Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

March 8, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 15 18 OID Closed for Spring Break! (This is a date change)
- Mar 15 17 Kickin' It Irish at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres (under covid restrictions!)
- Mar 17 IMDA Virtual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

St. Pat's PJ Video Party and Parade

IMDA's St. Patrick's Day event is online this year. OID's school videos and KII clips will appear in the middle set which starts at 12:30 on March 17, 2021. View all the details here: <u>http://www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/stpatricksday/317stpatricksday.html</u>

CJAC, OID and CIM will also be represented in the virtual St. Paul St. Patrick's Day parade. Tune in on Facebook to watch: <u>https://www.facebook.com/StPatsmnn</u>

CJAC, OID, CIM and KII to be featured on FindingMN

WCCO's "Finding MN" came to CJAC last week to shoot an episode of their short program which will air for St. Patrick's Day. Natalie, Cormac, and Brian Miller were interviewed and a special performance of the Mn na hEireann from Kickin' It Irish was recorded featuring Adrienne O'Shea, Cormac, Norah Rendell, Brian Miller, Todd Menton, and Mary Vanorny. Look for it to air the week of St. Patrick's Day. We'll share a link when it gets posted on WCCO's website.





2021 Kickin' It Irish - Virtual Online

The online version of Kickin' It Irish is up and available for viewing. Congratulations to all the dancers and performers on this amazing production. We couldn't be more proud of you. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for supporting your dancers. Details about viewing the online version are up on the <u>Celtic Junction website</u>. Tickets are \$20.

O'Shea Irish Dance Feis

Registration for the 2021 O'Shea Irish Dance Feis is open on <u>Feisworx</u>. The feis runs Saturday, April 24, 2021 (Champs) & Sunday, April 25, 2021 (Grades) at Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University. All the basics can be found on the <u>IDPA website</u>. Check out the <u>OID Feis Facebook page</u> for current info and details.

Guidance on COVID-19

For safety and contract 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, 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 <u>here</u> and the City of Saint Paul's info is <u>here</u>.

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