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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

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

Merry Christmas and 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 2011 SOUTHERN REGION OIREACHTAS**

Congratulations to Ellie King, Regional Champion!!! Congratulations to Teelin School U12 Figure Choreography Team, Regional Champions!!! More celebrations from the recent Irish dancing regional championships...

On December 2nd, 3rd & 4th, there were 48 Teelin dancers who competed at the Southern Region Oireachtas in Orlando, Florida. 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 27 dancers compete in solo championships, and 12 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:

- Ellie King 1ST PLACE CHAMPION of the U11 age group!!!
- Ellie King, Saoirse DeBoy, Gaby Stratmann and Ben Koolbeck each qualified for Worlds!!!
- Ellie (1st), Saoirse (2nd), Gaby (7th), Ben (5th), Isabella Pelura (7th), Joshua Tobing (6th) and Seamus Burke (8th) were each in the "top ten" placements for their age groups!
- In addition to each of the dancers mentioned above, Abby Miller, Bailey Bartel, Alyssa Savard, Emily Galoppo, Rachel Steeley, Katie Ortel and Amanda Golebiowski each recalled to the final round and placed in the top half of their age groups!

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

- U12 Figure Choreography Team (which included 16 dancers) won 1ST PLACE!!!
- Dance Drama Team (which included 20 dancers) placed 2nd!
- U9 Girls 4-Hand Teams (Abby Miller, Ellie Ortel, Eva Coleman & Rebecca Janson) placed 2nd and (Julianna Stratmann, Isabella Pelura, Kayleigh Donnelly & Emma Donahoe) placed 4th!
- U12 Girls 4-Hand Teams (Saoirse DeBoy, Emily Galoppo, Gaby Stratmann & Ellie King) placed 2nd, (Alyssa Savard, Madison Laudeman, Gaby Galoppo & Claire Nilan) placed 13th, and (Bailey Bartel, Katie Miskelly, Payton O'Toole & Sarah Kate O'Connor) placed 21st!
- U12 Mixed 4-Hand Team (Patrick DeBoy, Gaby Galoppo, Keiran Jackson & Anna Grace Ryan) placed 5th!
- U15 Girls 4-Hand Team (Rachel Steeley, Katie Ortel, Amelia Betzer & Briana Prescott) placed 15th!
- 15&O Girls 4-Hand Team (Madeleine Nilan, Claire Welzant, Meredith Miller & Briana Prescott) placed 12th!
- U9 Girls 8-Hand Team (Abby, Eva, Ellie O, Kayleigh, Julianna, Isabella, Celine Burke & Naomi Brinker) placed 2nd!
- U12 Girls 8-Hand Team (Madison, Sarah Kate, Gaby S, Ellie K, Emily G, Claire N, Katie M & Alyssa) placed 9th!

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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 vending machine.

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. Send an email to [kathleen@teelin.com](mailto:kathleen@teelin.com) to request a make-up class.

### 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 and Facebook page.

### 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!

(OIREACHTAS continued from previous page...)

Teelin is proud of all of the dancers representing our school at the championships. Congratulations, dancers! We recognize that it was a lot of work to train for, plan for, and compete in this year's Oireachtas (on behalf of all dancers, teachers, parents and families). All efforts are greatly appreciated!!

The 2012 Southern Region Oireachtas will be held Nov 30-Dec 2 in New Orleans, LA. Competing at a major championship such as Oireachtas requires significant commitment. Figure Teams for the 2012 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.



**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

2:00 pm Matinee Show

Weinberg Center for the Arts

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, *StepDance!* This newest production of the Teelin Irish Dance Company is a must see for all Irish dance enthusiasts. Leave your expectations behind and step across the threshold to a place where old customs are ignited with a modern flare. [www.StepDanceShow.com](http://www.StepDanceShow.com)

### SOCIAL MEDIA – STAYING CONNECTED!

The Teelin School Message Board and the Teelin School Facebook page are great resources for posting dancer celebrations, connecting with families for carpools or lost and found items, and sharing information about events that may interest other families. Please make use of our social media resources on a regular basis.

Teelin Families, YOU help to give our school the "family touch"... THANK YOU!

### 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.

**12/1/2011** - Second Installment of Tuition Due

**12/2-4/2011**- Southern Region Oireachtas, held in Orlando, FL

**12/12-15/2011** - Parent Week - observations welcome!

**12/19/2011 – 1/1/2012** - **WINTER BREAK**

**1/6/2012** - Wntr/Spr Pnt Perf Class begins (note specific dates)

- N/PW/Ch Drills Winter begins (5 weeks, ends Feb 3)

**2/25/2012** - **StepDance** 2pm show in Frederick, MD

**3/1/2012** - Final Installment of Tuition Due

**3/2/2012** - N/PW/Ch Drills Spring begins (5 weeks, ends Apr 20)

**3/7/2012** - Spring Tiny Toes begins (6 classes + Spring Show)

**3/11/2012** - **Baltimore Parade & Teelin Party** (date to be confirmed...)

**3/16/2012** - **NO CLASSES** due to St Patrick's Day performances

**3/17/2012** - Happy St Patrick's Day!

**3/19-23/2012** - "Feis Week" in Beg-Lev 3 Classes

**4/1-8/2012** - World Irish Dancing Championships (Belfast)

**4/2-13/2012** - **SPRING BREAK** (2 weeks)

**4/16-20/2012** - Costume Check & Photos in classes

**4/27/2012** - Dress Rehearsals at Jim Rouse Theatre

**4/28/2012** - **TEELIN SPRING SHOW** (1:00pm & 5:30pm)

**5/28/2012** - **Memorial Day - NO CLASSES**

**6/1/2012** - Last day of classes for 2011-12 Teelin school year