

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, April 10, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- This weekend's ENTERTAINMENT:
 - **STILL AVAILABLE: OID with Ireland's Famous entertainer Daniel O'Donnell at Celtic Junction!**
Click [here](#) when you're ready to watch!
- ***May 9 - OID Spring Recitals ONLINE!***

Congratulations World Qualifiers

This week these world qualifiers should be competing in Dublin. We are so incredibly proud of you and all you have achieved!

Although the stages are dark now the lights will come on again and the spotlight will be yours.

Ayuna, Jason, Evan, Sophie, Molly, Róisín, and Ava, we love you all. On to 2021!



Pointers for Online Classes

Thanks to dancers and families for working to make our online classes work. We recognize that this temporary solution is some extra work for everyone, but the results this week have been great. Please note the following:

- If people still need stage sections for Zoom class and practice, please text Cormac at 612-703-2147 as soon as possible. More deliveries can be made.
- Please try to position your dance space as near to your wifi source as possible. It really helps to have clear video for dancers and for your teachers so they can see your feet moving in time with your rhythm.
- Finally, please work to be warmed up and ready for class before the Zoom session starts.

For other details, please see our "[Family Guide to Zoom classes](#)" which contains most of the details we had thought of before classes started online (i.e. make sure they have water bottles near their screen, so we can take water breaks together).

Special Messages from your teachers...

Happy Easter! We have so enjoyed our classes with the kids again this week, it is the highlight of our day. We have especially enjoyed all of the plushies attending class with us, as we learn all their names too. We have even had a lot of lovely pets and siblings visiting classes, and even some parents taking the exercise classes! Thank you for being a part of our lives in this way, it is so lovely to have the community we do, and we are very grateful for each and every one of you. Xoxox

Spring Recital - Online Fun for All!

We are getting ready to make our Spring Recital on May 9 be something special for friends and families near and far. Dancers will perform in their own homes with audience watching there and friends and family on Zoom from their own homes. Teachers will begin prepping dancers in class. Details to follow!

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

On Wednesday Governor Walz extended the stay-home order still through May 4 in order to continue to flatten the curve. Minnesota is doing a great job in pushing back the peak number of coronavirus cases so our health infrastructure has more time to prepare. Walz said his agency heads will develop protocols over the next three weeks to get even more people back to work. But he said it's unlikely schools will reopen May 4. Like you all, we are continuing to monitor information from the state, the City of Saint Paul and the CDC. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

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