

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 5, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

- October 6 - [Hamline/Midway Fall Festival](#).

SATURDAY CLASSES

- October 6 - Beginner Class as usual. NO OPEN STUDIO due to Hamline/Midway Festival.

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.

Huge Thanks to Feis Chairs and Volunteers!

Thanks to St. Paul Autumn Feis co-chairs Beth Fox and Heidi Shaback, Minnesota Feis co-chair Mary Thomas and Kate Poole, the IDPA board and the slew of parent volunteers who made it all happen last weekend. We saw a lot of progress among our dancers! If you moved up a level, check with your teacher about updating costumes/steps. Our next local feis will be the Celtic Junction Feis in February.

Celtic Junction Arts Center Fundraiser Event

You are invited to the annual fundraising event supporting Celtic Junction Arts Center and its Eoin McKiernan library on October 13 (at CJAC, naturally!). In its first year, contributors helped CJAC build the Eoin McKiernan Library. In its second year, CJAC was awarded "Best Irish-American Cultural Center" in North America; founded its Education Department; presented a concert series of seven different bands and artists direct from Ireland (and some from Scotland!); hosted two full-length theatrical shows AND the Minnesota Fringe Festival, and so much more!

CJAC has **more** exciting news to share with you at the event. Come to be the first to hear about it at the October 13th fundraiser, and don't miss the chance to make a bid for a week at the McKiernan cottage in Ireland's County Clare! More info and tickets at [here](#).

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.

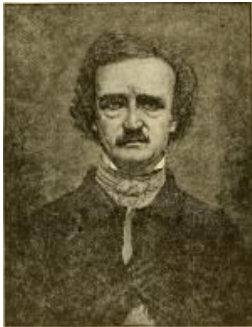
Eligible dancers must complete an application for the award documenting their 10 year study of Irish dance. **The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2018.** Dancers will receive confirmation by Feb. 1, 2019. The application is available on the [IMDA website](#) and is also attached.

Forms from Orientation

Thank you again to all who attended orientation on 9/15. If you haven't already done so, please fill out these annual required forms at your earliest convenience. Thanks for your attention to this!

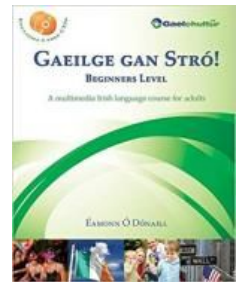
- [Policies](#)
- [Medical/Emergency Form](#)
- [Release Agreement](#)

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



Enjoying Gothic horror: Poe and Bram Stoker. Expand your knowledge of the parallel traditions of American and Irish horror in a short course exploring the key masterpieces in short fiction of the iconic Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) and the Anglo-Irish master, Bram Stoker (1847-1912). The literature of nightmare has many dimensions. The course will explore the biographies and cultural context of each author while relishing the magnificent weirdness of their imaginations. 5 sessions. Mondays. McKiernan Library. October 1-29. 6:30-8 pm. \$80 or \$72, if you email the instructor to pre-register. Checks payable to: Celtic Junction Arts Center. Contact instructor [Dr. Patrick O'Donnell](#).

No Sweat Irish: Fundamental Informal Irish for beginners of all ages. Perfect for beginning learners, this fun class features songs, games, and brief role-playing alongside an accessible easy-to-read textbook to make Irish language learning enjoyable. 8 sessions. Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm. October 3 - November 21, 2018. \$180 or \$162, if you email the instructor to pre-register. Checks are payable to Celtic Junction Arts Center. Contact instructor [Tom Jeffers](#). [Course text: *Gaeilge Gan Stró: No Sweat Irish: A beginner's Course*. Note: the course text is INCLUDED in the price for the class.] [20% discount for each additional family member that registers.]



Drawing Celtic Mythology. Learn how the haunting and magical gods, goddesses, heroes, magicians, and landscapes of the Celtic realms can be given creative expression and re-interpretation in a class for beginners and enthusiasts at all levels. The principles of formal composition and color theory will be applied to this inspirational mythic and iconic imagery. 6 sessions. 8:00-9:30 pm. Thursday October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1, and 8. Class fee: \$120 or \$108 (if you email the instructor to pre-register). There will also be a booklet of assignments (\$10 fee). Contact instructor [Carrie Finnigan](#). [Note: students should bring paper, or a drawing notebook and preferred drawing materials (pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, etc.) Due to the delicate nature of the library, paint, charcoal and pastels are not permitted.]

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.

