

# 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  
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Millersville, MD 21108

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Megan Rich Physical Therapy  
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Timonium, MD 21093

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Welcome to a new year at Teelin! The other teachers and I look forward to reconnecting with our returning students and getting to know our new students.

This newsletter will provide brief articles of interest and reminders of upcoming events. Our main methods of communication to our dancers and their families, however, are email and notices on the school website, [www.teelin.com](http://www.teelin.com). Please keep us updated with any changes of your email address, and remember to check the website frequently.

Thanks for being part of the Teelin family! We look forward to a great year!

~Maureen

## WHAT DOES "TEELIN" MEAN?

As the mother of three young girls, Brigid Berry spent countless hours driving her three daughters Eileen, Maureen, and Kathleen to Irish dance lessons, practices, feiseanna (competitions), and performances. (Sound familiar, parents?!) Years later, when Maureen had the opportunity to establish her own school of Irish dance, she decided to honor her mother by using the name of Brigid's birthplace, the village of Teelin, Co. Donegal.

Teelin (*Teileann*) is a small coastal village in the northern part of Ireland well known for its unspoiled beauty. Teelin has a rich tradition of music and song; it is also one of Ireland's unique *Gaeltacht* (Irish speaking) regions. The village lies on the west side of Teelin Bay where a rough road, called pilgrim's path, leads to Carrigan Head and Bunglass, the starting point of Slieve League (*Sliabh Liag*).

The cliffs of Slieve League are the highest maritime cliffs in all of Europe. They rise 2,000 feet above the crashing Atlantic Ocean. (Think of that powerful sound when you're dancing hard shoe steps!) Some say that on a clear day you can see a third of all of Ireland from the summit of these spectacular, colorful sea cliffs.

The village of Teelin has been called "*Teileann an tSeanchias agus an Cheoil*", which means "Teelin of Tradition and Music". Here in Maryland, we connect ourselves to those roots through the expression of dance - bringing music to life.

## TENDING TEELIN'S STUDIO SPACE

All Teelin dancers and their families are referred to as members of the "Teelin Family". As family, we'd like to ask your assistance regarding a few matters related to our main gathering spaces: the dance studios.

We are very grateful for our courteous families who respect our studio space by helping to keep it clean, and by being mindful both of things and of other people in the studio.

At our main studio in Columbia (located in a corporate office park on Red Branch Road), we would like to ask you to kindly extend these courtesies to our neighbors as well.

Please be mindful of the other businesses, especially during weekday work hours. While in the courtyard, keep conversation volume to a level appropriate for a corporate hallway.

Talk instead of yelling, stay off the windowsills and out of the trees, and no climbing on the benches or edges of the flower garden. If children need a place to play, try the grassy

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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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area on the other side of the parking lot. (In fact, on nice days this is a great place to bring some lawn chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy the weather!)

At our studio space in Timonium, kindly remember that physical therapists and their clients are also working nearby. And at our studio space in Millersville, parents are asked to please use the waiting lounge, not wait in the hallways.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

THANKS, Teelin Family!!! You are perpetuating the friendly atmosphere that we enjoy at our school. We're looking forward to a great year together!

### CONGRATULATIONS MAUREEN & SCOTT!

On August 23, 2008, Maureen Berry and Scott Gately were married! It was a beautiful day for a quiet ceremony near the water, complete with bagpipes. (OK, so not so quiet maybe?!) So now our Director's new name is Maureen Gately. Congratulations!!

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

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

**9/8/08** – First day of classes for the new Teelin school year!

**9/12&13/08** – Baltimore Irish Festival, Canton Waterfront Park - Teelin Irish Dance Company performs on Saturday 12:45-1:15pm (check the festival website for more information)

**9/14/08** – Class Card classes (see website for times)

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**9/21/08** – Baltimore Feis - many Teelin students will be competing!

**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)

**10/18-19/08** – 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!

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

**11/15/08** – **Teelin Ceili!** Stay tuned 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