



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 leave the audience at the edge of their seats, wishing for more!

Under the direction of Maureen Gately, there are two troupes of the Teelin Irish Dance Company, each comprised of auditioned dancers. The versatility of a performance company that is separate from yet associated with an Irish dance school allows for a wide variety of entertainment possibilities.

Based in Columbia, Maryland, troupes perform regularly at various venues throughout Maryland and the metropolitan D.C. area including theatres, concerts, festivals, private parties and corporate events. Performances may include dancers from a single troupe or from multiple troupes, and may also include other professional artists.

Director **Maureen Gately** has extensive training in several dance styles, which enhance her mastery of traditional Irish step dance. Maureen's experience as a professional dance performer has inspired her to explore creative choreography. This innovative style led her to win the **2009 Individual Artist Award for Dance Choreography** presented by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC).

Teelin Irish Dance Company has been featured in the professionally collaborated production, *Portraits of Ireland*, performed annually in March since its debut in 2006. After six successful years captivating audiences with *Portraits of Ireland*, in 2012 the Teelin Irish Dance Company boldly introduces their newest show, **StepDance**. Please visit this production's website for further details, www.stepdanceshow.com.

Other highlights include featured performances at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage in DC, Turning Stone Resort and Casino in NY, the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore, the main stage of the Maryland Irish Festival, and repeat invitations to perform at the Congressional Country Club. Teelin Irish Dance Company has also performed with Governor Martin O'Malley, with Gaelic Storm (from the hit movie "Titanic"), with Eileen Ivers (fiddler from Riverdance), and 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!

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To book a performance by the Teelin Irish Dance Company, send an email to Company Manager Colleen Woodcock at performances@teelin.com, or call **443-803-6853**.

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