

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, February 1, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- **OID FEIS FAIR and PRACTICE FEIS tomorrow!** - Feb 2
- **NO SATURDAY BEGINNER CLASS** (Because of Feis Fair) - Feb 2
- **ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PERFORMANCES** - Mar 16 and 17
 - Saturday on the Main stage at 11:20 am for 30 minutes
 - Sunday on the Main stage at 11:50 am for 40 minutes
 - Adult Dancer Showcase on Sunday beginning approx 3:30 pm (to be confirmed)
- **SCHOOL-DAY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
 - St. Odilia School - Thursday, February 7 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Parkview Center School - Friday, March 29 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)

OID Feis Fair and Practice Feis TOMORROW

We're excited to help you kick off a new year, or a FIRST year, of competition! The Feis Fair runs from 9 am to 1 pm. Dancers will not need to be there all day - see the schedule based on level, below. The Feis Fair is a fun opportunity for dancers and families to try a feis for the first time, learn about volunteer opportunities, and practice for the real thing. This is a mandatory Saturday event for all OID Students Preschool through Prizewinner dancers. Championship dancers will have the opportunity to get official volunteer/service hours for school & / or church and support OID's up-and-coming dancers. **PLEASE EMAIL OIDADMIN@OSHEAIRISHDANCE.COM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND.**

WHO: Feis Fair is a TRAINING Feis at The Celtic Junction for ALL students Preschool through Prizewinner Feis level regardless of experience. Champ dancers will help will practice with the younger students, guide them, and run the stages. IDPA, the parent booster group, will be there for our FEIS FAIR with info about the organization, upcoming feiseanna and volunteer opportunities, how to participate, logowear for sale, a photo booth, a sucker tree, and fun for the whole family!

WHAT: Dances will be demonstrated and repeated, and feis "competitions" customized to encourage students and get them excited about where they are at as we head into spring. Teachers have been working for the last four months in classes to prepare them for this mid-term marker. There is no additional practice or class needed to participate. You will receive helpful feedback from Cormac, Natalie, and your teachers to help you prepare for this year's feiseanna.

WHAT to WEAR: This is intended to look and feel like a feis. Please wear your solo costume (if you have one) or your class costume. Make sure you have all your accessories tonight so you're ready for tomorrow. If you received an email saying your accessories were ready to pick up in the kiosk, and you haven't been able to pick them up yet, please see Kristo Sween or me at the event and we will get them to you. Your teachers and older dancers will be there to advise and help with costumes. Please email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com or your teacher with any costume questions.

SCHEDULE: The "feis" will start at 9 am at The Celtic Junction & will progress through the levels:

- 9 am - 10 am PreSchool through Beginner
- 10 am - 11 am Primary 1 & 2 dancers
- 11 am - 12:30 pm Intermediate through Advanced dancers (non-champ)

IMDA Dancer T-Shirts

The Irish Music and Dance Association is offering a special edition Irish Dancer T-Shirt celebrating the wonderful contribution of our local Irish dancers to our St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration and Day of Irish Dance, as well as to our community. Shirts can be [ordered here](#).

This year, the IMDA has 16 Irish dance schools and performance groups performing on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, including three new schools. All the group's names are listed on the back of the shirt. Proceeds from these sales support IMDA's [Educational Grant Program](#).

What's Coming Up at CJAC? *KICKIN' IT IRISH!*

Our annual March production, Kickin' It Irish, is coming up March 8 through March 17 at the Celtic Junction Arts Center. Tickets and more info at <https://www.celticjunction.org/events/kickinitirish2019/>.

Dates and showtimes:

- MARCH 8: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 9: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 10: 3 pm
- MARCH 15: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 16: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 17: 3 pm

Also check out and share these educational classes January through April 2019. [More info here](#):

- No Sweat Irish 2
- Introduction to Irish Language Literature - Children's Books
- Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge)
- Drawing Celtic Mythology
- Under the Influence: William Blake's poetic genius, a model for the poetry of W.B. Yeats
- Stave Incantations: The Magic of Chanted Poetry
- Reading Irish Poetry: John Montague and his contemporaries
- Irish Literary Biography and Intergenerational Trauma
- Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically

WOW! THAT WAS COLD!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2019