

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, March 8, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- **ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PERFORMANCES** - Mar 16 and 17 - Info attached.
 - Saturday on the Main stage at 11:20 am for 30 minutes
 - Sunday on the Main stage at 11:50 am for 40 minutes
 - Adult Dancer Showcase on Sunday beginning approx 4:20 pm
- **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS PREVIEW** - March 23 - [Form/Rubric](#) - If you plan to dance in the Festival of Nations performance in May, we need you to participate in the Preview. We recognize that there may be conflicts once our May performance dates are solidified.
- **SCHOOL-DAY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Parkview Center School - Friday, March 29 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)
- **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS** - May 2-5 (OID performance days TBD) - Save the dates.

Free Trial for Adult Beginners - Every Wednesday until St. Patrick's Day

Have you ever been curious about what your kids are learning? Come try it yourself and bring your friends. Adult Beginner Irish Dance classes are held on Wednesday nights from 7 pm to 8 pm. No experience necessary!

KICKIN' IT IRISH! Four shows left at CJAC!

Our annual March production, Kickin' It Irish, opened on March 8 and runs through March 17 at the Celtic Junction Arts Center. Please help us promote the show. Tell your friends! **Remember, kids 18 and under are free!** Tickets and more info at <https://www.celticjunction.org/events/kickinitirish2019/>.

Remaining dates and showtimes:

- MARCH 15: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 16: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 17: 3 pm

IMDA Dancer T-Shirts

The Irish Music and Dance Association is offering a special edition Irish Dancer T-Shirt celebrating the wonderful contribution of our local Irish dancers to our St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration and Day of Irish Dance, as well as to our community. Shirts can be [ordered here](#).

This year, the IMDA has 16 Irish dance schools and performance groups performing on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, including three new schools. All the group's names are listed on the back of the shirt. Proceeds from these sales support IMDA's [Educational Grant Program](#).

New Student Referral Bonus

Do you know any families with young kids interested in pre-beginner or beginner Irish Dance classes? Cormac and Natalie will refund your \$35 annual registration fee for one referral who registers for pre-beginner or beginner classes. There are flyers for Pre-Beginner/Beginner classes in the CJ lobby.

Discount Tickets for Emmet Cahill Concert - CORRECTED DAY

Join Ireland's most exciting young tenor Emmet Cahill for a night of songs and stories as he debuts his brand-new album, "Blessings of Music". **The concert is at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis on Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m.** Having made his sold-out debut at Carnegie Hall in March 2018, Emmet is back on tour across North America with his biggest tour to date, singing traditional Irish songs, beloved church hymns, Broadway favorites and a bit of opera. And no Emmet Cahill concert is complete without the ever-popular "request medley" segment, which often brings surprises from the audience!

Emmet is known as a principal singer with the acclaimed Irish music show Celtic Thunder. As a solo artist, he has performed in over 70 cities across North America and has been a featured guest artist with several US symphonies. Emmet's first orchestral debut album, "Emmet Cahill's Ireland" on the Sony Music USA label, went to #1 on the World Music charts.

Don't miss this wonderful evening of music that will leave you with fond memories that will last a lifetime! Tickets are \$30 - \$45 and may be purchased at the door or online at www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates/. A special offer for OID families: type IRISHTENOR2019 to receive a 10% discount.

**#PROTIP: IT'S ST. PADDY'S DAY, NOT ST. PATTY'S DAY.
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2019**