

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 26, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

OID IS CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN

- Oct 31 - No classes on Halloween. Trick or treat!

NOVEMBER COSTUMES - RETURN!

- All OID Costumes, other than those assigned to Oireachtas teams, must be returned in the month of November for inventorying, evaluation, and repair. Costume Day, where ALL costumes for 2018-19 will be distributed, is December 1.

FREE TRIAL WEEK

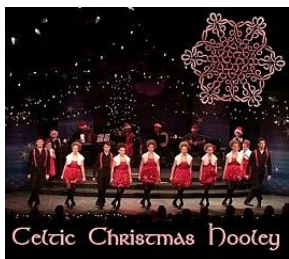
- Nov 5 through Nov 10 - Tell your friends they can try the preschool, beginner, and Adult classes the week of November 5. If they have any questions, please have them email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com.

MOCK-OIREACHTAS - WHAT'S THAT?

- See info about Oireachtas below. Dancers competing at the Mid-America Region Oireachtas will have a "mock-oireachtas" on November 11 to get acquainted with the process and run through their dances.

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!



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.](#)

Oireachtas - How do you even say that?!

In modern competitive Irish dance, an oireachtas (o-ROCK-tus) refers to an annual championship competition. Oireachtas (that's the plural form) are held by several Irish dance organizations globally, including our Mid-America Region governing body An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha. Our regional Oireachtas is being held in Louisville, KY from November 22 through November 25.

How do dancers qualify to compete at Oireachtas? Well, it's complicated and varies by age and feis level. You can read the breakdown on page 4 of the [Syllabus](#) for this year's Oireachtas. Once you complete your first year with Natalie she will start talking with you about it.



The word oireachtas means in "assembly" in the Irish language, and comes from the Old Irish airech, meaning "nobleman". While the phrase can be used to refer to any cultural festival or gathering, as well as to the Irish legislature, in Irish dancing it has come to refer to major top-level competitions, and is often casually translated as "championship". After their first Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne (World Championships) in 1970, many regional oireachtais, including ours, became qualifying events for the Worlds.

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

The Roots and Branches of Celtic Music. A cultural seminar to expand your knowledge of the history and transmission of Celtic music (with an emphasis on Ireland) in a research-based survey course featuring live performances of selections of the music presented by Bundle & Go. 4 sessions. Mondays. November 12 -Dec 3. 6:30-8 pm. \$60 or \$54, if you email the instructor [David Rhees](#) to pre-register.



**IT'S ALMOST NOVEMBER... OIREACHTAS MONTH!
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