

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 19, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **June 27** - Jumpin' June Irish Dance Watch Party 7 pm on Facebook
- **July 11** - IDPA Board Meeting 10 am

Letter from Natalie and Cormac

Dear Families,

We are beginning a careful "hybrid" return to Celtic Junction for dance classes by starting a trial schedule with our small groups of more advanced dancers in Cormac's classes as we continue with ZOOM for his larger group classes. We are establishing protocols for entrances and exits, divided dance spaces, cleaning, and space for limited personal items. Please watch for those details in your email.

Natalie and Sarah have contacted their families about interest in returning with younger students via this [SURVEY](#). If you have not replied, please do - it will help us plan how we can best serve you! We are taking more precautions with the younger students, as they are less independent and will need coaching on the new protocol with the aid of their parents. We will be flexible to the needs of families and will maintain both online AND in-person options.



There are some wonderful summer activities ahead, including our June video challenge, a July Virtual Class Feis, and an August (distancing) Festival where we will celebrate our graduating seniors, and OID's 15 year anniversary! We have just released our new summer camps (see below!)

If you haven't seen the photos - here is what the Junction looked like during our food drive for the hard-hit Midway area - we are so proud of our fabulous community!

- Natalie & Cormac

Jumpin' June Videos are DUE TOMORROW!

Reminder, the deadline to send your Irish Dance video is **June 20**. That's next weekend! We want to see your steps! Class steps. Competition steps. Show steps. Or your own steps! Reminder: You create a dance video that is **no longer than 60 seconds using any of Cormac's Feistunes music** (so we don't have any copyright issues with Facebook). You can play the tunes from links found [here](#). Email your video to kristosween@gmail.com on or before June 20. Get creative! Wear your solo costume, or any other costume, or your LOVE O'Shea shirt. The choice is yours! See previous newsletters for more specifics on how to shoot your video and make it great! Can't wait for the watch party!

LOVE O'Shea T-Shirts Still Available for Purchase

Did you think you missed your chance to get a fantastic LOVE O'Shea t-shirt from IDPA? Well never fear--the shop is back open through noon on June 25! [Get yours here today!](#)

SUMMER CAMPS on ZOOM!

Registration is open on StudioDirector for the following summer camps:



'Li'l Ones' - Parent & Child Class

Play, sing and move with your little one! Explore authentic Irish song, dance and stories that bring smiles and imagination to life. We use creative movement principles along with Irish cultural content to inspire little bodies to explore music and challenge their coordination. Join experienced teachers and collaborate with the Celtic Junction via Zoom in your own home for this unique dance experience!

- June 22nd- 25th from 9:00-9:45am-Parent & child class (Irish Dance, culture & more) Ages 2-5



Fairies, Folktales and Fun

We will dive into the magical world of fairies and magical animals through music and dance of Ireland. Stories, music and steps are specially chosen to explore rhythms and that spin through Irish culture. Pretend, move and explore the foundation of creative dance with Irish style in your own home (classes held on Zoom)!

- July 27th-30th from 9:00-9:45 am- Fairies, Folktales and Fun, Ages 3-5. Parent presence helpful



Beginner-Leap into Irish Dance!

Rhythm and song to get your feet moving! Learn jig steps and a reel with us as we connect with the Irish culture with stories and songs to help learn dances. Experienced dance teachers tailor classes for the age-level and ability of students. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn Irish dance. Current and new students are welcome (new content)!

-Ages 5-10 for dancers, athletes, and people new to Irish dance learn a reel in 5 days (1 hour) RUN June 22nd-26th from 10:00-11:00 am. Classes held on Zoom.

-Ages 10 & up learn a reel for 2-3 days in a row (1 hour and 15 minutes) June 22nd-24th 1-2:15 pm. Classes held on Zoom.

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

The limited classes we had at the Junction this week went well. The dancers maintained good distance and entry and exit from the building went well. We intend to continue with this model slowly expanding to other classes and will be in touch with more detail as we begin to roll those out. We continue to

carefully monitor for further guidance to determine how we open safely, likely starting sometime this month with socially distant class trials in the two larger dance studios. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

Class Schedule and Zoom Studio Links

We want to keep you dancing! Take any amount of weeks off, double up on classe, or request alternate class times! 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](#)

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020