Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, February 22, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- No Open Studio/No Beginner Class Feb 23 All studios are in use for the annual CIM event
- ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PERFORMANCES Mar 16 and 17
 - \circ $\:$ Saturday on the Main stage at 11:20 am for 30 minutes
 - \circ 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)
- **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS** *PREVIEW* March 23 Form/Rubric If you plan to dance in the Festival of Nations performance in May, we need you to participate in the Preview. We recognize that there may be conflicts once our May performance dates are solidified.
- SCHOOL-DAY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
 - Parkview Center School Friday, March 29 Primary I and Up Form/Rubric
- FESTIVAL OF NATIONS May 2-5 (OID performance days TBD) Save the dates.

Free Trial for Adult Beginners - Every Wednesday until St. Patrick's Day

Have you ever been curious about what your kids are learning? Come try it yourself and bring your friends. Adult Beginner Irish Dance classes are held on Wednesday nights from 7 pm to 8 pm. No experience necessary!

Missing: One Dance Shoe!

We have a Primary II dancer missing one Rutherford hard shoe size 13½. It is not marked with the dancers name. Dancers and parents/caregivers, please check dance bags for any extra shoes. It's fairly common that a dancer will grab another dancer's shoe by mistake at the end of class.

OID Logowear Store is Open

The OID Logowear Store is open now to midnight on March 3 with delivery by March 12, right in time for St. Patrick's Day! Contact galenajustine@yahoo.com with any questions.

https://oshea19.itemorder.com/sale

KICKIN' IT IRISH! Tickets Available

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 <u>https://www.celticjunction.org/events/kickinitirish2019/</u>.

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

Fun Opportunity: Bollywood Dance-Off

Our friends at Bollywood Dance Scene would love to have some Irish dancers compete in Season 5 of <u>Hot Indian Dance Off</u>. The big event will be held at the Mall of America in the Rotunda on Sunday, March 24th. Dancers will be competing for a \$1500 cash prize! Rules are simple -

- 1. Participate solo or a group of up to 5 people.
- 2. <u>Register here before March 1st</u> (Fee waiver is available on request)
- 3. Prepare four 30 sec choreos
- 4. Any dance style/genre but the song should be Indian (Bollywood Dance Scene can help with this)

The mission of this event is to bring communities together through the unifying language of dance! This is not a school performance. Groups would be registering on and competing on their own if they want to. OID can provide feedback on your performance as you prepare.

P.S.: To sweeten the deal, Hot Indian Foods will be giving a \$20 gift card to all teams that register before Feb 24th!

New Student Referral Bonus

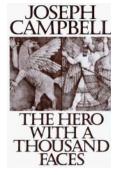
Do you know any families with young kids interested in pre-beginner or beginner Irish Dance classes? Cormac and Natalie will refund your \$35 annual registration fee for one referral who registers for pre-beginner or beginner classes. There are flyers for Pre-Beginner/Beginner classes in the CJ lobby.

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 <u>ordered here</u>.

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 <u>Educational Grant Program</u>.

What's Coming Up at CJAC?



Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically. In the company of the extraordinary writing of Joseph Campbell, we take a six-week journey with mythic heroes to understand life's adventure and our life journey today. Beginning with universal mythic archetypes (persons) and the hero's quest from around the world, we will pay particular attention to Celtic tales. 6 sessions, Saturdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Class fee is \$ 120 or \$ 108 with email preregistration to Instructor: Frederic Stenborg. Required class text: Joseph Campbell The Hero with a Thousand Faces. [First published 1949; any edition].