

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, May 8, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- ***May 9 - OID Spring Recitals ONLINE 2-6pm, by age/class!***
 - VIRTUAL Recitals - by class (**see attached schedule and instructions**). All parents and loved ones can watch a recording of their dancer's recital after the recital is complete!
 - We are going to show off our fabulous dancers in our PreSchool, Beginner and Primary level classes in a VIRTUAL recital this year. We will record each recital and share links to the videos on our OID Families Facebook group.
 - We will also provide links to videos that can be shared with Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunties, Uncles and friends who want to see you DANCE!
- **May 16 - [Adrienne O'Shea - Solo Concert Debut](#) - 3 pm to 4 pm Virtual Concert**
 - Presenting Adrienne O'Shea in her first solo concert with special guest Cormac Ó Sé. Adrienne's musicality reveals a transcontinental experience, steeped in old-world style but with a young, modern energy. Born in Dublin to a family steeped in Irish culture, and immigrating young to a unique Irish pocket in St. Paul, MN, Adrienne has feverishly sought and soaked up her traditional roots. In the midst of a worldwide pandemic it is, perhaps, appropriate that this young "Zennial" musician makes her solo presence known online, simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic, performing live from her home and broadcasting on the [Celtic Junction Arts Center's FB page](#).

Recital Message for Preschool, Beginner, and Primary Dancers & Families

We want to make sure you saw the email that Miss Natalie sent an email last night. Here it is again and the schedule is attached as well. We can't wait to see you in the recital tomorrow!!

Dear Dancers and Families,

We did a few trial runs recording our upcoming recital. The children practiced their "solo" turns dancing. We practiced how we will spotlight each of the dancers as they dance their dances for you. It will look great!

Thank you for your patience as we try to make the best recital keepsake for you. We will record each dance separately so they remain short, and so the kids have lots of adjustment and wiggle time in between!

Thank you in advance for checking the schedule carefully and having dancers ready before their recital time!

All the best,

Natalie, Sarah and Anjali

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

While we still follow the school closures, Governor Walz continues to slowly roll-out plans and measures to get businesses open and people back to work. These plans and measures still include significant restrictions and maintain social distancing and safety protocols. We are watching carefully as regards guidance for "exercise classes". We continue 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](#).

Sad News from Irish Fair

Irish Fair of Minnesota announced that it is cancelling the 2020 Irish Fair event due to the pandemic.

They shared on their website:

“Though we would much prefer to gather with our guests and entertainers on Harriet Island in August, given the situation presented by the pandemic, we are compelled to join the ranks of other large-scale summer events and are cancelling the 2020 Irish Fair of Minnesota. We are doing so for the health and security of our friends and the greater community.”

They have announced the dates for the 2021 Irish Fair, however! I bet that one will be HUGE! You can read the full statement on the cancellation and new dates [here](#).

It so happens that it was to be OID's 15 year anniversary celebration. We will be working on alternate plans so WATCH THIS SPACE! Graduates - you will be celebrated!

Eoin McKiernan Library Story Time!

Children of all ages (three to 103!) should check out the [Celtic Junction Arts Center Facebook page](#) for Natalie's daily readings of children's stories from the Eoin McKiernan Library collection.

CJAC Online: Free “Celtic Cuties” class & Summer Irish Language Classe

CIM plans to offer their weekly Celtic Cuties class online via Zoom this summer. If you would like to be notified when registration opens, please send your email address to admin@centerforirishmusic.org.

What is Celtic Cuties? Celtic Cuties is a CIM class for ages 0-4. Little ones will learn rhymes (written by CJAC's Irish Language instructor Lavinia Finnerty (more on her classes below), finger plays and songs that will introduce them to Irish music and dance. This is a parent/grandparent participation class, and a great way to connect with other families who are interested in Irish culture.

CJAC's Irish College of Minnesota will be offering a *beginning* Irish language course for the summer, as well as drawing Celtic Knotwork and Mythological Beasts! For details - here are the [Links to IOC Online Classes!](#)

Links to OID class-specific info and the weekly schedule of Zoom classes can be found on the following pages on the Damhsa site:

- [Class Levels](#)
- [Schedule of Online Classes](#)
- [Family Guide to Zoom classes](#)

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