

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

February 12, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 15 - OID is OPEN on Presidents' Day
- Feb 20 - Èigse: A Gaela Event - CIM's annual fundraiser
- Mar 15 - 17 - Kickin' It Irish at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres (under covid restrictions!)

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 in *IMDA's St. Patrick's Day Pajama Party* 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!



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.

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



The Center for Irish Music (CIM) is excited to announce Éigse, 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 Éigse, 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.

Guidance on COVID-19

For safety and contact tracing, only parents of our preschool and beginner dancers have been allowed to wait inside the building during classes. Considering the governor's lift on some restrictions *and* the brutally cold weather, we are making some adjustments:

- PreSchool and Beginner family members may wait in the Lower Lobby (Attending parent/caregivers still restricted to one person per dancer)
- Primary students/caregivers may arrive/wait on the LEFT side of the Main Lobby (Elevator)
- If arriving early, Intermediate through Champ dancers may arrive/wait on the RIGHT side of the Lobby (Fireplace). We still ask that you not return to that part of the building, and plan to exit through the Studio 1 doors. If being picked up late, please wait in the vestibule.

Masks and social distancing are absolutely still required - if the area seems momentarily congested, please be aware and adjust appropriately. Thanks everyone for remaining vigilant in adhering to these 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 [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 [click here to learn more!!](#)

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021