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Teelin Classes in Millersville
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Millersville, MD 21108

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Megan Rich Physical Therapy
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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 14th. The past two years the Teelin Ceili has sold out, so tickets will only be sold in advance, not at the door. Please get your tickets early! (Dancers, this is a great opportunity to get your parents and siblings on the dance floor!)

~Maureen

5th Annual Teelin CEILI

Saturday, November 14, 2009
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Kiwanis Wallas Recreation Center
3300 Norberts Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Look for the Teelin Ceili ticket order forms in the dance studio, also available at 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.

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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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. We'll see you there!

A REQUEST FOR TEELIN CEILI VOLUNTEERS

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 4:00), work the beer/soda table, sit at the merchandise table, or help clean up.

If you are able to assist, please send an email to volunteer@teelin.com. Thank you!

STAY HEALTHY, TEELIN FAMILY!

The good news is that drinking lots of water, eating a healthy diet, and having a regular exercise routine (such as Irish dance!) help to promote a healthy immune system. The not-so-good news is that the flu season is upon us, and some Teelin dancers have already been hit by the H1N1 flu virus (also called "Swine Flu").

If you get sick, REST and STAY HOME. Do not come to the dance studio unless you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours and you feel better. (This goes for dancers AND for parents and siblings who come to the waiting area.) Thank you!

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.

11/1/2009 – Feis Culkin (in Rockville, MD)

11/14/2009 – **Teelin Ceili**... please visit www.teelin.com for more info!

11/16-22/2009 – *Parent Week* – observations welcome in all classes

11/24-29/2009 – **FALL BREAK** (note that the break begins on a Tuesday, so Sunday & Monday classes ARE held before Thanksgiving; also, some classes will be held during break for Oireachtas dancers)

12/5 & 6/2009 – Southern Region Oireachtas (regional championships in Dallas, TX)

12/20/2009 – **1/2/2010** – **Winter Break**

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 – we'll all be 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**

4/11 - 4/15/2010 – "Costume Check" (like a dress rehearsal) in all classes

4/16/2010 – Dress Rehearsal & photos 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