

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, August 24, 2018

Tell your friends: BEGINNERS FREE TRIAL WEEK - Aug 27 through Sept 1

We are holding classes for Preschool, Beginner, and Adult Beginner the week of August 27 for anyone wishing to try Irish Dance for the first time. Please spread the word and share with friends, family. Free trial class offerings are:

- Monday Preschool - Aug 27 from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
- Monday Beginner - Aug 27 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Preschool - Aug 29 from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Adult Soft Shoe - Aug 29 from 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday Beginner Sep 1 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

The Fall semester for these classes starts on September 10th but students enrolled in these classes are welcome to come to these classes and dance with potential new O'Shea students and friends!

And don't forget about the **REFERRAL BONUS!** 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 CJ lobby.

Upcoming Important Dates

- August 27 - Classes resume for Primary I and up
- August 27 - Sep 1 - Free Trial Week for New Dancers
- September 10 - Classes resume for PreSchool and Beginner
- September 15 - Fall Orientation 9 am to Noon (arrival times will vary by level) Get a jump on the annual forms with the links below:
 - [Policies and Conditions](#)
 - [Medical Form](#)
 - [Release Form](#)

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

- September 3 - State Fair Day - [Advanced/KII Form/Rubric here.](#)
- September 8 - Mac/Groveland Fest - [All Levels Form/Rubric here.](#)
- September 22 - St. Ambrose Festival - [All Levels Form/Rubric here.](#)
- October 6 - Hamline/Midway - Save the date. Details coming soon!

No Saturday Open Studio on 8/25, 9/1, or 9/8. Fall Open Studio schedule begins September 15.

Parents Dance Too!

Curious about the skills your kids are building? Why not sign up for the Adult Classes on Wednesday nights. There's also an Adult Fitness class on Tuesdays. Visit [ClassBug](#) to register.

Check for Missing Items

Check your dance bags for other dancers' shoes and any other items you may have inadvertently picked up at Irish Fair. We are still missing a pair of size 1 wide hard shoe, and a single size 11 hard shoe. Remember to label your shoes.

Upcoming Regional Feiseanna

More info and registration for these recommended upcoming regional feiseanna can be found [here](#).

- Sept 29 - The Minnesota Feis (St. Paul)
- Sept 30 - The Saint Paul Autumn Feis (St. Paul)

St. Paul Autumn Feis honors Áine O'Shea. As you're registering, please note that there is a Hornpipe Special dance in memory of Áine O'Shea. Registration proceeds for this dance will be sent to St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown for the love and care they gave to Áine in her final days.

Three Important Notes from OID Admin

- **New Registration System:** Cormac is continuing to send emails containing an invite to register for Fall classes on Class Bug, our new class registration system. Currently, we are sending invites only to those families who don't exceed the family maximum. We will be sending additional invites to those families that regularly hit the family maximum in the coming days.
- **Remind App:** If you haven't done so already, please sign up for "All Dancers And Families All Levels" notifications on the Remind App. On your preferred mobile device, please visit: <https://www.remind.com/join/osheair> You'll be prompted to register and create a password. A security code will be sent to your phone and then you'll get a link to download the app. If you already have the app, you have the option to skip the last step. Follow the setup prompts once the app is installed. If prompted to join a class, type: osheair.
- **Special Closed Groups on Facebook:** Remember to join the closed groups on Facebook: [O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Dancers and Families Announcements and Activities](#) [O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Major Competitions Group](#)

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

Incantation: The Magic of Poetry, 9/8 -15

Learn how to write poetry with a sense of mystical incantation through the strategies of creating music in language. 2 sessions. Noon – 2 pm. Saturday, September 8 and 15. Class fee: \$30 or \$27 (if you email the instructor to pre-register). Contact instructor: [Lynette Reini-Grandell](#).

Irish language Literature, 9/20 - 11/8

Deepen your knowledge, appreciation and comprehension of the Irish language by reading plainly written selections from its literature. Instructor will supply readings of accessible Irish language short stories. Eight Thursday sessions 6:30-8:00 pm. Sep 20 - Nov 8. Class fee: \$144 (email instructor to pre-register) or \$160 (first night of class). Contact instructor: [Lavinia Finnerty](#).

Prep for Certificate in Irish, 9/22- 12/8

Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge). Adult learners, from experienced beginners to intermediate learners, undertake a structured curriculum to prepare for the only internationally recognized general Irish language proficiency exam for adults in 2019 (or 2020). 12 Saturday sessions 9 am-11 am. Sep 22 – Dec 8. Class fee: \$324 (email instructor to pre-register) or \$360 (first morning of class). Contact instructor: [Lavinia Finnerty](#).