## Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, May 25, 2018

## **Upcoming Important Dates**

May 26 - Open Studio from 10 am to Noon. Are you ready to feis?

May 28 - OID is CLOSED for Memorial Day

May 29 - Flexi Schedule starts. More details below.

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

June 16 - Northern Mid-America Championships Feis - Registration through Feisworx

June 17 – 10,000 Lakes Feis – Registration through Feisworx

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

July 12 – July 14 – Summer **Master Workshop**. More details below.

August 4 from 3 pm and 5 pm – *Performance Opportunity*: Washington County Fair – <u>Form/rubric</u> available here.

August 10 – August 12 – Irish Fair of Minnesota. Save the dates! Performance dates/times TBD.

August 12 - All-school and alumni party at Irish Fair

# OID Logowear Sale Closes Thursday 5/31!

Our Spring logowear site is up and running, place your order now and get your items mid-June. Everything can be picked up at the Celtic Junction Arts Center after June 18th. If you have any questions at all please email, text or call Galena directly at <a href="mailto:galenajustine@yahoo.com">galenajustine@yahoo.com</a> or 612-616-8399. **PLEASE NOTE:** The summer skates item needs a minimum order to 20 pairs before it can be fulfilled. If this is not reached you will be refunded your order amount.

Here's the link to the sale page: <a href="https://2018oshea.itemorder.com">https://2018oshea.itemorder.com</a>

#### **Summer Flexi-Schedule**

Our summer dance schedule does not change! Summer is not only feis season (next local feiseanna are June 16 & 17 at <a href="www.feisworx.com">www.feisworx.com</a>), it is also a time for amazing growth and strength in your dancers. ((Please note - while we have closed Mondays in July/August in the past, we will NOT be doing so this year due to the Fringe Festival. Class schedules remain as usual except as noted in the attached calendar\*))

- We open classes up as a "*Flexi-schedule*" so you can come when you want and travel when you wish.
- If you can't make it to classes in your own level, you can audit the one above you as a makeup too (like an upgrade)!
- Summer enrollment allows your dancer to perform at the Irish Fair!

# Summer Workshops for Steps & Summer Fun, including Can-Can Wonderland, Picnic in the Park, & the Lock-In!

Following our rest from Nationals, we will launch into our annual summer MASTER WORKSHOP for steps. This year, we will take three days of intensive development work, followed by plenty of FUN! Join us for some exciting summer PLAYTIME activities, including the much-begged-for return of the OID LOCK-IN:

### **OID Summer Workshop - Registration information to follow!**

Thursday, July 12 - Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>
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!

## **National Championships - Orlando!**

We have begun training for the upcoming National Championships in Orlando, Florida. We have 45 OID dancers preparing for their best in both team and solo competitions, and planning some time to visit DISNEYWORLD, UNIVERSAL and especially HARRY POTTER WORLD as well! Whoo-hoo!

### Nationals updates:

- TEAMS INTENSIVE ANNOUNCED Sunday, June 24th
  - o 2-4 pm U9-U13
  - o 4-6 pm U16 & O16
- SAVE THE DATE: NATIONALS PARTIES!
  - o Saturday, June 23rd 1-6pm **Team-Building Party for Nationals Dancers & Parents!**
  - o Wednesday, July 11th 3-8pm Welcome Home Party for Nationals Dancers

## **Coming Up at CJAC - More Info Here**



## **Family Constellations Introduction, June 4**

Following up on the talk given on Family Constellations and Healing Immigration Trauma given during Irish Arts week, we are offering a more in depth introduction to this powerful process.

### Self-portraits in Poetry: Creative Writing Workshop, June 9 &16

Students will explore self-expression through sensory and figurative language in multiple poetic forms, including persona poetry, section poems, and narrative poetry. We will examine the work of W.B. Yeats and other contemporary poets. In this course, poetry is approached as a playful experiment. All skill levels are welcome; if you're having fun, then you're doing it right!

