Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, January 10, 2019

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 11 Saturday 10 am Beginner class and 11 am Open Studio
- Jan 13 & 15 Free Trial Classes for Preschool, Beginner, and Adult Beginner
- Jan 25 2020 Feis Fair
- Feb 7 & 8 Celtic Junction Feis Registration is Open!

Open Studio Begins Tomorrow

OID Open Studio is available tomorrow from 11 am to noon, following the beginner class. Open Studio is for dancers who want extra practice time in the studio to work independently. Any minors should be accompanied by an adult who remains on site. There is a \$5 charge for Open Studio time.

Help OID Get More Hits in Google

Did you know you can help us boost the visibility of OID in Google search results and help prospective families see OID as highly ranked? Follow these simple instructions:

- 1. In Google, search for **irish dance school st. paul** or click <u>this link</u>. You will see O'Shea in the results.
- 2. Click on the link for OID that looks like this:



- 3. Then click where it says: Google review
- 4. Finally, click the **Write a review** link and then rate and review OID. Thanks!

January Free Trial Days 1/13 and 1/15

Tell your friends we'll be having free trial days on Mon, 1/13 and Wed, 1/15 for Preschool, Beginner and Adult Beginner classes. Visitors should email <u>oidadmin@osheairishdance.com</u> so we know to expect them. Thanks!

Celtic Junction Feis Registration NOW OPEN

The Celtic Junction Feis (Feb 7 and 8) is open for registration at www.feisworx.com. Championship level competitions (PC/OC) will take place Friday. First Feis and grade level comps (ALL First Feis, Beginner 1 & 2, Novice and Prizewinner) will take place on Saturday. The CJ Feis is a no-wig, blackout feis. Registration is very limited due to space so register today!

All our local feiseanna run on the good work of volunteers. Look for volunteer sign-ups coming soon. If you've thought about volunteering for a feis, but haven't done it yet, this is a great one to try it with!

2020 Feis Fair Info and RSVP

The 2020 Feis Fair is **SATURDAY**, **JANUARY 25 from 9 am - 1 pm**. 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. Dancers will not need to be there all day - the schedule, based on class level, appears below.

While this is not a required event, all OID students in feis levels prizewinner and below are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend. If you're planning on the 2020 Celtic Junction Feis being your first feis, please make every effort to attend in this easy, low-stress, supportive environment. Championship dancers will have the opportunity to get official volunteer/service hours for school and / or church and support OID's up and coming dancers. It will be held in lieu of classes this day. So we know how many to expect we ask that you RSVP here to let us know if you plan to participate or volunteer. Please contact oidadmin@osheairishdance.com if you have any questions.

WHO: Feis Fair is a TRAINING Feis at The Celtic Junction for ALL students Preschool through the Prizewinner Feis level. Champ dancers will help will practice with the younger students, guide them and run the stages. IDPA will be there to talk about volunteering - it will be 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.

SCHEDULE: The Feis Fair 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)

Next Big Events - CJAC Feis in February and St. Paddy's Day in March

Save the Date: The Celtic Junction Feis is coming to CJAC on February 7th and 8th. Champ competitions will be held Friday evening and the grade competitions will be held Saturday the 8th. This feis has a low registration cap so keep your eyes peeled for an announcement on registrations opening.

Plan ahead for performing around St. Patrick's Day time at Landmark for IMDA's Day of Dance (March 15) and St Patrick's Day (March 17) celebrations. More details to come!

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019