

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 12, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

OID IS CLOSED FOR MEA and HALLOWEEN

- Oct 17 - 20 - OID is closed for MEA including Saturday Beginner class and open studio. Classes resume on Monday, Oct 22.
- Oct 31 - No classes on Halloween. Trick or treat!

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.

ALL-SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY

- Dec 1 - 6 pm - 9:30 pm - OID FAMILY HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY with entertainment from Scottish Band **The GunnSlingers**. Come with an item to share as we celebrate the return of teams and solos from the Regional Championships! Join us to eat, dance and be merry. All OID dancers of any age/class and their families are invited!

Thank You Hamline/Midway Fall Festival Dancers!



Celtic Junction Arts Center Fundraiser Event

You are invited to the annual fundraising event supporting Celtic Junction Arts Center and its Eoin McKiernan library **TOMORROW NIGHT** 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](#).

Celtic Christmas Hooley Tickets are On Sale Now!

Holiday fun for the whole family! Celebrate the season with a variety show of traditional folk music, Irish step dance, carols, cute kids, and Santa, hosted by comedian Joshua Will and Natalie O'Shea. This family event brings together the stunning O'Shea Irish Dancers and The Celtic Junction Band. Kids 18 & under are free! [More info and tickets 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.

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

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.

