

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, January 4, 2019

## Upcoming Important Dates

- WINTER BREAK - OID classes resume with tomorrow's Beginner class and continue with the full class week starting Jan 7.
- FREE TRIAL WEEK - **Jan 5 through Jan 12** - Tell your friends they can try the preschool, beginner, and Adult classes starting Saturday, Jan 5 (Beginners) and the week of Jan 7.
- 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.
- OID FEIS FAIR and PRACTICE FEIS - **NEW DATE Feb 2** - Details below.

## Winter 2019 Classes Open for Registration

All regular classes for the Winter 2019 semester are open for registration in Studio Director. In addition, **Performance Class** (for Intermediate - PC/OC) and **Kickin' It Irish** (by invitation) classes resume in January starting on Tuesday, Jan 8. These are required training for participation in all St. Patrick's Day events, Festival of Nations and spring performances.

## OID Gift Certificates are available year-round in any amount

O'Shea Irish Dance gift certificates are available in any dollar amount and can be applied toward tuition for any new or existing student. Email [oidadmin@osheairishdance.com](mailto:oidadmin@osheairishdance.com) for more information.

## Announcement about the Celtic Junction Feis

We will not be holding the Celtic Junction Feis in February this year. In October, the North American Feis Commission (NAFC) stopped issuing permissions for new feiseanna. They had considered last year's CJ Feis in February a one-time event. Cormac will be attending the NAFC meeting in Sacramento later this month and will advocate for our feis to be reinstated as an annual event.

## OID Feis Fair and Practice Feis - NEW DATE

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.

This is a MANDATORY Saturday event for all OID Students Preschool through Prizewinner dancers. Championship dancers will have the opportunity to get official volunteer/service hours for school & / or church and support OID's up and coming dancers. It will be held in lieu of classes this day. If you are unable to attend, please contact [oidadmin@osheairishdance.com](mailto:oidadmin@osheairishdance.com).

**WHO:** Feis Fair is a TRAINING Feis at The Celtic Junction for ALL students Preschool through Prizewinner Feis level. Champ dancers will help will practice with the younger students, guide them and run the stages. IDPA will be there for our FEIS FAIR - it will be fun for the whole family!

**WHAT:** Dances will be demonstrated and repeated, and feis "competitions" customized to encourage students and get them excited about where they are at as we head into spring. Teachers have been

working for the last four months in classes to prepare them for this mid-term marker. There is no additional practice or class needed to participate.

**REGISTRATION:** ALL students will be registered by their teacher into the appropriate age/dances bracket. Charges are to be entered on Studio Director. The cost per dance is \$5, there is no family fee.

**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)

## What's Coming Up at CJAC?

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

- **No Sweat Irish 2:** Informal Irish for relative beginners of all ages. Introduction to Irish language literature: Children's Books.
- **Introduction to Irish Language Literature - Children's Books:** Deepen your knowledge and appreciation and comprehension of the Irish language by reading plainly written selections from its children's books.
- **Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge):** Adult learners - from experienced beginners to intermediate learners - undertake a structured curriculum to prepare them for the only internationally recognized general Irish language proficiency exam for adults in 2019 (or 2020).
- **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.
- **Under the Influence: William Blake's poetic genius as a model for the poetry of W.B. Yeats:** Learn how the multi-talented genius, William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), was profoundly influenced by the mystical poetry, symbolism, and worldview of the great British Romantic poet, William Blake (1757-1827).
- **Stave Incantations: The Magic of Chanted Poetry:** Learn how to write poetry with a sense of mystical incantation through the strategies of chanting poetry to the beat of a stave.
- **Reading Irish Poetry: John Montague and his contemporaries:** Discover the richness of the poetic achievement of John Montague by reading his work in conjunction with selections from Patrick Kavanagh, Maire, Eavan Boland, Austin Clarke, Tom McCarthy, and Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill.
- **Irish Literary Biography and Inter-generational Trauma:** Oscar Wilde, W.B. Yeats, and James Joyce – all great Irish authors; all with entangled family backgrounds. We will explore one author for part of each night and then reframe their experience through the lens of family constellations, a powerful tool that can help us understand hidden family dynamics.
- **Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically:** In the company of the extraordinary writing of Joseph Campbell, we take a six-week journey with mythic heroes to understand life's adventure and our life journey today.

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN!  
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