

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 15, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

June 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm – **Practice Feis** tonight for all grade levels (not PC/OC) to prepare for:

- June 16 – Northern Mid-America Championships Feis
- June 17 – 10,000 Lakes Feis

June 16 – No open studio. See you at the feis!

June 24 – **Nationals Teams Intensive**

- 2-4 pm U9-U13
- 4-6 pm U16 & O16

July 2 – July 12 – OID Closed for Summer Break/Nationals – No Open Studio during break

July 12 – July 14 – Summer **Master Workshop**. Registration link coming soon.

1-5pm DANCE & 5-8pm PLAYTIME!

Open to Intermediate 1 through Championship Level dancers

- Day 1: Can-Can Wonderland!
- Day 2: Picnic in the Park!
- Day 3: Movie/Pizza Night & *Lock-In!*

August 4 from 3 pm and 5 pm – **Performance Opportunity**: Washington County Fair – [Form/rubric available here](#).

August 10 – August 12 – Irish Fair of Minnesota. Save the dates! Performance dates/times TBD. All-school and alumni party at Irish Fair on August 12.

Natalie's Friday Motivation

Fear of failure is normal! When you're afraid of making mistakes, it's very hard for you to perform at your best.

So how do we change this? Perform for YOURSELF and focus on what you have been taught. Don't be worrying about the result. Focus on doing your own best dancing just for that moment and be proud of what you have achieved!

Are You Ready for the June Feiseanna?

REMINDER: We're holding a **Practice Feis** for all grade levels (not PC/OC) TONIGHT June 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm. The practice feis helps dancers and families get a sense of what being at a feis is all about so they're ready for the feiseanna this weekend.

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 pre-beginner or beginner classes. Grab some flyers about Pre-Beginner/Beginner classes in the lobby of the CJ.

Irish Dance Summer Camps – Help Spread the Word

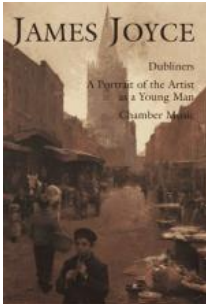
Know any kids looking for a fun summer camp? We've got just the thing. OID Summer camps are held Monday through Thursday the middle two weeks of July.

PreBeginner Camp (ages 3 – 6) runs from 9 am to 10 am. **Beginner Camp** (ages 5 - 12) runs from 10 am to 12 pm. Camp dates:

- July 9 through July 12
- July 16 through July 19

Registration link coming soon!

Coming Up at CJAC – [More Info Here](#)

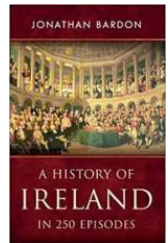


[Introduction to James Joyce and *Dubliners*, June 11-July 9](#)

Learn how the extraordinary genius, James Joyce (1882-1941), employed his concept of the epiphany to examine the ordinary lives of the Dublin middle class in his highly accessible and ironically observed collection of fifteen stories, *Dubliners* (1914). The course will examine the biography of Joyce, his importance within the Irish Literary Revival, his respectful yet contentious relationship with the older W.B. Yeats, and the models Joyce sought to emulate and surpass as he interrogated the spiritual paralysis he saw at the heart of the colonized metropolis.

Irish History Book Club, June 20

7:30-9:00pm in the EML (McKiernan Library). They are reading from episodes 90-100 in Jonathon Bardon's magnificent *A History of Ireland in 250 Episodes* and (an optional extra reading) reading pp.132-174 in *The Flowering of Ireland*. This free event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend and contribute to the group's conversations. Any questions can be directed to Patrick.odonnell@normandale.edu



**GOOD LUCK AT THE FEISEANNA EVERYBODY!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY JUNE 22, 2018**