Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 13, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Starting Nov 16 Preschool, Beginner, and Primary I and II classes on Zoom
- Nov 24 thru Nov 30 OID is CLOSED for Thanksgiving & Oireachtas
- Nov 31 thru Dec 17 ALL CLASSES on Zoom
- Dec 18 thru Dec 31 OID is CLOSED for Winter Break
- Dec 19 Holiday Performance Costume Dance Video Watch Party
- Jan 4 OID Classes resume

EXPOSURE REMINDER - If your household has been exposed to COVID-19 or if any of your family members have shown COVID-like symptoms, please stay out of OID classes for 10 days and avail of the Zoom options.

MASK REMINDER - <u>Masks must be worn at all times inside the Celtic Junction</u>. No exceptions. Please exit the building if you need to remove your mask to eat, use your phone, etc. Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

Holiday Dance Video Watch Party!

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, December 19 at 6:30 pm. Prior to that date, dancers will record themselves performing steps **in their class costume**. We'll edit those videos together and have a watch party to enjoy the dance performances as a community. More details to come!

Coloring Contest WITH PRIZES for Grade-Level Dancers

CLRG along with the International Workgroup are excited to launch our colouring competition for all grade-level dancers in five groups based on birth year:

- 6 & under (born in 2014 and up)
- 6-9 (born 2013, 2012, 2011)
- 9-12 (born 2010, 2009, 2008)
- 12-15 (born 2007, 2006, 2005)
- Over 15 (born 2004 and down)

Closing date is November 26th.

All details are attached. Check out the <u>CLRG</u> <u>Facebook page</u> for info on the exciting prizes that are still being announced.



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.

Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 - Free Bilingual Seminar

In 2018 the Gaelic League/Conradh na Gaeilge marked 125 years of Irish language revival with a yearlong celebration titled Bliain na Gaeilge 2018. The bilingual traveling exhibition "Éire: Athbheochan/Revival 1893-2018," created for this occasion, documents aspects of language revival during this 125 year period including teaching, culture, community participation, Gaeltachts, industry and American influence/support.

This exhibition was generously loaned to the Eoin McKiernan Library by the Consulate General of Ireland in Chicago. This bilingual exhibition will be presented by Connemara native Lavinia Finnerty. More info and registration link here.

Do These Solo Dresses Look Familiar?

These two solo dresses are unidentified and we're looking for the owners. If they belong to you or someone you know, please let <u>Donna</u> know. Thanks!



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, NOVEMBER 20, 2020