

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, January 11, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- FREE TRIAL WEEK ENDS TOMORROW - One more opportunity this month to invite prospective students to check out OID. The Saturday Beginner class starts at 9 am. Anyone who wants to try a class should email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com.
- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY - Jan 14 - Falcon Heights Elementary
- MAKE-UP COSTUME DAY - Jan 17 from 5 pm to 8 pm - This is your **final opportunity** to get fitted for a costume, if you were not able to attend costume day. Individual appointments may be made with our costumer, Marlys, for a fee of \$30 per dancer, after January 17.
- SOLO DRESS AND VEST EXCHANGE - Jan 19 - 11 am to 12:30 pm. Bring dresses and vests to sell between 10:30 am and 11 am that day.
- OID FEIS FAIR and PRACTICE FEIS - Feb 2

Performance Opportunity - MONDAY!

We have a performance scheduled at Falcon Heights Elementary on the morning of Monday, January 14. Thank you to those who have signed up. We are now looking only for Advanced and PC/OC (one or two of each) with a strong treble reel and we're good. Links to the form and rubric are on the Upcoming Performances page and are pasted below. We recognize that this is short notice. These performances are an important opportunity to make OID visible to potential new dancers.

Falcon Heights Elementary

Monday, January 14 - Primary I and Up

Time: 10:00 am (8:30 am rehearsal)

- [Rubric](#)
- [Sign-up](#)

OID Feis Fair and Practice Feis

Feis Fair is **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 from 9 am - 1 pm**. Dancers will not need to be there all day - we will issue a schedule based on level (see below). The Feis Fair is a fun opportunity for dancers and families to try a feis for the first time, learn about volunteer opportunities, and practice for the real thing. See previous newsletter for more detail.

SCHEDULE: The OID "feis" will start at 9 am at The Celtic Junction & will progress through the levels:

- 9 am - 10 am PreSshool through Beginner
- 10 am - 11 am Primary 1 & 2 dancers
- 11 am - 12:30 pm Intermediate through Advanced dancers (non-champ)

Bling Rule is Gone!

It was announced last week that, effective immediately, the MidAmerica Region has rescinded the no-bling rule for U8 and U9 solo costumes. The rule was put in place to help make a change in all regions to make costumes for the youngest competitors simpler and less expensive. Unfortunately, no other regions picked it up. This meant that MidAmerica Region competitors at Nationals were

competing against dancers with “blinged” costumes. The solution some sought was to have TWO dance costumes-- this was the opposite of the desired outcome of the rule.

Private Lessons

From time to time we get requests to schedule private lessons. These have been used in the past to brush up on a specific dance, overcome an obstacle in competition, or to get some additional focused work done. Scheduling is handled by emailing oidadmin@osheairishdance.com and is arranged at the convenience of the instructor. Fees are handled through StudioDirector and vary by level. There are no regular hours for private lessons.

What's Coming Up at CJAC? *KICKIN' IT IRISH!*

Our annual March production, Kickin' It Irish, is coming up March 8 through March 17 at the Celtic Junction Arts Center. Tickets and more info at <https://www.celticjunction.org/events/kickinitirish2019/>.

Dates and showtimes:

- MARCH 8: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 9: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 10: 3 pm
- MARCH 15: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 16: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 17: 3 pm

Also check out and share these educational classes January through April 2019. [More info here:](#)

- No Sweat Irish 2
- Introduction to Irish Language Literature - Children's Books
- Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge)
- Drawing Celtic Mythology
- Under the Influence: William Blake's poetic genius, a model for the poetry of W.B. Yeats
- Stave Incantations: The Magic of Chanted Poetry
- Reading Irish Poetry: John Montague and his contemporaries
- Irish Literary Biography and Inter-generational Trauma
- Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically

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