

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, January 25, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- **OID FEIS FAIR and PRACTICE FEIS** - Feb 2 - **Check this week to make sure you have all your costume pieces!** Accessories ordered from November are in the Kiosk. Accessories ordered from the make-up costume day will be coming soon.
- **ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PERFORMANCES** - Mar 16 and 17
 - Saturday on the Main stage at 11:20 am for 30 minutes
 - Sunday on the Main stage at 11:50 am for 40 minutes
 - Adult Dancer Showcase on Sunday beginning approx 3:30 pm (to be confirmed)
- **SCHOOL-DAY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
 - St. Odilia School - Thursday, February 7 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Parkview Center School - Friday, March 29 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)

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. **PLEASE EMAIL OIDADMIN@OSHEAIRISHDANCE.COM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND.**

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)

IMDA Dancer T-Shirts

The Irish Music and Dance Association is offering a special edition Irish Dancer T-Shirt celebrating the wonderful contribution of our local Irish dancers to our St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration and Day of Irish Dance, as well as to our community. Shirts can be [ordered here](#).

This year, the IMDA has 16 Irish dance schools and performance groups performing on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, including three new schools. All the group's names are listed on the back of the shirt. Proceeds from these sales support IMDA's [Educational Grant Program](#).

Remind App

We reported last week that, due to changes in fees for text messages, the Remind App would no longer be sending texts to Verizon customers. Today, Verizon announced that it would continue to support Remind's texting to its customers. As a result, we will continue to use Remind to reach dancers and families. We will continue to use email and post in the Facebook groups as well. Please make sure you belong to those groups. Contact oidadmin@osheairishdance.com with any questions.

O'Shea Irish Dancer featured in SAHS School Paper

Ayuna Lamb-Hickson is the subject of a story written by Hannah Sween for the Stillwater Area High School newspaper, The Pony Express. The feature traces Ayuna's start in Irish Dance through the trials and tribulations of training and competition leading to Worlds. Read the story [here](#).

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 filling out [this form](#) and is arranged at the convenience of the instructor. Fees are handled through Studio Director 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 Intergenerational Trauma
- Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically

FIFTY-FIVE DAYS TIL ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
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