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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Happy New Year, Teelin Family! I hope that each of you enjoyed a restful break and are ready to return to class with renewed energy!

~Maureen

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHLEEN YOUNG!

Kathleen passed the TCRG exam, which means that she is now a certified teacher recognized by the Irish Dancing Commission in Dublin, Ireland! Kathleen would like to thank all of the dancers who came to ceili classes to help her prepare for this test. And as a school, we'd like to thank Kathleen for all of her efforts... CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Additional congratulations... WELCOME to the newest Teelin Family member, Gavin Young, born Jan 6, weighing 8 lbs 12 oz! Big brother Dylan (age 4 ½) is very happy too!

TEELIN DANCERS AT OIREACHTAS 2009

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 5&6, 2009, Teelin had 34 dancers competing at the Southern Region Oireachtas in Dallas, Texas. 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 22 dancers compete in solo championships, and 13 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 and Conor Burke each qualified for Worlds!!!
- Saoirse (2nd!), Simone Loysen (3rd), Conor (4th), Ellie King (6th), Megan Reese (6th), Alyssa Savard (11th) & Gaby Stratmann (13th) were each top placers for their age groups!
- In addition to each of the dancers mentioned above, Abby Lyons, Mollie Reese, Samantha Witschey, Bridget Reese & Rachel Steeley also qualified for Nationals!

In the figure team competitions, Teelin sent 10 ceili teams, 2 figure choreography teams and a dance drama team to the championships. Special commendations include:

- U9 Girls 8-Hand Team (Bailey Bartel, Emily Galoppo, Ellie King, Simone Loysen, Megan Reese, Alyssa Savard, Gaby Stratmann & Alexandra Terres) placed 1st and won the championship of their division!! Weehoo!!!
- U9 Girls 4-Hand Teams A & B won 1st and 2nd place, also top of their division!!!
- U12 Girls 4-Hand Team A (Eileen Cover, Madeline Nilan, Briana Prescott & Bridget Reese) placed 5th!
- 15&O Girls 4-Hand Team A (Megan Davitt-Loysen, Abby Lyons, Mollie Reese, Lindsay Woodcock) placed 8th!
- U12 Figure Choreography Team (which included 16 dancers) placed 2nd!
- 15&O Figure Choreography Team (which included 12 dancers) placed 5th!
- Dance Drama Team (which included 19 Teelin Dancers!) placed 2nd!

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!!!

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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), with permission from the instructor of that class.

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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The 2010 Southern Region Oireachtas will be held Dec 3-5 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland (near DC). Competing at a major championship such as Oireachtas requires significant commitment. Figure Teams for the 2010 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 Oireachtas, and other Irish dance competitions, please visit the "Feis Info" section of the Teelin website.



Saturday, March 13, 2010

2:00 pm in Frederick, Maryland
Weinberg Center for the Arts
301-600-2828

Saturday, March 20, 2010

7:00 pm in Annapolis, Maryland
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts
410-280-5640

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.POIdanceshow.com

SOME TEELIN CLASSES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

Act fast! There are a few spaces still open in the **Michael Pat Gallagher workshops**, available for Teelin dancers of ALL levels and ALL ages! See the website for more...

Tiny Toes classes are now accepting students for the Spring Session in Millersville and Timonium. Students must be 5-yrs-old or entering kindergarten next fall.

Summer Camp schedules will be announced soon.... (hard to believe, isn't it?!)

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

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

12/20/2009 – 1/2/2010 – Winter Break

1/16-17/2010 – Master Classes for Teelin Students with Michael Pat Gallagher! See "Extra Classes"...

2/23/2010 – Spring Tiny Toes session begins, ends with the Teelin Spring Show

3/13/2010 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 2pm show at Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick

3/14/2010 – Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade (no Sunday classes today – join us in the parade!)

3/14/2010 – **Post Parade Party**

3/17/2010 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** (no classes, due to holiday performances)

3/20/2010 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 7pm show at Maryland Hall in Annapolis

3/28 - 4/8/2010 – **Spring Break**

4/11 - 4/15/2010 – "Costume Check" (like a dress rehearsal) in all classes

4/16/2010 – Dress Rehearsal at the theater (scheduled times 3-9pm)

4/17/2010 – **Teelin Spring Show** (2 shows, times TBD)

5/7/2010 – Auditions for Teelin Irish Dance Company

5/15/2010 – **Teelin Irish Dance Festival** (rain date 5/16/2010)

5/30 & 31/2010 – No Classes (Memorial Day weekend)

6/3/2010 – Last day of Teelin classes for the 2009-10 school year