

# THE TEELIN TIMES

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**Teelin Irish Dance Company**  
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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  
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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Happy Holidays, Teelin Family! May you each enjoy a restful winter break, and return to class with renewed energy for the New Year!

~Maureen

## IRISH DANCE EXERCISE CLASS IN COLUMBIA

Looking for a fun way to work off those extra holiday pounds?! Give your New Year's resolution a jump start with Teelin's **Irish Dance Exercise for Adults & Teens!**

New class, only for 3 weeks in January! Fridays 6:00-7:00pm in Columbia.

January 9, January 16, and January 30

\$15 drop-in fee, kindly RSVP to [info@teelin.com](mailto:info@teelin.com), minimum 5 students per class.

## TEELIN DANCERS AT OIREACHTAS 2008

Oireachtas (pronounced "O-ROCK-TUS") is an annual regional championship competition. Prestigious in its own right, the Oireachtas also serves as a qualifying event for the National and World Irish Dance Championships. On December 6&7, 2008, Teelin had 24 dancers competing at the Southern Region Oireachtas in Orlando, Florida. It was quite a weekend and there is much to be proud of for Teelin School of Irish Dance!

There are two broad categories of competitions at Oireachtas: solos and teams. Teelin School had 16 dancers competing in the solo championships, and each of the dancers performed very well! (Solo competitions are divided by age and gender only, not by level, so dancers must be champion level to compete at Oireachtas.)

12 Teelin dancers placed in solo awards, including the following special commendations:

- Joe Duffy, Conor Burke and Bridget Reese each qualified for Worlds!!!
- Joe (2nd), Conor (4th), Bridget (5th), Saoirse DeBoy (5th), and Alyssa Savard (10th) were each in the top 10 for their age groups!
- In addition to the dancers mentioned above, Abby Lyons, Amanda Golebiowski, Rachel Steeley & Katie Ortel qualified for the North American Championships!

For figure teams, Teelin sent 5 ceili teams and a dance drama team to the championships, and all did wonderfully!

- U9 Girls 4-Hand Team (Saoirse DeBoy, Gaby Stratmann, Alyssa Savard, Megan Reese) placed 3rd!!! (On the podium, yay!!!)
- 15&O Girls 4-Hand Team (Abby Lyons, Megan Davitt-Loysen, Mollie Reese, Lindsay Woodcock) placed 4th!!!
- U15 Mixed 4-Hand Team (Conor Burke, Amanda Golebiowski, Emily Sonni, Samantha Witschey) placed 6th!!
- U12 Girls 4-Hand Team (Madeline Nilan, Briana Prescott, Bridget Reese, Katie Ortel) placed 14th!
- U15 Girls 8-Hand Team (Megan D-L, Lindsay, Amanda, Mollie, Madeline, Briana, Bridget, Katie) danced beautifully, although they did not place this time.
- Dance Drama Team (which included 19 Teelin Dancers!) placed 3rd!

Bringing a dance drama team to a championship event is a significant undertaking. Teelin presented "Paddy Reilly's Wedding and Wake", which was a big hit! (This dance drama will also be a part of the 'Portraits of Ireland' show – don't miss it!)

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Questions, comments? Want to submit a story? Send an email to [info@teelin.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@teelin.com).
2. Visit [www.teelin.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.teelin.com)...



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

# PORTRAITS of IRELAND

**Sunday, March 1, 2009**

3:00 pm in Towson, Maryland  
Stephens Hall Theatre  
410-704-ARTS

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**

3:00 pm in Frederick, Maryland  
Weinberg Center for the Arts  
301-600-2828

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS YET?!

Tickets are now on sale for the hottest show of the year, 'Portraits of Ireland'! This professionally-collaborated production of the Teelin Irish Dance Company is a must see for Irish dance enthusiasts. Beautiful images of Ireland are projected to a large screen onstage while Maureen Gately's cutting edge choreography is performed. Fuel your spirit with the energy of Irish dance, just in time for St. Patrick's Day!

[www.teelin.com/portraits.htm](http://www.teelin.com/portraits.htm)

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It was a lot of work on behalf of all dancers, teachers, parents and families to train for, plan for, and travel to this year's Oireachtas. All efforts are greatly appreciated!!! Throughout the weekend, the sportsmanship and team spirit of all Teelin dancers was absolutely exceptional. WAY TO GO, Teelin Family!!!

To learn more about Irish dance competitions, including Oireachtas, please visit the "Feis Information" pages of the Teelin website, [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MOLLY NILAN!

Teelin teacher Molly Nilan passed the TCRG exam, which means that she is now a certified teacher recognized by the Irish Dancing Commission in Dublin, Ireland! This is great news for Teelin School as it will allow for more class opportunities for Irish dance students who participate in competitions.

Thank you, Molly, for all of your efforts toward this exam! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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

Check [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com) for updated information.

**12/20/08-1/3/09 - Winter Break** - no classes

**1/5/09** - Classes resume, Spring Session begins

**1/9, 16 & 30/09** - Irish Dance Exercise for Adults, drop-in class in Columbia (RSVP to [info@teelin.com](mailto:info@teelin.com))

**3/1/09 - Portraits of Ireland** 3:00pm show at Towson University's Stephens Hall Theatre

**3/14/09 - Portraits of Ireland** 3:00pm show at Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick

**3/15/09** - Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade, followed by Teelin Annual Party!

**3/17/09 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!** (No classes in Columbia, nor the Competition class in Millersville)

**3/27-29/09** - Master Classes for Teelin students with Michael Pat Gallagher

**4/3/09** - Dress Rehearsals & Photos at Jim Rouse Theater in Columbia, MD

**4/4/09 - Teelin Spring Show** at Jim Rouse Theater in Columbia, MD

**4/6-17/09 - Spring Break** - no classes (unless make-ups are scheduled)

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

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

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