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**Teelin School of Irish Dance**  
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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 then return to your classes with renewed energy for the New Year!

~Maureen

**TEELIN DANCERS AT THE 2010 SOUTHERN REGION OIREACHTAS**

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 North American and World Irish Dancing Championships. On December 3rd, 4th & 5th, there were 42 Teelin dancers who competed at the Southern Region Oireachtas. 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 29 dancers compete in solo championships, and 10 teams compete.

Solo competitions are divided by age and gender only, not by level, so dancers must be champion level to compete at Oireachtas. Special commendations include:

- Saoirse DeBoy, Ellie King, Gaby Stratmann, Joe Duffey and Conor Burke each qualified for Worlds!!!
- Saoirse (4th), Ellie (3rd), Gaby (5th), Joe (3rd), Conor (2nd), Simone Loysen (2nd), Megan Reese (6th), Alexandra Terres (9th) and Seamus Burke (6th) were each in the "top ten" placements for their age groups!
- In addition to each of the dancers mentioned above, Abby Lyons, Bridget Reese, Katie Ortel, Rachel Steeley, Alyssa Savard and Bailey Bartel also qualified for North Americans!

In the figure team competitions, Teelin sent 8 ceili teams, a figure choreography team and a dance drama team to the championships. Special commendations include:

- U9 Girls 8-Hand Team (Bailey Bartel, Greta Cover, Simone Loysen, Katie Miskelly, Claire Nilan, Megan Reese, Alyssa Savard & Alexandra Terres) placed 1st and won the championship of their division!! Weehoo!!!
- U9A (Simone, Megan R, Alyssa & Alexandra) & U12 (Saoirse, Ellie, Katie O & Gaby) Girls 4-Hand Teams each won 1st place in their divisions!!!
- U12 Mixed 4-Hand Team (Emily Galoppo, Seamus Burke, Madison Laudeman & Sano Burke) placed 2nd in their division!!
- And EACH of the other Teelin 4-Hand Teams were awarded placements this year!
- U12 Figure Choreography Team (which included 16 dancers) placed 2nd!
- Dance Drama Team (which included 12 dancers) placed 2nd!

It was a lot of work on behalf of all dancers, teachers, parents and families to train for, plan for, and compete in this year's Oireachtas. All efforts are greatly appreciated!!!

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**CLASSES WITH MICHAEL PAT GALLAGHER – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Workshops for Teelin students will be held on **Saturday, Jan 29 and Sunday, Jan 30, 2011**. Students of **ALL LEVELS** are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity! Michael Pat is a master Irish dancer and instructor who holds several World Championship titles, and he performed the lead role in Riverdance. Registration is now open! Visit the "Extra Classes" page of the Teelin School website for more information.

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Questions, comments? Want to submit a story? Send 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 long or baggy pants. Teachers must be able to see your knees.

Please respect the studio space. Collect all belongings, and remove litter.

### 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.**

### Absence:

If you miss a class, you may attend another class at the same level (or a level below), with advance permission. Please send an email to [kathleen@teelin.com](mailto:kathleen@teelin.com).

### Stay Informed!

1. Keep us updated with your current email address. Log in to your family's account through the online registration system to make any necessary changes.
2. Visit [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com) often for news and updates.
3. Read and use the Teelin School Message Board.

### Get involved!

Teelin is dedicated to developing a family friendly environment with a strong sense of community by hosting events that promote Irish culture through dance and music. Send email to [eileen@teelin.com](mailto:eileen@teelin.com) to volunteer!

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

When positions are open, advanced level students may audition for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company**. Learn more at [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com)...



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

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The 2011 Southern Region Oireachtas will be held Dec 2-4 in Orlando, Florida. Competing at a major championship such as Oireachtas requires significant commitment. Figure Teams for the 2011 Oireachtas will be formed by invitation based on skill level, dedication to training, and effort demonstrated in class. Please talk to Maureen or Molly if you think you might be interested. To learn more about competing at an Oireachtas, please visit the "Feis Info" section of the Teelin website.

### "MINI-SESSIONS" THIS WINTER AND SPRING – REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

There are still some openings in the Peanuts Performance Class and the N/PW Drills Mini-Sessions for this winter and spring. Hurry, classes start the first week in January! Visit the "Extra Classes" page of the Teelin School website for more information.  
<http://www.teelin.com/TSID/extraclasses.html>



**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

1:00 pm Matinee Show  
7:00 pm Evening Show

Weinberg Center for the Arts  
in Frederick, Maryland  
301-600-2828

### TICKETS NOW ON SALE – GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!

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. Fuel your spirit with the energy of Irish dance, just in time for St. Patrick's Day! [www.POIdanceshow.com](http://www.POIdanceshow.com)

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

Check [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com) for updated information and for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company** performance schedule.

#### 12/20/2010 – 12/31/2010 – Winter Break

1/6/2011 – 6-week session of N/PW Drills begins, ends Feb 10 – register online!

1/7/2011 – mini session of "Peanuts Performance Class" begins – learn more and register online!

1/29 & 1/30/2011 – Classes with Michael Pat Gallagher

2/17/2011 – 6-week session of N/PW Drills begins, ends Mar 31 (no class Mar 17) – register online!

3/1/2011 – for those paying tuition on the installment plan, final installment is due this day

3/2/2011 – Spring Tiny Toes session begins, ends with the Teelin Spring Show on Apr 9

3/12/2011 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 1pm Matinee & 7pm Evening Show, both in Frederick, MD

3/13/2011 – Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/13/2011 – **Post Parade Party**

3/17/2011 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** (NO CLASSES today due to holiday performances)

3/21 – 3/25/2011 – "Costume Check" (like a dress rehearsal) and photos in all classes

4/8/2011 – Dress Rehearsal at the theater (scheduled times 3-9pm)

4/9/2011 – **Teelin Spring Show** (2 shows, 1:00pm & 5:30pm, each class performs in one show)

4/18 – 4/29/2011 – **Spring Break** (no classes for 2 weeks)

1/6/2011 – 5-week session of N/PW Drills begins, ends Jun 2 – register online!

5/6/2011 – Auditions for Teelin Irish Dance Company

5/14/2011 – **Teelin Irish Dance Festival**

5/30/2011 – No Classes (Memorial Day)

6/3/2011 – Last day of Teelin classes for the 2010-11 school year