

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

February 8, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 20 - Èigse: A Gaela Event - CIM's annual fundraiser
- Mar 15 - 17 - Kickin' It Irish at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

A Note From Natalie and Cormac:

Wow, you guys - it was great to see you at our Online Feis recording last Friday! It was lovely to see the kids perform, see their massive smiles (from a distance, but still...) and to watch how much everyone has progressed. That is what a feis is all about! Next opportunities will be announced soon - but meanshie, let's focus on our video performances for St. Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick's Day Performance Opportunities - Coming Soon!

Again this year there won't be the usual huge St. Patrick's Day event at Landmark Center but we will still be participating with footage from this year's forthcoming Kickin' It Irish video and a special performance and video featuring our Preschool, Beginner, Primary and Intermediate dancers! We will continue to work on steps in class in preparation to show them off. Performance and video schedule coming soon!

CIM's Annual Fundraiser: Èigse - A Gaela Event - YOU'RE INVITED!



The Center for Irish Music (CIM) is excited to announce Èigse, A Gaela Event on Saturday, February 20, 2021. The event is virtual this year and CIM is reaching out to friends in the Twin Cities Irish community to support and help spread the word about their event. They have created a "Friends of CIM" sponsorship this year, and instead of asking for financial sponsorship, CIM is asking for our support in helping make their event a success! This year – general admission tickets are available at no cost! Everyone should be there! All the details about Èigse, tickets, and the auction are here:

<https://one.bidpal.net/eigse21/welcome>

All funds raised through this event will go towards increasing our programming, providing quality music instruction, supporting more than 22 local teaching artists, and sharing traditional Irish music with the Twin Cities community through outreach performances and events. All donations are tax deductible as stated in the IRS code, and donors who request one will receive an acknowledgment letter from CIM for tax reporting purposes.

2021 Kickin' It Irish - Third IN-PERSON Chanhassen Show Added!



In addition to a video version of this year's production of Kickin' It Irish, the show will perform LIVE on stage in front of a socially distanced audience at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres on March 15, 16 and 17. Tickets available at <https://chanhassendt.com/kickinitirish/>

We are also creating a pay-per-view option for viewing the production we're shooting here at home at the Celtic Junction. Stay tuned for more details!

New Student Referral Bonus

Do you know any families with young kids interested in pre-beginner or beginner Irish Dance classes? Cormac and Natalie will refund your \$35 annual registration fee for one referral who registers for preschool or beginner classes.

Guidance on COVID-19

As a reminder, only parents of our preschool and beginner dancers are allowed to wait inside the building if necessary. If your dancer is comfortable being in class without you in the lower lobby, we ask that you do not wait in the building. We need to restrict any attending parent/caregiver to one person per dancer. (This means no siblings.) Masks and social distancing required. If parents of dancers in Primary I and up need lobby accommodation, please contact Natalie or Cormac. Thanks everyone for remaining vigilant in adhering to safe-distancing and mask-wearing protocols. We continue to monitor local, state, and federal guidance and will provide updates as needed. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

Coming Up at [Center for Irish Music](#):

Many exciting classes are just about to start up in the Center for Irish Music's offerings - they teach ALL ages! You would be amazed to learn how many of your OI/D dancemates are taking music lessons (it makes for a wonderful understanding of rhythm!) We can't help but point out that our own **Adrienne O'Shea** is an instructor! She teaches tin whistle, and is offering a special class singing Irish songs for kids! Click on the org name above for more offerings or on the link below to see Adrienne's class!
<https://centerforirishmusic.asapconnected.com/#CourseID=238518>

Singing Irish Songs at Home (Ages 4-6)



Join singer, flute player and wonderful teacher, Adrienne O'Shea for a 30 minute, 6-week virtual class to learn some fun Irish traditional songs that children will love to sing at home. The class will include lots of movement and simple musical games. Parent involvement is welcome, but not required (depending on each child). Lyric sheets and basic recordings will be provided to support learning at home.

Please note that there is an annual \$20 registration fee for CIM students added to the tuition. The total for this class will be \$68.

Coming up at [Celtic Junction Arts Center!](#)

[Classes!](#) [Concerts!](#) [Events!](#) It is all still happening (online) at your home away from home. While we miss chatting with you in our cozy living room and library, it doesn't mean you need to miss out on amazing music, classes and getting together for a good cause. CJAC has three concerts coming up, and is sponsor to CIM's Fundraiser Éigse, which is one of our favorite nights of the year. The Irish College of Minnesota also has classes galore (19, in fact!) so scroll all the way down for more!

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON...LINE!



14 FEBRUARY 2021

**MATT AND
SHANNON HEATON**



20 FEBRUARY 2021

**ÉIGSE CIM, A
VIRTUAL GAELA
EVENT**



21 FEBRUARY 2021

**THE VOX HUNTERS
IN CONCERT**



Let Fly
DANNY DIAMOND & BRIAN MILLER

27 FEBRUARY 2021

**DANNY DIAMOND &
BRIAN MILLER CD
RELEASE CONCERT**

CREATIVE ARTS CLASSES



WRITE YOUR FAMILY
STORIES

\$120.00

ADD TO CART



THE CREOLIZATION OF
CELTIC MUSIC

\$80.00

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KNOTWORK AND TRISKELES
FOR BEGINNERS

\$60.00

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DRAWING CELTIC
MYTHOLOGY

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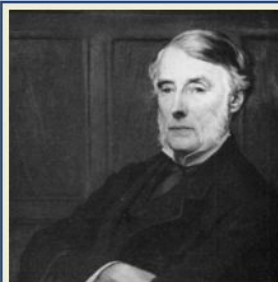
HISTORY AND LITERATURE CLASSES



JAMES J. HILL AND MARY T.
HILL

\$60.00

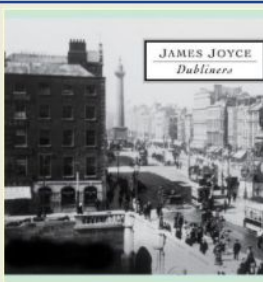
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EMIGRATION DURING THE
FAMINE OF 1879

\$40.00

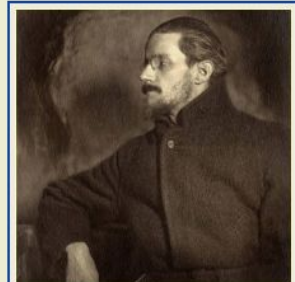
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JAMES JOYCE'S "DUBLINERS"

\$60.00

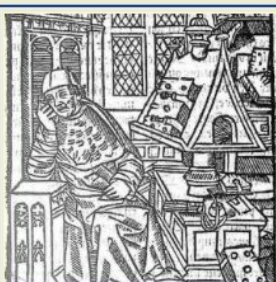
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THE GENIUS OF JAMES
JOYCE

\$80.00

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THE STORY OF THE GRAIL BY
CHRÉTIEN DE TROYES

\$120.00

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KINDRED SPIRITS?
INDIGENOUS AND IRISH
CULTURES

\$40.00

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SPIKE MILLIGAN'S
"PUCKOON"

\$60.00

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BALZAC'S INFLUENCE ON
W.B. YEATS

\$80.00

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IRISH ROOTS OF THE
GUTHRIE THEATER

\$80.00

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HEROINES OF THE EASTER
RISING 1916

\$60.00

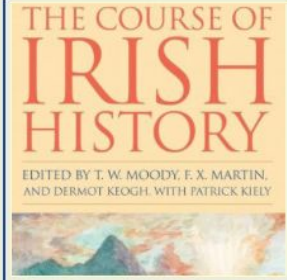
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GERRY ADAMS, VISIONARY
OR VILLAIN?

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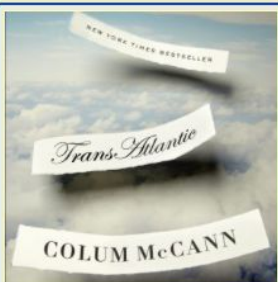
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IRELAND: PREHISTORY TO
PRESENT

\$180.00

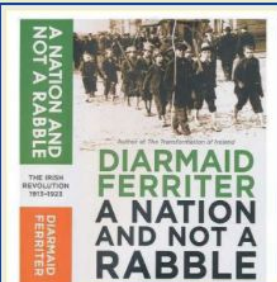
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COLUM MCCANN'S
"TRANSATLANTIC"

\$120.00

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IRELAND 1913-1923: A
TERRIBLE BEAUTY

\$60.00

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THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF THE
ABBAY THEATRE

\$100.00

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CONVERSATION CIRCLE

We will meet on the first Saturday of every month apart from January. We will converse, chat and laugh together. Everyone will have a chance to speak the Irish language. It will be free of charge. Everybody is welcome.

Please send an email to laviniagaeilge@gmail.com to receive a link join the Conversation Circle, Please put Ciorcal Comhrá / Conversation Circle in the subject. Include your name and level of ability (beginner, intermediate, or advanced) the body of the email.

CIORCAL COMHRÁ

Beidh muid ag bualadh le chéile ar zoom ar an gcéad Sathairn den mhí, seachas mí Eanáir. Beidh comhrá caint, agus gáire againn. Beidh seans ag gach duine Gaeilge a labhairt. Beidh sé saor in aisce. Tá míle fáilte roimh gach duine.

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021