

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 16, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

LAST OPEN STUDIO OF THE YEAR

- Nov 17: 11 am - 1 pm (no Open Studio in Dec)

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE:

- CLOSED: Wednesday before Thanksgiving - *Studio is open for Oireachtas Solos/trad set practice only - 6 pm to 8 pm*
- CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day
- OID REOPENS: All classes resume on Monday after Thanksgiving **except Cormac's classes** which are cancelled on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL COSTUME DAY

- Dec 1 - All dancers are fit for and reassigned costumes yearly. Oireachtas team dancers have already been fitted & do not need to attend. Parents will sign costume contracts and purchase accessories as needed. The schedule for the morning follows. (*A note to families with dancers in multiple levels: we will accommodate siblings at the youngest sibling's appointment time, so families can come altogether.*)
 - 9 am - 9:30 am – Preschool
 - 9:30 am -10 am – Beginner
 - 10 am - 10:30 am – Primary I
 - 10:30 am - 11 am – Primary II
 - 11 am – Noon – Intermediate I through Advanced (not in Oireachtas)

ALL-SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY - **SLIGHTLY LATER START TIME**

- Dec 1 - **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** - OID FAMILY HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY with entertainment from Scottish Band **The GunnSlingers**. Come with an item to share as we celebrate the return of teams and solos from the Regional Championships! Join us to eat, dance and be merry. All OID dancers of any age/class and their families are invited!

OID Holiday Ornament Available Now

Do you have an O'Shea Irish Dance ornament yet? They are perfect for your holiday decor and to give as a gift to family and friends this holiday season. You can buy them for \$5.00 each at the kiosk. Cash, check written to IDPA or look for Mary Glazer or Galena Schirmer to run a credit card. Get yours today!



Decade of Dance Awards

Have you been dancing 10 years or more? The Irish Music and Dance Association will again present their Decade of Dance Awards to eligible dancers at IMDA's Day of Irish Dance at Landmark Center, St. Paul on Sunday, March 17, 2019. The award is presented to dancers who have studied Irish dance for at least ten years. For the 2019 presentations, the dancer would have begun their study by the Fall of 2008 or before and studied continuously. Eligible dancers must complete an application for the award documenting their 10 year study of Irish dance. **The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2018.** Dancers will receive confirmation by Feb. 1, 2019. The application is available on the [IMDA website](#).

Huge Thanks from IDPA!

Thank you to all who generously supported IDPA with a gift during GiveMN Give to the Max Day. Together we raised \$850 which will directly support our dancers as they pursue excellence in competition and performance.

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

Got homework? Or a special event?

The Eoin McKiernan Library is open from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Monday through Thursday and is a good quiet space for homework and is also available for special events by appointment. Email library@celticjunction.org to arrange for special use.

Celtic Holiday Hooley Tickets are On Sale Now!



Holiday fun for the whole family! Celebrate the season with a variety show of traditional folk music, Irish step dance, carols, cute kids, and Santa, hosted by comedian Joshua Will and Natalie O'Shea. This family event brings together the stunning O'Shea Irish Dancers and The Celtic Junction Band. Kids 18 & under are free! [More info and tickets here.](#)

Nomadi in Concert, Nov 17

The newest Bulgarian folk band in town, Nomadi, is thrilled to announce their very FIRST concert! A special night of live Bulgarian music with the sounds of modern and traditional folk patterns. Members of this unique band are Alexandra Georgieva (vocals, gadulka, keyboard), Natalie Nowytski (vocals), Nikolay Gueorguiev (gadulka), Toli Georgiev (clarinet, bagpipe (gaida), keyboard), and Eric Ray (accordion). [More info and tickets here.](#)



Adam Kiesling/Scott Keever Double Album Release, Nov 30



Multi-instrumentalist Adam Kiesling and acoustic guitarist Scott Keever, both celebrate the release of their latest solo albums. Adam's new CD "BNJO & GTR" includes solo arrangements of some of his favorite old-time tunes and songs. Scott's new CD "Solo Guitar Vol. 1" includes Celtic and American folk, classical, jazz and world music. [More info and tickets here.](#)

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