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Teelin Classes in Millersville

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Millersville, MD 21108

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

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" dance show. I hope that you'll be able to attend - it truly is one of my favorite projects!

Please read more about the parade in this newsletter and make plans to join us. Sláinte, Teelin Family! (Good health to you!)

~Maureen



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?!

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 award-winning choreography is performed. Fuel your spirit with the energy of Irish dance, just in time for St. Patrick's Day! www.POIdanceshow.com

BALTIMORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - Sunday, March 14 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 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. Volunteers are also needed; info will be sent by email.

What do we do?

There is an official "Teelin Parade Dance" that all participating Teelin dancers will need to know. This simple dance will be taught in class 1-2 weeks before the parade, or it can also be learned from the website (in the step notation section). On the parade route, each participant will dance the Parade Dance holding a partner's hand (up high, Irish style!),

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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!**

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

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 TAPS BALTIMORE

Join us after the parade at a new venue for this social opportunity with your Teelin friends! We'll have a section reserved for Teelin; food and drinks are on your own tab. There will also be space for music and dancing, so we're hiring a ceili band!

We are requesting a **\$10 contribution per family** to be collected at the door. All profit from this collection will help to offset the costs of our Teelin dancers competing at Worlds and Nationals this year. (Go Teelin!)

IMPORTANT: Taps has asked for a head count in order to prepare their staff. Send an email to eileen@teelin.com **BY MARCH 1** with a headcount for your family.

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.

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** (no classes, unless make-ups are scheduled)

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