

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

April 16, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- April 22 & 29 - Free Trial Classes for Preschoolers and Beginners
- April 24 - Food Drive at CJAC - Volunteers Needed
- April 25 & 25 - O'Shea Irish Dance Feis
- May 22 - Old Spring Recital - On-Stage Outside!

Spread the Word: Beginner Trial Classes during Irish Arts Week



Tell your friends and neighbors, we've got free trial classes for Preschoolers and Beginners during Irish Arts Week (April 16 through May 1). Families with little dancers who want to try a class on either April 22 or April 29 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm should email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com to sign up for a class. More info below about all the Irish Arts Week events!

Old Spring Recital - On-Stage OUTSIDE!

Our annual Spring Recital for preschool, beginner, and primary level dancers will take place on May 22 on-stage outside in the south parking lot under the mural. In the event of rain, the recital will be May 23. Holding the event outside will allow us to accommodate more people for each group of dancers. More details on the schedule to follow. Please save the date!



Coming Up at CJAC: Irish Arts Week April 16 through May 1



Local artist, Carrie Finnigan reimagines Lugh Lámhfhada (Lugh of the Long Arm), the pan-European Celtic sun god, as the guiding symbol for our Irish Arts Week. Master of all arts, his "long arm" was the dawn reaching across a horizon. Like Lugh, we reach out our arm to strengthen the international links between the Global Irish family during this pandemic time.

[Our crowded schedule](#) of "craic, ceol, agus cainte" (fun, music, and talk) illuminates a sunburst of Celtic activity in 2021. Highlights include celebrating the friendship between Irish and Indigenous cultures in the Kindred Spirits program created with Celtic Junction Arts Center and Aonach Mhacha in Armagh; and, The Center for Irish Music linking with the Traditional Arts Partnership in Northern Ireland.

Class Costume Fitting Dates

Donna and Kristo will be at CJ in the lower level on Saturday, April 17 (8 am to noon), Sunday, April 18 (10 am to noon), and Thursday, April 22 (5 pm to 7pm) to fit new dancers into class costumes and re-fit anyone who has outgrown their current class costume. To limit the number of people safely gathering, please use this [Sign-Up Genius](#) to pick a slot. We're inviting two dancers accompanied by a parent or caregiver every 15 minutes during the open times.

Neighborhood Food Drive at CJAC on April 24 - Volunteers Needed

Drop-off food drive. The Celtic Junction will be a non-perishable food and personal items donation collection site for the [Midway Food & Empowerment Project](#) through our friends and neighbors at the Hamline Midway Coalition.

In addition to non-perishable food items, the Midway Project is accepting donations of diapers, wipes, and formula as well as personal care items like soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. More info and other ways to contribute and [volunteer](#) are described on their [website](#).

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, 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](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021