

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 19, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

OID IS CLOSED FOR MEA and HALLOWEEN

- Oct 20 - OID remains closed for MEA including Saturday Beginner class and open studio.
- Oct 22 - All classes resume.
- Oct 31 - No classes on Halloween. Trick or treat!

NOVEMBER COSTUMES - RETURN!

- Costumes, other than those needed by Oireachtas teams, will be returned in the month of November for inventorying, evaluation, and repair. Costume Day, where ALL costumes for 2018-19 will be distributed, is December 1.

ALL-SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY

- Dec 1 - 6 pm - 9:30 pm - OID FAMILY HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY with entertainment from Scottish Band **The GunnSlingers**. Come with an item to share as we celebrate the return of teams and solos from the Regional Championships! Join us to eat, dance and be merry. All OID dancers of any age/class and their families are invited!



Celtic Holiday Hooley Tickets are On Sale Now!

Holiday fun for the whole family! Celebrate the season with a variety show of traditional folk music, Irish step dance, carols, cute kids, and Santa, hosted by comedian Joshua Will and Natalie O'Shea. This family event brings together the stunning O'Shea Irish Dancers and The Celtic Junction Band. Kids 18 & under are free! [More info and tickets here.](#)

Important Links - Make sure you're connected!

Make sure you're connected to OID on our Facebook groups. We cross-post important communications there as well as other news and announcements. It's also a fun place to connect with other dance families, parents and caregivers. And don't forget to send your feis pictures to oidadmin@osheairishdance.com.

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.

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 and [Facebook page](#).

Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.

Decade of Dance Awards

The Irish Music and Dance Association will again present their Decade of Dance Awards to eligible dancers at IMDA's Day of Irish Dance at Landmark Center, St. Paul on Sunday, March 17, 2019. The award is presented to dancers who have studied Irish dance for at least ten years. For the 2019 presentations, the dancer would have begun their study by the Fall of 2008 or before and studied continuously. Dancers are eligible if they have studied at more than one school. Participation in Summer classes is not required. A recommendation from the director or leader of the school or group is required.

Eligible dancers must complete an application for the award documenting their 10 year study of Irish dance. **The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2018.** Dancers will receive confirmation by Feb. 1, 2019. The application is available on the [IMDA website](#) and is also attached.

Reminder about Weather-Related Closure Policy

Okay, so we had a little snow last weekend. Important time to remember that OID follows the St. Paul Schools' announcement of snow days. In general, if classes and after school activities are canceled for the St. Paul School District, OID will also be closed.



There are two exceptions:

- If school/activities are canceled because of low temps and NOT because of excessive snow, OID will be open;
- If school is canceled, but after-school activities are NOT canceled, OID will be open.

As always, we'll let you all know in a variety of ways (email, Facebook, Remind App).

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



TOMORROW NIGHT: Parents of a certain age, do you remember the band [Hothouse Flowers](#)? Their lead singer **Liam Ó Maonlaí** is flying in from Dublin to treat us to a concert on the evening of Oct 20th. In addition, he has given CJAC permission to offer a public screening of a rarely seen all-access documentary of the Hothouse Flowers on tour in 2002. This documentary has never been made available for purchase - you will only see it here! [Tickets and more info here](#). It'll be a great night!

The Roots and Branches of Celtic Music. A cultural seminar to expand your knowledge of the history and transmission of Celtic music (with an emphasis on Ireland) in a research-based survey course featuring live performances of selections of the music presented by Bundle & Go. 4 sessions. Mondays. November 12 -Dec 3. 6:30-8 pm. \$60 or \$54, if you email the instructor [David Rhees](#) to pre-register.

