

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

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Millersville, MD 21108

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

It was a pleasure to see so many students competing at the Teelin Festival and at the Comhaltas Feis. I am very proud of each of you! Also, many thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers at each of these events. You express the heart and soul of our school!

As we wrap up the year, Kathleen and I would like to take a few moments to share with you some of our vision for the future of Teelin. Please read more below...

Thanks to each of our instructors and assistants who have shared their love of dance with our students. Best wishes to instructors Kyla Muhlberger and Erica Campbell, who are each moving out of the area for school and work. We will miss them next year, as well as our other graduating seniors. To each of the students and families in our school, thank you for a successful year at Teelin School of Irish Dance. You are my Teelin Family!

This is the final issue of our newsletter for the 2008-09 school year. I look forward to seeing Teelin Dancers over the summer in our camps and classes, and again next Fall when we begin the 2009-10 school year. Happy Summer!

~Maureen

TEELIN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

There are three main branches of Teelin: the school, the performance company, and the production of 'Portraits of Ireland'. Plans are currently underway to launch a redesigned Teelin website which will more clearly support these three branches of the business. However, all three share the same core values and similar purpose of existence.

As a business, Teelin is still a relatively young company. Irish dance classes through Teelin first began while Maureen was still teaching Irish dance at other dance studios. But it was in the fall of 2004 that Teelin moved into its own studio space in Columbia and began to drop roots. Now, with those roots expanding and strengthening, is a good time to look UP at the direction in which the trunk and the branches are growing...

The overall purpose of Teelin is:

- to inspire people to dance and/or play music, or at least develop a respect for each
- to develop excellent Irish dancers who LOVE what they do
- to promote Irish culture through dance and music
- to break barriers in Irish dance choreography
- to create performance opportunities for Irish dancers, and perhaps most of all...
- to nurture the Berry Family legacy of passion for Irish Dance, Music & Performance

Teelin business owners Maureen Gately and Kathleen Young are sisters who (with Eileen Narvell) were raised by their parents Mike and Brigid Berry in a strong Irish family. The notion of a "Teelin Family" is more than just hypothetical!

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REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR...

The last day classes for the 2008-09 school year is Thursday, June 4. In class, students will receive a Recommended Class Placement letter and Registration Form for the 2009-10 school year. Please note that the recommendation letter does not reserve a place in a class. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask!

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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) 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.
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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Teelin's business goals will be achieved by adhering to the core values of:

- quality dance instruction
- a family friendly environment with a strong sense of community
- adherence to tradition with an interest in exploring cutting edge choreography
- qualified instructors that nurture each child's individual ability
- professionalism with respect for the fact that dancers approach Irish dance at different levels of interest (i.e. for recreation, for competition, and/or for performance opportunities)

As this business grows and develops, we welcome all who are supportive of our goals and core values. **YOU** are our Teelin Family! The dance teachers at Teelin do more than teach. They also help to build self-esteem, responsibility, socialization, and life skills for all ages and all levels of dancers. This mission is enhanced by the support of the community that we call the "Teelin Family".

There is a new page on the 2009-10 Registration Form called the "Volunteer Request Form". Please read and complete this page so that we can get to know each other better, and thereby work together toward the growth and development of Teelin.

Particularly in these stressful economic times, it is important to recognize the purpose of our business, and the benefits of our goals and ideals. Please join us as we grow and develop. We look forward to the future, and we are grateful to be on this journey together. Thank you for being a part of this Teelin Family!

NORTH AMERICAN IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four Teelin Dancers will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee to compete in the North American Irish Dance Championships July 3-7. Congratulations and best of luck to Joe Duffey, Abigail Lyons, Bridget Reese and Saoirse DeBoy! Thank you for representing our school at this prestigious event. Dance well, and have fun... we're proud of you!!

IT'S SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME, SUM-SUM-SUMMERTIME!

So, on the first week of summer vacation, all you want to do is flop around the house and breathe a sigh of relief from the busy schedule of school and homework—right?! But by the second week, that gets old and you're looking for something to do. So... get up and dance!!!

Hopefully you're already registered for a Teelin Summer Camp and you'll be marking your calendar for the Summer Card drills classes. (hint, hint!) But free time at home is also a great opportunity to develop your independent home dance practice. Start (or continue!) the healthy habit of making time to practice your steps and drills at home.

Also, did you know that the swimming pool is a great place to practice?! The resistance of the water is a nice way to strengthen your points and to practice switches and kicks with lots of turn out. Pools are also especially good for leaps, butterflies, and royales. Have fun playing with all of the great dance steps that you've learned this year!

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

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

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

6/13-14/09 – Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, VA (Teelin Irish Dance Company performing Sat 6pm)

6/21/09 – Annapolis Irish Festival, downtown Annapolis, MD

June, July & August – Teelin Summer Camps & Classes... please visit www.teelin.com for more info!

7/3-7/09 – North American Irish Dance Championships, Nashville, TN

7/19/09 – Artscape in Baltimore (Teelin Irish Dance Company performing at the Lyric Opera House!)

9/8/09 – First day of classes for the 2009-10 Teelin school year