

# THE TEELIN TIMES

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**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  
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Megan Rich Physical Therapy  
9492 Deereco Road  
Timonium, MD 21093

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...**

A new Beginner class started last month at our Columbia studio - so to each of our new students and their families, welcome to our Teelin Family!

A reminder during "questionable weather" season... Teelin does not necessarily follow the public schools' closures. Please see the back of this newsletter for the inclement weather policy, and keep us updated with your current email address.

Members of the Teelin Irish Dance Company and I are busily preparing for next month's "Portraits of Ireland" shows. I hope that you'll be able to attend - it truly is one of my favorite projects! Please don't wait to get your tickets. The show at Towson sold out last year and likely will again this year.

Sláinte, Teelin Family! (Good health to you!)

~Maureen

The logo for "Portraits of Ireland" features the words "PORTRAITS of IRELAND" in a serif font. The word "of" is smaller and in a script font. The text is overlaid on a circular, intricate Celtic knot design.

## 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?!**

The hottest show of the year, 'Portraits of Ireland', is a professionally collaborated production featuring the Teelin Irish Dance Company, and 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! [POIdanceshow.com](http://POIdanceshow.com)

**BALTIMORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - Sunday, March 15 at 2pm**

It's that time of year again! Here are answers to a few frequently asked questions...

**Who may dance in the parade representing the Teelin School of Irish Dance?**

All Teelin students (including new beginners!) are encouraged to participate in the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade! Parents are also welcome to learn the Teelin Parade Dance in class with their children and participate in the parade!

Parents are NOT permitted to walk with the dancers, walk along side of them, or walk along the parade route. This is a parade policy and not a Teelin policy. (See below for more information for parents.) All participants must dance the Parade Dance and remain with the group for the entire route. Some volunteers will also be needed; info will be sent by email.

**What do we do?**

There is an official "Teelin Parade Dance" that all Teelin dancers participating in the parade will need to know. This simple dance will be taught in class 1-2 weeks before the

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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!**

## BALTIMORE ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE (...continued from previous page)

parade, or it can also be learned from the website or from the Practice DVD. On the parade route, each participant will dance the Parade Dance holding a partner's hand (up high, Irish style!), then walk a short bit clapping along to the music, and then Teelin instructors will call out "5, 6, 7, 8!" and the dance will begin again. Parents participating in the parade may choose to dance with their child or dance with another parent.

### What do we wear?

ALL parade participants are required to wear a RED Teelin Shirt/Sweatshirt, along with black pants or Teelin pants. Wear sneakers. Do NOT wear your Irish dance shoes – they are not for pavement!!!

### Where and when do we meet?

We will not know these details until just a day or two before the parade. Emails will be sent to all Teelin families as soon as we learn the rendezvous location (somewhere near the monument at Mt. Vernon Place) and the time. Dancers will line up anywhere between 12-2 pm depending on where Teelin is in the parade line up.

### What if my child would like to participate but I do not?

For the safety and security of all of our dancers we are implementing a Buddy System. Each dancer should select a dance partner for the Parade Dance (in advance if possible) and meet that partner at the parade line up. Parents should instruct their child never to leave their buddy; that includes going to the bathroom. (If your dancer doesn't have a partner in advance, rest assured we will find them one upon arrival. Please don't leave the drop off site until you meet your child's buddy.)

The buddies will stay together until the end of the parade and until **both** dancer buddies are picked up. If you arrive to pick up your dancer before the other parent has arrived please wait with the other dancer until his/her parent arrives. The parade ends before President's Street right in front of ESPN Zone.

### POST PARADE TEELIN PARTY AT LUCY'S IRISH PUB

Please join us! This is a purely social opportunity. Head to the pub after the parade, stay for as long as you like, and enjoy the company of your Teelin friends! There will be a room reserved for Teelin. Food and drink are "on your own tab".

**LUCY'S IRISH PUB (www.lucysirishrestaurant.com or 410-837-2100)**  
**21 North Eutaw Street**  
**Baltimore, MD 21201**

In order for the pub to be able to better plan staffing, we are asking for a headcount. If you plan to attend this Post Parade Party, please send an email to Eileen by **March 11** at [eileen@teelin.com](mailto:eileen@teelin.com) with the number of people in your group.

Have more questions? Please don't hesitate to ask! Send an email to [info@teelin.com](mailto:info@teelin.com).

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

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

**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 Party at Lucy's Pub!

**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 (there will be 2 shows, times TBA)

**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