

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 22, 2018

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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June 23 - Open Studio 10 am to Noon

June 24 – **Nationals Teams Intensive**

- 2-4 pm U9-U13
- 4-6 pm U16 & O16

June 25 - 9-10:30 Nationals Solo Practice

July 2 – July 12 – OID Closed for Summer Break/Nationals – No Open Studio during break

July 12 – July 14 – Summer **Master Workshop**. Registration link coming soon.

1-5pm DANCE & 5-8pm PLAYTIME!

Open to Intermediate 1 through Championship Level dancers

- Day 1: Can-Can Wonderland!
- Day 2: Picnic in the Park!
- Day 3: Movie/Pizza Night & *Lock-In!*

August 4 from 3 pm and 5 pm – **Performance Opportunity**: Washington County Fair – [Form/rubric available here](#).

August 10 – August 12 – Irish Fair of Minnesota. Save the dates! Our dance tent performance times are:

- Saturday, August 11 from 12:30 - 1:20 pm
- Saturday, August 11 from 7:00 - 7:50 pm
- Sunday, August 12 from 3:00 - 3:50 pm

All-school and alumni party at Irish Fair on August 12.

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## Natalie's Friday Motivation

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Think of the feiseanna this past weekend, or the last one you attended. How did it go for you? Are you happy with how you did, or are you disappointed? Either way, my challenge to you is the same: What did you *learn* about your dancing and how can you use that to your advantage? The one thing that all Irish dancers have in common is the ability to improve. Whether you got first place or didn't place at all doesn't matter if your focus is always on your own growth & improvement. Mistakes and disappointing outcomes are part of the journey to success. Every time you make a mistake and learn from it you succeed and get stronger!

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## New Student Referral Bonus

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Do you know any families with young kids interested in pre-beginner or beginner Irish Dance classes? Cormac and Natalie will refund your \$35 annual registration fee for one referral who registers for pre-beginner or beginner classes. Grab some flyers about Pre-Beginner/Beginner classes in the CJ lobby.

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## Irish Dance Summer Camps – Help Spread the Word

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Know any kids looking for a fun summer camp? We've got just the thing. OID Summer camps are held Monday through Thursday the middle two weeks of July.

**PreBeginner Camp** (ages 3 – 6) runs from 9 am to 10 am. **Beginner Camp** (ages 5 - 12) runs from 10 am to 12 pm. Camp dates:

- July 9 through July 12
- July 16 through July 19

Registration link coming soon!

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## Celebrating June Birthdays

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Best birthday wishes to these dancers!

Ana Dailey  
Mary-Grace Dobie  
Golda Engman  
Morgaine Fitzgerald  
Nora Fox

Torin Keis  
Brenna Kersten  
Paige Miller  
Jason Mills  
Carmen Pasquerella

Cecilia Petruconis  
Leila Stitzel  
Helena Thomas  
Elise Zielinski-Dona

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

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### [Bringing it All Back Home - Immigration Trauma and Constellations, July 20-22](#)

We are pleased to bring Brendan O'Brien, a senior psychotherapist and 20-year family constellator from Cork, Ireland, to lead us in a weekend of Family Constellations where we will explore the unresolved trauma of migration in our family story, and understand the role of songs and stories in helping us heal.

### Harpist Stephanie Claussen, July 13

**7:30pm. Free Admission.** Harpist Stephanie Claussen performs and teaches throughout the Twin Cities. She has recorded multiple albums (including "Soirée à Montpellier" and "Light So Brilliant: Carols and Tunes for Christmas") and released a book of harp arrangements with Mel Bay Publications in 2016. Claussen is a two time winner at the Master level in the Minnesota Scottish Harp Competition. In 2017 Judge Seumas Gagne awarded her one of the highest scores he has ever given in the Master category, calling Claussen's performance "exceptional."



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**HOW'S EVERYONE'S SUMMER GOING SO FAR?  
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**CD Launch Party with Wild Colonial Bhoys, July 20**

Come celebrate the launch of WCB's newest CD! Friday Night Live! was recorded live at the 2017 Irish Fair MN. [Tickets here](#).