

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Monday, September 14, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- September 17th - International Irish Day of Dance!
- September 18th - 20th - Celtic Junction Fall Outdoor Concert Weekend

Note from Cormac: International Day of Irish Dance!

Dear OID Families and Dancers,

We are so excited to invite DANCERS PRIMARY 1 AND UP to participate in the first annual International Irish Dance Day. This is a worldwide event for Irish Dance dancers young and old of all disciplines of Irish Dance. It was created as a movement to increase awareness and celebrate Irish Dance on a specific day each year exactly 6 months apart from St Patrick's Day.

We are setting up an outdoor stage in the junction south parking lot for this event and have invited all of the local schools and dance groups to perform. We are going to be joined by 5 other groups all doing short 20-minute performances to celebrate the day. You will see an attached schedule below.

OID has two performance slots on the day.

Our first slot is **3:50 pm - 4:10 pm** and is targeted towards the Primary and Intermediate dancers performing during that time. Our later slot is **7:10 pm - 7:30 pm** and that is when I would like to have our PC & OC dancers. We are not inviting the public to the event - it is for families only, with the same precautions and restrictions as our FEIStival, and we are going to Livestream it through the CJAC and OID Facebook pages. I would like 100% participation from you all in this event if possible. If you are in my 8:15 pm - 9:30 pm class, please come early and participate in the performance.

Thursday, Sept 17th Class and Performance Schedule

- **3:50-4:10pm - Performance #1 on Outdoor Stage**
- 4:45pm - 5:45pm - Junior Champ Hard Shoe Class Studio 1
- 5:45pm - 7:00pm - Drunken Gauger Class - Studio 1
- 5:45pm - 7:00pm - Planxty Hugh O'Donnell Class - Studio 2
- **7:10pm - 7:30pm - Performance #2 on Outdoor Stage**
- 8:15pm - All other Sets Class - Studio 1

We are expecting the weather to be a bit on the chilly side so please wear your favorite OID gear to stay warm. **We are not going to wear costumes so no need to worry about locating them.**

If you have any questions, please ask me directly on my Cell 612-703-2147 or by email at cormac@osheairishdance.com

Thanks, Cormac

OID Logowear Store is OPEN!

Logowear store is open from now until the end of the month. It says that it's closing on September 8th, but **it will stay open until 9/30 with delivery early/mid-Oct.** <https://oshea2020.itemorder.com/sale>

OID Performance Costumes

Donna and Kristo will be at CJAC this week on Tuesday 9/15 and Thursday, 9/17 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm to assist with costumes **FOR THE FOLLOWING ONLY:**

- Dancers involved in Kickin' It Irish who still have wigs, makeup, and/or costume pieces/clothing items at CJAC;
- Any dancers Primary I and up who DON'T have a performance costume or whose performance costume is too small;
- Any dancer whose performance costume is damaged.

Please use this [Sign-Up Genius](#) to schedule an appointment if you need to be fit into a new costume. We will be scheduling in 15-minute intervals for 3 dancers at a time to maintain social distance. Masks must be worn.

If you're only returning a costume, you don't need to schedule an appointment. We will have a rack by the lower door. Name and phone number must be pinned to any returned costume.

We will also have the solo costume rack out if you want to collect your solo costume or if you want to try one on. **All solo costumes need to be approved by Natalie prior to purchase.**

Costume times for **Preschool and Beginners** will be held closer to any recital or performance.

St. Paul Autumn Feis Champ Registration is Full. Grades are OPEN!



2020 St. Paul Autumn Feis will be held again at Concordia but this year it is on Saturday 9/26 and Sunday 9/27. Registration for grade levels remains open but a late fee will apply.

SPAF CANNOT ACCEPT SAME DAY REGISTRATIONS, SO [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

We are following a "hybrid" structure in which small (anaerobic) step classes are held *in-person* in small "bubble" groups. Larger (aerobic) fitness classes, including Adult Fitness, Stretch/Warmup and Barre, will only be available *online*. With schools in the Twin Cities mostly online, we are striving to make dance safe and accessible. All of the details about the building rules, class precautions and safety measures are in the following documents:

- [CJ Studio Use](#) | [Bathroom Protocols](#) | [CJ Covid Statement](#)

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](#).

Keeping Your Stage Sections?

Families wishing to keep their stage sections are asked to donate \$20 per section--the cost of purchasing materials to construct new sections. IDPA will use the funds to buy those materials to build the replacement sections they need for the feis. If you have made arrangements with Cormac to keep you stage sections, please us this link to make your payment: <https://www.paypal.me/IDPAdance>

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020