

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Monday, July 20, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **August 7th** - CJAC Family Outdoor Ceili
- **August 8th** - Socially Distanced OID *FEI*Stival and OID 15 Year Celebration!

Cormac and Natalie - the Outdoor *FEI*Stival is almost here!

We are so excited to be hosting our first outdoor, social distanced event the weekend of August 8th, and to give our dancers a chance to celebrate the end of the summer season and honor our graduating seniors at our OID *FEI*Stival and our OID 15 year anniversary! Dancers and families will be assigned an outdoor social-distance tent and the event will require masks. Reservations for the ceili and 15 year anniversary party will be by invitation only and VERY limited to first-come basis. Forms and safety logistics will be sent out soon.

- Friday, August 7th 6pm - CJAC Family Outdoor Ceili - LIMITED RESERVATIONS!
- Saturday, August 8th - *FEI*Stival, Anniversary Party, Virtual Irish Fair and Champ Performance
 - 8:30am - 5pm OID *FEI*Stival (dance times below)

8:30 AM	Preschool & Beginner
9:00 AM	Primary 1
10:00 AM	Primary 2
11:00 AM	Intermediate
11:30 AM	Adult
12:00noon	Lunch
12:30 PM	Junior Champ
2:00 PM	PC
3:30 PM	OC

- 5pm - 8pm - OID 15 Year Anniversary Party - LIMITED RESERVATIONS!
 - 5 pm-5:30 pm Staggered Check Ins
 - 5:30 pm Two Tap Trio band LIVE!
 - 6:00 pm Irish Fair Virtual Event Launch from CJAC stage
 - 6:30 pm Champ Dancers Live Line Performance for Virtual Irish Fair Event

SUMMER CAMPS on ZOOM!

We had so much fun in our Zoom Summer Camps in June we're holding them again NEXT WEEK! Registration is available on StudioDirector. Look for an email with details you can share with friends and family:



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 July 27th-30th 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) July 27th-30th 1-2:15 pm. Classes held on Zoom.

Fun CLRG Hornpipe Together Video Participation Event

Another fun participation event! Cormac is happy to discuss with any O'Shea dancers how to join in with anyone that is interested:

The CLRG International Workgroup and Rince Agus Ceol (Music and Dance Committee) invite all teachers and dancers worldwide to participate in a CLRG Global Choreography Challenge named "Cornphíopa le Chéile" (Hornpipe Together) to keep dancers involved, unified, as well as going back to their Traditional Irish Roots. The purpose of this challenge is to promote our dance, our culture, our music and our heritage while allowing dancers all around the World to engage with their teachers and learn a new piece of dance that they might never have the chance to learn again. This is a combined challenge between our wonderful musicians, teachers & dancers from across the Globe. More info can be found on the [CLRG Facebook page](#).

Our Younger Dancers Need Shoes!

Have your dancers outgrown their shoes? That's good because our younger dancers have grown too and need shoes. We're looking for hard shoes in particular for kids 6 to 12 years old. Shoes can be dropped off at the door with the attending teacher during the following times: Monday/Wednesday 5-8; Tuesday/Thursday 5-9; . Make sure the shoes are bagged with your price and contact info to help you get paid.

OID Athletic Masks Now Available!

OID athletic masks have been ordered in two sizes (S/M & L/XL) and are [now available for order](#). Mask will be available for pick up next MONDAY-THURSDAY at CJAC!

Cost is \$15 per mask. Charges will be added to your StudioDirector account. All wholesale proceeds go to the ALL CLEAR FOUNDATION to help in improving the life expectancy and wellbeing of First Responders.



Mask Details:

- 83% Polyester/17% Spandex moisture management fabric
- Non-medical grade - does not replace N95 mask
- Serves as an additional barrier to the outside environment for essential outings
- On the Flat Dimensions (S/M) Length 9"; Width @ Top 8"; Width @ Bottom 7"
- On the Flat Dimensions (L/XL) Length 10"; Width @ Top 10"; Width @ Bottom 9"
- Washable/Reusable

The O'Shea Family have been trying them out in classes for the last two weeks (Natalie's even fits over her ponytail). These masks are in high demand and are currently recommended for sports applications and in high demand from hockey, lacrosse, soccer, baseball and softball teams. They are made of comfortable, breathable performance material. We have plenty available, so parents and siblings are welcome to order too. We'll have a sample available at CJAC at the evening classes.

Please note, these specific masks are not REQUIRED. These masks are a recommended, safe, athletic style mask. ANY TYPE OF MASK WORN OVER THE NOSE AND MOUTH IS WELCOME IN OUR CLASSROOM.

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

As we continue to bring more students back to the studio, we'll all need to keep working hard to avoid crowds, and follow good distancing and mask protocols so we can keep Minnesota cases down and help ensure safe usage of studios.

We continue to carefully monitor for further guidance on next steps. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

Class Schedule and Zoom Studio Links

The schedule on StudioDirector is up-to-date with in-person and Zoom classes. Here's a PDF with the updated [Summer Schedule Links](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020