

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 26, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **June 27** - Jumpin' June Irish Dance Watch Party 7 pm | Dancers & Families Facebook page
- **June 29 through July 10** - **OID Summer Break - No Classes!**
- **July 11** - IDPA Board Meeting 10 am

Letter from Natalie and Cormac

Dear Dancers and Families,

We are looking forward to the Jumpin' June watch party together on Saturday, and then some time safely seeing long-missed family as we come up to our July 4th (usually Nationals!) break. Cormac's protocols for in-studio classes are working well (the hardest part is for the kids to stay apart; at ANY age) so Sarah and Natalie will be starting one class day back a week beginning July 13th. We will send details out the Friday before classes.

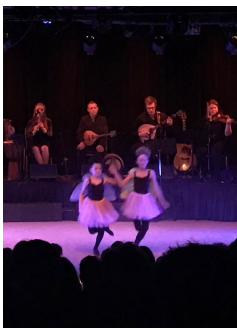
We hope you are making the most of your time together as a family. Enjoy your midsummer break and the Fourth of July festivities together and please give your gorgeous kids a hug from us, as we will not be able to do so for some time. Best, Natalie & Cormac

Jumpin' June Watch Party!

Tune in to the [OID Dancers and Families page on Facebook](#) a little before 7 pm on Saturday, June 27 for the Facebook Watch Party featuring nearly 40 Jumpin' June videos to see your dance friends and watch some fun and fabulous dancing. We've got some great dancing and really creative videos to share! See you at the watch party!

SUMMER CAMPS on ZOOM!

We had so much fun in our Zoom Summer Camps this week we're holding them again in **July!** Registration will be available soon on StudioDirector for the following:



Fairies, Folktales and Fun

We will dive into the magical world of fairies and magical animals through music and dance of Ireland. Stories, music and steps are specially chosen to explore rhythms and that spin through Irish culture. Pretend, move and explore the foundation of creative dance with Irish style in your own home (classes held on Zoom)!

- July 27th-30th from 9:00-9:45 am- Fairies, Folktales and Fun, Ages 3-5. Parent presence helpful



Beginner-Leap into Irish Dance!

Rhythm and song to get your feet moving! Learn jig steps and a reel with us as we connect with the Irish culture with stories and songs to help learn dances. Experienced dance teachers tailor classes for the age-level and ability of students. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn Irish dance. Current and new students are welcome (new content)!

-Ages 5-10 for dancers, athletes, and people new to Irish dance learn a reel in 5 days (1 hour) RUN July 27th-30th from 10:00-11:00 am. Classes held on Zoom.

-Ages 10 & up learn a reel for 2-3 days in a row (1 hour and 15 minutes) July 27th-30th 1-2:15 pm. Classes held on Zoom.

OID Logowear Store Will Be Open in July

The OID Logowear Store will be open for a few weeks in July with the usual apparel items. We'll share a link when it is available. Thanks again to everyone who ordered LOVE O'Shea t-shirts in the IDPA fundraiser. Galena will coordinate with individual families who ordered in the second round. FYI, the July Logowear sales are not a fundraiser for IDPA.

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

The limited in-person classes are going well. As you read above, Natalie and Sarah are discussing next steps for bringing their classes back in a limited capacity. The measures taken and good practices social distancing are helping Minnesota keep a lid on new cases of COVID-19. We'll all need to continue to work hard, avoid crowds, and follow good distancing and mask protocols so we can keep Minnesota cases down and help enable a safe return to the studio. We continue to carefully monitor for further guidance on next steps. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

Class Schedule and Zoom Studio Links

We want to keep you dancing! Take any amount of weeks off, double up on classes, or request alternate class times! Links to OID class-specific info and the weekly schedule of Zoom classes can be found on the following pages on the Damhsa site:

- [Class Levels](#)
- [Schedule of Online Classes](#)
- [Family Guide to Zoom classes](#)

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020