Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, Mar 16, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

Mar 17 – IMDA's St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration main stage performance at 11:20 am. (No Open Studio). Many of our dancers are also musicians so keep an eye out for ensembles both days!

Mar 18 – IMDA's Day of Irish Dance main stage performance at 12:25 pm; Decade of Dance Awards at 12:15 pm and 2:40 pm; OID adult dancer showcase at 4:20 pm in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; Cross-cultural performance with KII dancers and Bollywood Dance Studio back on the main stage at 4:30 pm.

Mar 26 – We have a slight change to the first day of Spring Break. We are running our regular Monday class schedule to make up for the schedule change on 3/12. See you at the CJAC for class!

Mar 27 – Apr 5 – OID is closed for Spring Break. Classes resume Apr 9.

Apr 28 – Minneapolis Feis. Register at <u>www.feisworx.com</u>. - <u>Volunteer for Minneapolis Feis</u>

Apr 29 – OID Feis. Register at <u>www.feisworx.com</u> - <u>Volunteer for OID Feis</u>

Festival of Nations performances (form/rubric coming soon). Save the dates:

- May 4 11 am (kids); 1 pm (teens); 9:45 pm (adults)
- May 5 11 am (kids); 2 pm (teens); 4:45 pm (adults)
- May 6 5:15 pm (adults)

Kickin' It Irish - Tomorrow at the Fitzgerald Theater!



Please help us promote the final performance of Kickin' It Irish. Tell your friends we're at the Fitzgerald Theater in downtown St. Paul on St. Paddy's Day at 5 pm. Info and tickets <u>here</u>. Please also like and share the Kickin' It Irish <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> feeds! Copy and paste the following to send to friends and family in email:

Dancers from O'Shea Irish Dance are performing in the Riverdance-style production **Kickin' It Irish** on St. Patrick's Day at the Fitzgerald Theater in downtown St. Paul. Ticket info here:

https://fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org/event/kickin-it-irish/

Thanks all for your support!

Lost Shoes – HELP!

Beginner, Primary, and Intermediate I dancers, please check your dance bags for extra shoes. We have a dancer who is missing her soft shoes. If you have extra shoes, please bring them to the CJAC at your earliest convenience and turn them in at the kiosk or to your teacher. Thank you!

Coming Up at CJAC



Saint Patrick's Day Dance, March 17

All ages - dances taught and called by Paul McCluskey with lots of helpers for newcomers. Genuine, authentic, traditional Irish music with the Twin Cities Ceili Band.All ages - dances taught and called by Paul McCluskey with lots of helpers for newcomers. Genuine, authentic, traditional Irish music with the Twin Cities Ceili Band. More info <u>here</u>.

The Irish History book club, March 21

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm, FREE in the EML (Eoin McKiernan Library). They are reading up to episode 70 in Jonathon Bardon's magnificent A History of Ireland in 250 Episodes and (an optional extra reading) finishing O'Kelly's authoritative study Newgrange. 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





Finding Ship Records for Irish Ancestors, March 24

The ever-elusive passenger lists are frequently the hardest information to find on your ancestors. Find out what records are available and where to find them. 10:30am - Noon in the EML. Instructor Mary Wickersham, Treasurer, Irish Genealogical Society Intl. Email <u>research@irishgenealogiccal.org</u> to register.