

# THE TEELIN TIMES

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Dance Classes at 3 Locations:

**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  
Millersville, MD 21108

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

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

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

Plans are well underway for our first big "Teelin Family event" of the year – the Teelin Ceili on November 15th. Last year the Teelin Ceili sold out, so this year we will only be selling tickets in advance, not at the door. I love this event, and I hope to see as many of you as possible there! It's really fun!

~Maureen

 **4th Annual Teelin  
CEILI**

**Saturday, November 15, 2008  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
School Auditorium  
4795 Ilchester Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Look for the Teelin Ceili ticket order forms in the dance studio, also available at [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com), and make plans to join us! This family-style celebration will feature live music by Mike Berry (Maureen, Kathleen & Eileen's Dad!), Billy McComiskey, and Matt Mulqueen. Not familiar with the ceili experience? Read on...

A ceili (pronounced "kaylee") is a gathering of family, friends, and "soon-to-be-friends" for socializing and group dancing to lively music. In the villages and counties across all of Ireland, people have been hosting and attending ceilis for as long as history is recorded.

Typically a family, or pub, or other organization will announce their intention to host a ceili. Then people from near and far show up with refreshments to share, instruments to play, and feet ready to dance!

Ceili dancing is Irish social dancing, not step dancing. Much like the folk dancing of other countries, dancers either partner or dance patterns (figures) among each other with arms held high. Some ceili dances involve a set number of participants, while a round dance or a line dance can have an unlimited number of dancers.

Traditional ceili dances are also performed in some competitions. In fact, Teelin School has several teams of ceili dancers (Figures Teams) who are now preparing to compete at the Regional Irish Dance Championships in December! However, the vast majority of people who dance ceilis do it for the pure pleasure of this social opportunity. Traditional ceili dances and tunes have provided hours of joy and good health to participants for ages!

The Teelin Ceili promises to be just such an opportunity. If you haven't had the pleasure of attending a ceili before, not to worry, ceili caller Megan Downes will talk you through it. Dancing experience NOT required! Wear comfortable clothes and comfortable shoes. Irish dance students may bring their soft shoes, and musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments for an informal session while the ceili band is on break. (Ask Maureen if you'd like to know more about the music.)

There will be ample dance floor space for ALL attendees to have a turn to participate,  
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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 legs.

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!**

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and seating for "a wee bit of resting" while enjoying the snacks and beverages.

This ceili also offers a raffle and door prizes! Brigid Berry (Maureen, Kathleen & Eileen's Mom) will be donating a loaf of her famous award winning Irish soda bread. It is a much coveted prize - well worth the raffle ticket!

Remember to get your tickets early because this year tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket order forms are available in the studio or online at [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com). We'll see you there!

### A REQUEST FOR TEELIN CEILI VOLUNTEERS

(Yep, it's a family affair, and you're part of the Teelin Family!) If you are able to assist, please email Eileen ([eileen@teelin.com](mailto:eileen@teelin.com)) or see sign-up sheet in Columbia. Thank you!

**Baked Goods:** Do you like to bake, or do you prefer to pick up a ready-made treat from the store? In either case, we would greatly appreciate donations of baked goods for the dessert table at the ceili! Items can be dropped at the desert table when you arrive.

**Event Workers:** We are also in need of a few volunteers to help set up (arrive at 4:30), work the beer/soda table, and clean up. Free ceili admission to these volunteers!

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

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

**10/1/08** - Teelin Tiny Toes Fall session begins

**10/5/08** - Class Card classes (see website for times)

**10/11/08** - Ryan Feis (Langhorne, PA)

**10/12/08** - Teelin Irish Dance Company performance at 2pm at Swan Fest in Havre de Grace, MD

**10/18-19/08** - Rhythm of Ireland Feis (Williamsburg, VA)

**10/26/08** - Class Card classes (see website for times)

**11/2/08** - Feis Culkin (Emmitsburg, MD) - many Teelin students will be competing!

**11/7-9/08** - Maryland Irish Festival, at the State Fairgrounds in Timonium - Teelin Irish Dance Company performs on Friday at 7pm (check the festival website for more information)

**11/9/08** - Coyle Feis (Norristown, PA)

**11/15/08** - **Teelin Ceili!** Please visit [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com) for more info...

**11/17-20/08** - *Parent Week* - observations welcome in all classes

**11/21/08** - Class Card classes (see website for times)

**11/24-30/08** - **Fall Break** - no classes except for Figure Teams class

**12/6&7/08** - Southern Region Oireachtas (regional Irish dance championships) in Orlando, FL

**12/20/08-1/3/09** - **Winter Break** - no classes

**3/1/09** - **Portraits of Ireland** 3:00pm show at Towson University's Stephens Hall Theater

**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 Annual Party!

**3/17/09** - **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**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

**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