

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

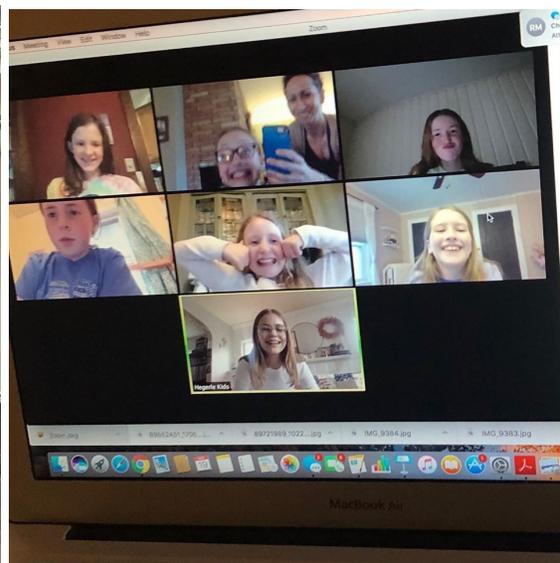
Friday, March 20, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 16 - 26 - OID Closed for Spring Break
- Mar 30 - OID Resumes on-line
- *May 9 - OID Spring Recitals Postponed*

O'Shea Irish Dance Fun *Even on Lockdown!*

Three cheers for OID's adult dancers who performed in the IDMA St. Patrick's Day Pajama Party event! We loved seeing the dancer group video chat too, and thanks to the O'Shea's for opening their home (virtually) to celebrate St. Paddy's with a Kickin' It Irish watch party!



Keeping an Eye on COVID-19

We continue to monitor the coronavirus situation in Minnesota and around the world. As Minnesota schools are planning to move classes online, so are we. Cormac and Natalie send an email yesterday

(it is attached) briefly sharing our approach and the plans we are developing without teachers to make sure we can continue to engage our students and deliver meaningful coaching and training.

At this time, we anticipate moving our classes online starting March 30 and will have a process in place for dancers to utilize our studios with strict social distancing and sanitary policies in place. More details about that to follow.

The most important thing to remember is that we are all in this together and are eager to work with you to continue to deliver the best Irish dance training in Minnesota!

Upcoming Event Cancellations *and Opportunities*

IDPA is sad to announce that next month's O'Shea Irish Dance Feis and the Leap Into Spring Feis are canceled following the closing of Concordia University through April. IDPA is not considering rescheduling since there are too many unknowns at this point. Both feiseanna will be back in April 2021!

We have also learned that Festival of Nations, originally scheduled for May, has been canceled as well.

On the positive side, we've just published an updated **Upcoming Performances** page. Washington County Fair is getting a jump on organizing this year and OID is booked to perform on their main stage on August 1. The form and rubric are available now on the [Upcoming Performances](#) page. We're also going to be dancing at Mac/Groveland Festival in September. We'll add the form and rubric for that event once we have all the details.

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020