

O'Shea Irish Dance Announcements

August 2, 2024

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Washington County Fair - Aug 3**
- **Irish Fair of Minnesota Performance - Aug 10 - 1:30 pm - All School Party at 3 pm**
- **Kickin' It Irish at the Minnesota State Fair - Aug 30 and 31**
- **Macalester/Groveland Fest - Sep 14**
- **Nativity County Fair - Sep 15**
- **Union Park Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam - Sep 21**

Washington County Fair - August 3

This is such a fun one. We're headed back to the Washington County Fair on August 3 for two performances in their main stage tent. Dancers Primary I & Up through Adult are invited to sign up. We rehearse at CJAC on the morning of the performance and head to the venue to perform and enjoy the Fair. Details below and on the Upcoming Performances page.

Who: Primary I & Up thru Adult

What: Two 30 to 40 minute performances with audience interaction

When: August 3, 2024

Where: Washington County Fairgrounds

- [Form](#)
- [Rubric](#)

Irish Fair and All-School Party - August 10

Irish Fair is right around the corner! We can't wait to see our whole school on the Irish On Grand stage in the Cub Tent. We need to get a full roster of dancers to the organizers soon so we need everyone to RSVP using [this form](#) ASAP. Here's a brief schedule of the day:

- 12 pm - Arrive at Harriet Island
- 1:30 pm - All School Performance
- 3 pm - All School Party

More detailed info and instructions will be sent closer to the event.

Check Your Costumes for Irish Fair - Costume Fitting Sign-Up

Do you have everything you need for your class performance costume for Irish Fair? Does it still fit? If you answered no to either of these questions, sign up for a costume fitting ASAP. Two days remain for fittings next week. [Sign up for a slot here](#). We've got 15 minute slots available for one dancer or one family w/multiple dancers on the following dates:

- Mon, Aug 5 - 4:30 pm to 6 pm
- Tue, Aug 6 - 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Irish Fair Volunteers Needed

More volunteer opportunities are available at the Irish Fair this year! This is a great opportunity for Friday or Sunday (when we aren't performing). For every volunteer shift, you will receive:

- Free non-alcoholic beverages and snacks
- Free weekend admission to the fair
- Free parking on the day(s) you volunteer
- Free beverage ticket that can be used for an alcoholic (or non-alcoholic) beverage (1 ticket per shift)
- Invitation to the volunteer appreciation party after the fair
- 2 entries into the raffle for a chance to win a trip to Ireland

Learn more here: <https://www.irishfair.com/p/getinvolved/volunteers/volunteer-at-the-irish-fair-of-mn>

Additional Upcoming Performance Opportunities!

The upcoming performances schedule is filling up! More info and signups coming soon for:

- Irish Fair - August 10 - Whole School - [Sign Up Now](#)
- KII at MN State Fair - August 30 & 31 - Select KII Dancers
- Mac / Grove Fest - September 14 - Preschool & Up thru Adult
- Nativity County Fair - September 15 - Preschool & Up thru Adult
- Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam - September 21 - Preschool & Up thru Adult

Keep your eye on the Weekly Announcements and the [Upcoming Performances](#) page for more information.

Open House & Children's Fair on Grandparent's Day



Bring your children and grandchildren to our Open House on Grandparent's Day! Check out some of what goes on at the [Celtic Junction Arts Center](#). Your young ones can dance a jig, listen to rollicking tunes, enjoy story time, play games, and make crafts at no cost!

- Dance a jig with the O'Shea Irish Dancers
- Live music with Adrienne O'Shea
- Storytime in the Eoin McKiernan Library
- Build with LEGOs with Young Builders and Designers
- Art & Crafts
- Instrument Petting Zoo with the Center for Irish Music
- Celtic Cuties with the Center for Irish Music

There is something for caregivers too! Take a tour, check out a book from the McKiernan Library, hear about our adult Irish dance classes, and chat with a representative of CJAC's Education Program.

Fall Registration is Right Around the Corner

Hard to believe, but Fall is right around the corner. Do you know a young one who'd love joining the O'Shea Irish Dance family? Invite them to come see you dance at the performances above, explore with us at summer camp and the open house and then have them visit www.osheairishdance.com or email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com to learn more.

Dancer Freebies for Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart of so much of what we do at the Celtic Junction. While we can't thank you enough for all you do, we do want to include a small token of our appreciation for the work you put in.

We're pleased to offer the following for those who volunteer 10 hours at the Celtic Junction:

- Adults age 19 and up: Two free tickets to a CJAC concert or event
- 18 and under: \$10 gift card to the kiosk (since you already get free admission)

[Please use this form](#) to track your volunteer hours. Email volunteer@celticjunction.org with questions or visit Donna or Christine in the CJAC Kiosk Mon thru Thurs from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The McKiernan Library Needs YOU!

Know any library science students or library fans looking for a volunteer opportunity? Are *you* looking for a quiet place to do some work while you wait for your child to get done with class?

We need a few more regular volunteers to help our librarian Brian Miller care for and monitor Celtic Junction Arts Center's very own Eoin McKiernan Library in the evenings.

VOLUNTEER IN THE MCKIERNAN LIBRARY

The McKiernan Library thrives on the help of dedicated volunteers. Opportunities include:

- Monitoring the space & assisting patrons
- Cataloging, shelving, digitization, and exhibit setup
- Special events and more!

SIGN UP HERE →



Volunteer Shifts are 4:30 pm to 6 pm and 6 pm to 7:30 pm Mon thru Thur. Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up! Email volunteer@celticjunction.org for other volunteer opportunities at Celtic Junction Arts Center.

Myofascial Release Therapist at CJAC on Wednesdays

Derrick Lundberg, Natalie's massage therapist and friend, is a licensed massage therapist trained in Myofascial Release, Osteopathic Manual Therapies and Oriental Medicine.

A performer's most important tool is their body. Injuries, limitations, and performance can all be improved with manual therapy. He will be offering weekly, 30-minute massage appointments to O'Shea Families on Wednesdays from 6 pm - 9 pm in the Green Room. The cost is \$30 per half hour (a special rate of only \$1 a minute!) session.

Please contact Derrick directly at (651) 214-2476 or Derrick.Lundberg@gmail.com or through the CJAC schedule form [on his website](#).

REMEMBER TO VISIT THE [OID DAMHSA SITE](#) FOR IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFO.