

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, December 4, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 1 thru Dec 17 - ALL CLASSES on Zoom
- Dec 15 - Decade of Dance forms due
- Dec 18 thru Dec 31 - OID is CLOSED for Winter Break
- Dec 19 Celtic Holiday Hooley Online Premiere
- Jan 2 - Holiday Performance Costume Dance Video Watch Party
- Jan 4 - OID Classes resume

2021 Decade of Dance Awards - Have You Been Dancing for 10 Years?

The Irish Music and Dance Association has announced that, sadly, it cannot plan for an in-person celebration for either St. Patrick's Day or IMDA's Day of Irish Dance in 2021. IMDA is working on a virtual event to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and recognize the dancers who are eligible for IMDA's Decade of Dance Award. In order to qualify, the dancer must meet all of the following criteria:

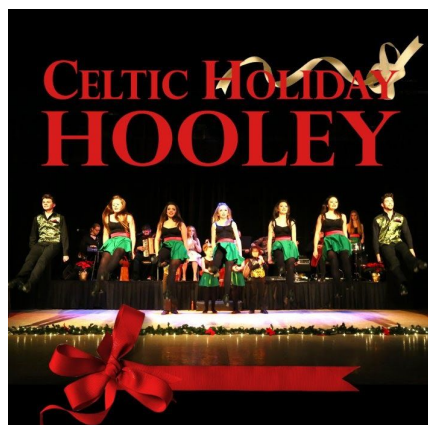
- Participated in Irish Dance for 10 full years*. Dancers applying for the award to be presented in March 2021 must have started studying Irish dance in the Fall of 2010 or before.
- Participated for a minimum of one (1) full year* must be with a Twin Cities Irish dance school or performance group.
- Performed at least once at IMDA's St. Patrick's Day Celebration or IMDA Day of Irish Dance.
- If injured, attended classes during their recovery.
- Be recommended by an Irish Dance Instructor or Director from the Twin Cities.

* A full year begins in the Fall and ends in the Spring (Summers are optional).

Dancers who would like to receive the Decade of Dance Award in March 2021 must submit an application to be reviewed and approved by IMDA's Decade of Dance Award Committee. The application (attached) is due on Dec 15, 2020. IMDA will confirm your awards by Jan 15, 2021.

CELTIC HOLIDAY HOOLEY PREMIERE:

Back by popular demand is **The Celtic Holiday Hooley - Reimagined for 2020!**



Our Holiday Hooley is bringing you holiday laughs and cheer right into the coziness of your living room. Recorded live at the Celtic Junction stage, we'll deliver warm-fuzzies and family fun! This hosted variety show is a party for all ages with Irish music, stories, sketches, step dance, caroling, and more. Beyond that, it's wacky good fun for everyone with brief guest appearances from well-known holiday characters including The Grinch and yes, even Santa Claus! Presented by the O'Shea Irish Dancers (who appeared at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres in sold-out performances of Kickin' It Irish) with a world-class band. Choreography and music by original Riverdancer, Cormac O'Sé, of Dublin. You'll have the best seat in the house!

Class Costume Holiday Dance Video Watch Party - Jan 2nd!



Save the date and practice your steps! Because we can't gather in person this year, we're having a virtual holiday party on Saturday, January 2 at 6:30 pm. Prior to that date, dancers will record themselves performing steps **in their class costume**. Record your favorite steps holding the camera in landscape mode (horizontal). Make a video that's **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 Dec 27. We'll edit those videos together and enjoy them at the watch party.

Tuition Gift Certificates and New Student Referral Credit

OID has gift certificates available for purchase to give to someone interested in trying classes for a month. Remember there is a one-time \$35 annual-fee credit for students referred to OID who register on StudioDirector and enroll in a class.

Guidance on COVID-19

The content of Cormac's 11/15 email re: updated COVID protocol and Zoom schedule is attached. We continue to carefully monitor and will provide updates as needed. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020