

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

May 11, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- May 13, 20 - Class Costume Fitting times
- May 15 - IDPA Meeting on Zoom
- May 15 - Wild Colonial Bhoys - CJAC Outdoor Stage
- May 22 - OID Spring Recital - On-Stage Outside!
- May 22 - 24 - MidAmerica Spring Online Feis

OID Spring Recital - On-Stage OUTSIDE! Expanded Performance Levels!

We're adding more fun to our annual Spring Recital! The event has been **expanded to include our intermediate dancers and our adult dancers** in addition to our preschool, beginner, and primary level dancers! The recital will take place on May 22 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm on-stage outside in the south parking lot under the mural. Holding the event outside will allow us to accommodate more people for each group of dancers. The recital will be broken into two parts. **Please note the change in the schedule we published last week. Apologies for the mix up.** The recital schedule on May 22 will run as follows:



- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - **MONDAY** Preschool, Beginner, Primary I & II, and Intermediate
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm - **WEDNESDAY** Preschool, Beginner, Primary I & II, and Adults

If families have conflicts, or children in both recitals, please let us know and we will make accommodations. We can't wait to see you on the outdoor stage! In the event of rain, the recital will be May 23.



Give MN Spring Forward Fundraiser Ends Today!

The Celtic Junction Arts Center is just under \$20k to go to meet their \$100k matching gift. They launched their final push to bring in the rest of the funding this weekend with a livestream of great videos about the CJAC's four pillars: Education, Library, Outreach and Concerts. Please share with friends and family. Spring Forward ends today 5/11.

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Celtic-Junction-Arts-Center>

IDPA Meeting This Saturday

IDPA is holding its May board meeting this Saturday on Zoom from 9 am to 10 am. Board meetings are open to all OID parents who wish to attend. Join here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84541461193?pwd=K1EyQ01Fa2l3TWg5WEo4QTh4MFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 4146 1193; Passcode: 818830

MidAmerica Spring Online Feis

The MidAmerica Spring Online Feis will be held May 22 through May 24. Registration opens on May 7 and runs until May 20. Videos may be uploaded no sooner than May 22. All videos must be uploaded no later than 8 pm on May 24. Register on [QuickFeis](#). More info in the [Feis Syllabus](#).



Class Costume Fittings

Dancers who need to be fitted for a class costume before the Spring Recital, and anyone else without a class costume or with one that's too small, please sign up for an upcoming fitting session. Donna and Kristo will be at CJ from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, May 13, and 20. All accessories orders must be in by May 10. Please use [this sign-up form](#) to pick a time to stop by.

Multi-School Solo Dress/Vest Exchange

On Friday, May 21 from 5 pm to 9 pm we're organizing a solo dress/vest exchange with other local CLRG* schools. Families bringing a dress to sell will be admitted free of charge. Families not bringing a dress to sell will be asked to make a \$10 contribution. Admission proceeds will be donated to IDPA. To organize the evening we are breaking it down into four separate periods:

- 5 pm to 6 pm - Dancers up to 10 years old
- 6 pm to 7 pm - Dancers aged 11 to 14
- 7 pm to 8 pm - Dancers aged 15 and up
- 8 pm to 9 pm - All ages

Families bringing a dress/vest to sell will be admitted first so we can get organized in each hour. Then others will be admitted as capacity allows until everyone is through. Dresses need to be clearly marked with contact name, price and phone number clearly printed or written on a 8.5x11 sized sheet of paper, preferably in a plastic sleeve attached to the dress, bag or hanger.

A note about solo vs class costumes in competitions (feiseanna): Irish dancers that are dancing at the competition level of Novice and above need to have solo costumes. Dancers at the beginner competition level can dance in class costumes. Please check with your instructor if you have any questions.

* CLRG (An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha) is the world irish dance governing body that our school operates under.

CJAC Outdoor Stage Opening with Wild Colonial Bhoys on May 15

After a successful "soft opening" with this past weekend's ceili, the CJAC outdoor stage will officially open with a concert by Wild Colonial Bhoys on May 15. Mask up, maintain social distancing, bring your own chair, and experience great live music in-person again!



Wild Colonial Bhoys is an Irish-American band from right here in Minnesota. Their sound is a blend of old Irish traditions with the modern American rock that inspired their music making from the time they were just wee lads. Tickets and more info at <https://celticjunction.org/event/wild-colonial-bhoys/>.

It's time to update those Black Old Jackets!

I know a lot of you have outgrown your jacket and/or are behind on sleeve dates. IDPA will be collecting jackets during the month of May to have the sleeves updated. Be sure to fill out the attached form completely so we know what you need on the sleeves. If you're in need of a new jacket, please order from [THIS WEBSITE](#) now through June 1st.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be allowing dancers to try on jackets for sizing so please see the size chart in the above order link or talk to your friends or other parents about what sizes have worked for them.

A new jacket (back piece, name on front, all sleeve work) will continue to cost \$85.00. This year, IDPA will NOT be covering the cost of the sleeve updates. Sleeve updates are \$10 per event. You must fill out the form that's attached indicating what years you want added under which event (Nationals, Oireachtas, Worlds). All jackets will be available for pick up at the Celtic Junction by the end of June.

Print the attached form and pin it to the jacket, there will also be forms available near the bins inside Studio 1. Please contact Galena with ANY questions: galena.stcroix@gmail.com. Thank you!

Guidance on COVID-19

All OID dancers and families may access the interior of the building for their classes:

- 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)
- Intermediate through Champ dancers/caregivers may arrive/wait on the RIGHT side of the Lobby (Fireplace).

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. If a family member is sick or has been exposed to covid, please stay home and wait 10 days before returning to the facility. 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 MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021