



**Teelin Irish Dance Company** is known for performances that accentuate the energy of Irish dance with cutting edge choreography. From the graceful beauty of jigs and reels, to the thundering beat of percussive dance, a performance by this company leaves audience members at the edge of their seats, wishing for more!

Based in Columbia, Maryland, the Teelin Irish Dance Company has graced stages locally, nationally, and internationally. These world class Irish step dancers have been enthralling audiences with their award-winning choreography since 2001. In addition to numerous performances at public, private and corporate events, Teelin Irish Dance Company is also well known for its original productions of feature-length stage shows: *Portraits of Ireland* (2006-2011), *StepDance* (2012-2013), *Sláinte* (2014), and a new show for 2015 featuring audience favorites from the past decade. Prestigious venues for these productions include the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore, the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, Stephens Hall Theatre at Towson University, the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, and the Meyerhoff Auditorium at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

The company's innovative style fuses traditional Irish step dance with contemporary dance, and is the reason that their Director, Maureen Gately, won the 2009 Individual Artist award for Choreography from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). Other career highlights for Ms. Gately include performing with Governor Martin O'Malley, Gaelic Storm (from the hit movie "Titanic"), Eileen Ivers (from Riverdance), at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and touring worldwide with Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble.

Whether an audience is interested in tradition or innovation, the high energy of any performance by the Teelin Irish Dance Company is sure to impress!

*About the Director....*

**Maureen Gately, BFA, TCRG**, is the Director of the Teelin Irish Dance Company and Owner/Director of the Teelin School of Irish Dance. In addition to Irish Step, her extensive dance training ranges from modern, ballet, tap and jazz to salsa and Appalachian clogging. After attending a performing arts high school in New Jersey, Maureen received her BFA degree in Dance Performance from Towson University.

Highlights of Maureen's career include full-time performer with Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble and choreographer/performer in a John Paul Jones music video for the music group Uncle Earl in 2007. In 2009, Maureen was the top recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) Individual Artist Award for Dance Choreography. Maureen produced, choreographed and starred in the highly successful productions of *Portraits of Ireland* (2006 - 2011); *StepDance* (2012-2013), which was featured at the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore; and *Sláinte* (2014).

Maureen is on a mission to become the world's coolest accordion playing paddleboard champion.

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