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Performances available by the
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Dance Classes at 3 Locations:

Teelin School of Irish Dance

9160 Red Branch Road, Suite E-3
Columbia, MD 21045

Teelin Classes in Millersville

Stage Workz
1035 Benfield Blvd, Suite E
Millersville, MD 21108

Teelin Classes in Timonium

Megan Rich Physical Therapy
9492 Deereco Road
Timonium, MD 21093

Please do not send mail to
studio addresses. Business
correspondence may be sent to

Teelin
1 Class Court
Parkville, MD 21234



SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

SPECIAL EDITION: 2009 TEELIN IRISH DANCE FESTIVAL

This event, which originated in 2005 as the "Teelin Competition", has expanded to include the fun of an outdoor family festival! It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Irish dance and music, and also serves to introduce dancers (and their families) to Irish dance & music competitions.



DANCE - MUSIC FOOD - GAMES FAMILY FUN!

Saturday, May 16

(rain date Sunday, May 17)

12 noon – 6pm

Stratmann Farm

13364 Triadelphia Road, Ellicott City, MD

ADMISSION

Event admission is \$3 per person in advance (\$12 pre-paid family max), or \$5 per person at the door (\$20 family max). No admission fee for competitors or for children under 5. Family maximum for immediate family members only.

SEATING & REFRESHMENTS

Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. Coolers welcome. More food items available for sale this year, including pit BBQ made on site! Hot dogs, chips, and a vegetarian option will also be available.

VENDORS

Do you have a business that sells items our festival patrons may enjoy? Consider a vendor table! Vendor tables are available for \$25. Interested parties please contact Shawn Stratmann at shawn@mrjs.com.

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

Enjoy a keepsake of this fun event! 2009 Festival T-Shirts are available by pre-order only; **orders must be received by April 30**. All shirts are light blue short sleeve t-shirts with the festival logo on the front and the website on the back. Adult, Youth and Ladies sizes available. Shirts may be purchased when registering for the competitions on Efeis.com!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The success of this event is due in great part to the wonderful volunteers from our Teelin Family! Volunteers are needed for AM and PM shifts, and we are specifically seeking a volunteer Grill Master! Free festival admission offered to volunteers. Please contact Shawn at shawn@mrjs.com... thank you!

COMPETITIONS

New this year! Registration is being handled by Efeis.com. Dance competitions are open only to Teelin School of Irish Dance students. Music competitions are also open to Teelin family members. Registration on Efeis.com is expected to open Monday, April 20 and will close Thursday, April 30.

Registration Instructions:

1. Visit www.efeis.com and either sign in or follow the instructions to open an account for your family.
2. Select the option to enter the Teelin Irish Dance Festival.

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Questions, comments? Want to submit a story? Send an email to info@teelin.com.

Dance Studio Reminders:

Please arrive for class on time, dressed appropriately.

Bring a water bottle (or purchase one for \$1 from the lobby at Columbia studio).

No chewing gum.

No sitting during class. If you're on the floor, you should be stretching!

No hanging on the barre.

No long or baggy pants. Teachers must be able to see your knees.

Please respect the studio space.

Collect all belongings, remove litter, use recycling bins where available.

Inclement Weather/ Emergencies:

If weather is questionable, please call 443-629-7808 to hear the school message. Notice will also be posted on the website ASAP. **We will not always follow the public school closures.** Make-up classes for any closures will be scheduled as necessary.

Absence:

If you miss a class, you may attend another class at the same level (or a level below) within one week of your return. Please notify the instructor in advance.

Stay Informed!

1. Keep us updated with your current email address. Send changes to info@teelin.com.
2. Visit www.teelin.com often for news and updates.
3. Read and use the Teelin School Message Board!

Dancers, are you addicted to the joy of Irish Dance?! You may want to consider one or both of these opportunities...

DANCE COMPETITIONS

A **feis** (pronounced "fesh") is an Irish dance competition. Competing is a great way to focus on improving your technique. Learn more on the website at www.teelin.com...

PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Love to perform? Keep practicing!! And then consider auditioning for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company!** Learn more at www.teelin.com...



**Dance, dance,
wherever you may be!**

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(Registration Instructions, continued...)

3. Choose the competitions that you wish to enter. Age group will automatically be selected based on dancer's birth year.
4. After entering the competitions, a screen will appear with the options to purchase festival t-shirts or admission tickets for family members.
5. Select the option to "Pay by Mail", and then print the page and mail with check payable to Teelin, 1 Class Court, Parkville, MD 21234.

IMPORTANT: Registration deadline **April 30, 2009.**

Entry Fees: \$8 per competition, plus \$3 base registration fee per competitor

Competitors may enter as many or as few competition categories as they like.

Competition Syllabus is available from the Teelin website (www.teelin.com) and also from Efeis.com.

Stage Schedule

A stage schedule and estimated time for each competition group will be posted on the website and emailed the week prior to the competition. Dancers/musicians are advised to be onsite at the festival at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled competition time. Competitors should check in with the Stage Manager 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.

Judging

Dance competitions will be judged by a certified Irish Dance teacher. Music competitions will be judged by a professional Feis Musician.

Awards

Trophies and/or medals will be awarded in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.

Competition Attire

Dancers who own a Teelin School Dress or Alternate School Dress should wear it; others may wear a black skirt and white blouse. Boys should wear black pants, black socks, and a white or black shirt, tie is optional. There will be a designated dressing area for dancers changing into or out of costume.

Dancers must wear appropriate Irish soft shoes or hard shoes. Double knot your laces! Shoes must stay tied during competition – at a feis, dancers are disqualified if laces come untied while competing.

Questions? Please ask! Send an email to info@teelin.com, or call 443-629-7808.

SPRING CLASS CARD OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for some extra dance classes, perhaps to hone those skills for a competition?! Visit the Class Card page of the Teelin website for more information. (Kindly RSVP your intention to attend a class.)

CHAMPION DRILLS & CONDITIONING – each Saturday, April 25 - June 27, 10:30am-11:30am

INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED LEVEL HARD SHOE WORKSHOPS – Sunday, April 26

2:00-3:00pm Int/Adv Treble Reel Workshop

3:00-4:00pm Adv Hard Shoe Rhythms Workshop

FEIS PRACTICE CLASSES

Sunday, May 3

1:00-2:30pm Beg/Adv Beg Feis Class

2:30-4:00pm Nov/PW Feis Class

4:00-5:30pm Champ Feis Class

Friday, May 22

4:00-5:30pm Beg/Adv Beg Feis Class

5:30-7:00pm Champ Feis Class

7:00-8:30pm N/PW Feis Class

THINGS TO DO... PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE...

Check www.teelin.com for updated information and the performance schedule for **Teelin Irish Dance Company.**

4/6-17/09 – TEELIN SPRING BREAK - no classes (classes resume April 20 and continue until June 4)

4/25/09 – Length & Strength Class begins, continues until May 30 (see the 09 Spring Registration Form); AND Champion Drills & Conditioning class begins, continues until June 27 (see Class Card webpage)

5/1/09 – Auditions for the Teelin Irish Dance Company (visit www.teelin.com for more info)

5/16/09 – **Teelin Irish Dance Festival** (rain date 5/17/09)

5/24/09 – *Comhaltas Feis* in Emmittsburg, MD – many Teelin dancers competing!

5/25/09 – **Memorial Day** - no classes

6/4/09 – Last day of classes for the Teelin school year

Have you registered for Summer Camp yet?! Check out the great opportunities at www.teelin.com!