September 8 - Mac/Groveland Fest - Save the date!
- October 6 - Hamline/Midway - Save the date!

No Saturday Open Studio for the rest of the summer.

## Upcoming Regional Feiseanna

More info and registration for these recommended upcoming regional feiseanna can be found [here](#).

- Aug 25 - Missouri State Championships (St. Louis)
- Aug 26 - Greater St. Louis Feis (St. Louis)
- Sept 1 - Kansas City Feis (Kansas City)
- Sept 2 - NEW FEIS: Heart of America Feis (Kansas City)
- Sept 29 - The Minnesota Feis (St. Paul)
- Sept 30 - The Saint Paul Autumn Feis (St. Paul)

**St. Paul Autumn Feis honors Áine O'Shea.** Registration is now open for the St. Paul Autumn Feis. As you're registering, please note that there is a Hornpipe Special dance in memory of Áine O'Shea. Registration proceeds for this dance will be sent to St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown in Dublin for the love and care they gave to Áine in her final days.

## Missing Shoes! Yikes!

Check your dance bags for other dancers' shoes. We are still missing a pair of size 1 wide hard shoe, and a single size 11 hard shoe. Remember to label your shoes so you're ready for Irish Fair.

## Congratulations Meghan Rice!

Congratulations to our only senior this year, Meghan Rice. After 11 years, Meghan was at class for the last time this week before she heads to Luther College (after Irish Fair!). Meghan, you're a star-- we wish you well! From Meghan:



*My favorite memory I have dancing at O'Shea is being a part of the Kickin' it Irish shows and the ceili teams. I have enjoyed working with my fellow dance friends to put on a successful show and place well at the Oireachtas and Nationals. I have also enjoyed all of the opportunities I have had to perform at many local events to spread the Irish cheer to so many people.*

*The number one piece of advice I would give to the younger dancers at O'Shea is to watch the older dancers or even youtube videos of champ dancers. You can learn a lot by watching how others place their feet, interact with a crowd and present themselves.*

*Next year, I will attend Luther College. I plan on studying Chemistry, Math and Spanish. I will also be participating in the dance program. With the dance program, I will have the opportunity to choreography new routines and collaborate with other departments of the school to put on a production surrounding a certain topic.*

## Our New Registration System

Cormac is continuing to send emails containing an invite to register for Fall classes on Class Bug, our new class registration system. Currently, we are sending invites only to those families who don't exceed the family maximum. We will be sending additional invites to those families that regularly hit the family maximum in the coming days.

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



### [2018 Family Fringe Festival, Aug 9-12](#)

There's more to this weekend than Irish Fair! The 2018 Family Fringe performances return to the Celtic Junction Arts Center August 9th through 12th. Audiences are encouraged to participate in free activities at 2018 Family Fringe Central, Can Can Wonderland and visit all Fringe hubs during the festival. More info [here](#).

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**SEE YOU ALL AT IRISH FAIR! CAN'T WAIT!  
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY AUGUST 17, 2018**