

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 30, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 8 - Mock Oireachtas (for dancers competing at the regional championships)
- Nov 9 thru 12 - Class Costume Fittings by Appointment

EXPOSURE REMINDER - If your child has been exposed to COVID-19 or if any of your family members have shown COVID-like symptoms, please stay out of OJD classes for 10 days and avail of the Zoom options.

MASK REMINDER - Masks must be worn at all times inside the Celtic Junction. No exceptions. Please exit the building if you need to remove your mask to eat, use your phone, etc. Thank you!

Free CJAC Event TONIGHT: Frederick Douglass Symposium

The Frederick Douglas Symposium is a Zoom-based webinar and conversation about history, solidarity, and racial justice in Ireland and the US which takes place during Ireland's Black History Month featuring opening remarks by Ireland's Consul General to the Midwest, Kevin Byrne.

Presenters and panelists include African-American Irish Diaspora Network founder Dennis Brownlee, Quinnipiac's Great Hunger Museum director Christine Kinealy, Minnesota artist and filmmaker E.G. Bailey, and more.

There are just a handful of spots left! [Register here](#). Registrants will be sent a Zoom link in order to connect to the event.

Free Concert TONIGHT: Taking Flight Collective Livestream from CJAC

Featuring OJD's own Adrienne O'Shea (vocals & flute), Joe De Georgeo (fiddle), Ian McKenna (accordion), with Brian Miller on guitar and bouzouki

[Tune in for some locally-produced traditional Irish music](#) on flute, fiddle, accordion and gorgeous vocals! The Taking Flight Collective is a cohort of 3 award-winning musicians and Center for Irish Music students, Joe De Georgeo (fiddle), Ian McKenna (accordion) and Adrienne O'Shea (flute & vocals). They will be joined by guitarist and bouzouki player Brian Miller, who is also their mentor for this year-long project.

Each musician will play a solo set, followed by one set of the group playing together, all broadcast live from the Celtic Junction Arts Center's main stage. Don't miss this incredible performance!

Annual Class Costume Fees

Annual costume fees will be applied to your Studio Director account on November 1. These fees are used to maintain, repair, and replenish the school's large collection of class costumes.

Performance Costume Fittings

Our school performance costume fittings are being handled a little differently this year. Earlier in the Fall we held days to outfit our youngest dancers. We're now opening times up to the whole school (including the littlest dancers) to get fitted for your performance costume. As we did before, if your costume currently fits and doesn't need repair, you do not need to do anything. If your costume is too small or you've got a concern or it needs mending, [please use the Sign-Up Genius form](#) to pick a time to come in. We will be scheduling in 15-minute intervals for 3 dancers at a time to maintain social distance. Masks must be worn. Dates and times follow.

- Monday 11/9 - 4 pm to 6 pm
- Tuesday 11/10 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 11/11 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday 11/12 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Saturday 11/14 - 10 am to Noon

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.

Orientation Video Replays - Annual Forms Due

Thank you to all who attended our Orientation sessions on Zoom last weekend. We enjoyed spending time with you and answering your questions. Links to video replays of both sessions appear below:

- [Preschool through Primary II](#)
- [Intermediate and Up](#)

FYI: Annual forms are now overdue. If you haven't already, [please follow this link to fill them out.](#)

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](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020