

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance

April 16, 2022

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **SPRING BREAK!** - April 4 thru April 17
- **Classes Resume** - Tuesday April 18 (see below)
- **Costume Fittings for Upcoming Feis** - April 20 and April 22
- **O'Shea Irish Dance Feis** - April 30
- **Leap Into Spring Feis** - May 1
- **OID Spring Recitals!** - May 7

## Spring Break - Now through April 17

**THE SCHEDULE:** Spring break is ending a day early for some classes. Start dates follow:

- **Monday April 18** for PreSchool and Beginner Classes with Ms. Sarah
- **Tuesday April 19** for Primary Classes with Ms. Natalie.
- **Wednesday, April 20** for Cormac's classes

**OPEN STUDIO TIME:** Dancers wishing to book open studio time over break, [Studios 1 and 2 will be available via this sign-up](#). Please note there is an event at CJAC on April 9 so no open studio time will be available that day. Please use the sign-up to reserve a time rather than contact Cormac since he will be in Belfast for Worlds. **REMINDER: All dancers 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult parent or caregiver who must remain inside CJAC the entire time their dancer is practicing.**

**WORLDS LIVESTREAM:** Speaking of Belfast, we have SEVEN DANCERS competing at the 50th CLRG World Championships. And you can watch along from home on a new Irish Dance streaming service called [FeisTV.com](#). Click the link to purchase a subscription and plan to watch the following dancers compete in solo and team competitions live on the day and on replay the day after they dance. There's still time to watch all the Worlds Competitions even after the dancing is done. The streams will remain available for only a few days after the event finishes:

- Jordan Grubidge - Comp #12 Boys 10-11 - Sun, April 10
- Jason Mills - Comp #8 Boys 14-15 - Mon, April 11
- Henry Sween - Comp #6 Boys 16-17 - Wed, April 13
- Ayuna Lamb-Hickson - Comp #25 Ladies 18-19 - Thu, April 14/Fri, April 15
- Ceili (Ava, Ayuna, Evan, Jason) - Comp #40 Senior Mixed - Fri, April 15
- Evan Lowe - Comp #1 Senior Men - Sat, April 16
- Ava Schaeffel - Comp #24 Ladies 19-20 - Thu, April 14/Fri, April 15
- Ella Pomplun - Comp #21 Senior Ladies - Sat/Sun - Sat, April 16/Sun, April 17

Belfast is 6 hours ahead of MN time. The complete Daily Competition Schedule can be found on the [CLRG website here](#).

## Irish Arts Week



Celtic Junction Arts Center's Irish Arts Week starts next week! So much to see and hear and learn and do. All the details can be found on the the Irish Arts Week's Main Event Page. You'll see classes, concerts, lectures, lessons and much more including free irish dance classes for beginners. More info about the whole [Irish Arts Week here](#). Share this info with friends and family as well. Beginners can [sign up for a free trial here](#).

**About the image above and Irish Arts Week:** Minnesota artist Carrie Finnigan's image of a hare, a raven, and a fox evokes tale-tellers and harbingers of Spring. Corresponding to Celtic, Norse, and Indigenous tricksters as hare/pooka and raven/Odin's messenger, and fox/trickster all three are dualities juxtaposing truth and disinformation, telling tales to stir and contain chaos - just like the Bealtaine season that is upon us. Founded in 2016 and operated in partnership with the Irish Fair for the last four years, the Irish Arts Week 2022 is now fully produced by Celtic Junction Arts Center where it will continue to grow and flourish.

## State Fairgrounds Memorial Day Performance Opportunity

We have been invited to perform at the Minnesota State Fair's Kick-Off to Summer event on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. Links to the form and rubric can be found on our [Upcoming Performances](#) page.

## Register Now: Upcoming Local Feiseanna

Registration is open for our Spring Feiseanna. Visit [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) to register. More info about the O'Shea Irish Dance Feis (April 30) and the Leap Into Spring Feis (May 1) can be found at <https://www.idpamn.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/OIDFeiseanna>. Please also follow, like and share the OID Feiseanna Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/oidfeiseanna/>

## OID Spring Recitals - May 7th!

Save the date! Recitals for Preschool, Beginner, Primary, Intermediate & Adult dancers will be held on Saturday May 7. Recitals will be split into to times based on the day of the week your dancer attends class:

- Monday and Tuesday classes at 1:30 pm
- Wednesday and Thursday at 3:00 pm

More information about the recitals and ticket information will be shared very soon! We're excited to see you show your steps and moves!

## **Costume Days for Upcoming Feiseanna and Spring Recitals**

We are holding two costume days before the OID and Leap Into Spring Feiseanna for dancers who will be using their class costumes to compete in the upcoming Feiseanna or who do not yet have a class costume or one that fits. Costume fittings will be held on April 20 and April 22 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm by sign-up only. Please use [this form](#) to sign-up so we know when you plan to come. Reminder that dancers using the stretch velvet "performance" dresses in competition will need to wear the black collar piece that goes with it. Necklines in competition attire cannot show collarbones. **If you plan to come before class, please note that depending on the number of dancers being fit for costumes, your dancer may be late for class. Please allow enough time so your dancer is not late for class.**

## **Reminder to Join REMIND**

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you join the All Dancers And Families All Levels class on the Remind app. Click here to join: <https://www.remind.com/join/osheair>. You may also receive invitations to join smaller sub-groups based on performances and other events and should join those as well. In addition to the weekly newsletter and other emails, we use the Remind app extensively to get important quick information and reminders out to dancers and families.

## **Guidance on COVID-19**

Masks and social distancing are absolutely still required indoors at CJAC. Thanks to everyone for remaining vigilant in adhering to these protocols.

**Testing is still available to all at CJAC** (you will need to register on the MCC system) in the lobby Monday through Thursday 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Dates and times subject to change.

If a family member is sick or has been exposed to COVID, please stay home and wait 5 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 FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022**