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PERFORMANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS

Reminder: Auditions for the 2010-11 Teelin Irish Dance Company are being held tomorrow (Friday, May 7).

Maureen is encouraging all interested dancers who are eligible for these auditions to attend. Auditions are open to upper level Teelin students who have strong treble reel skills, a good work ethic, and are ready to make the commitment to a performance company. All current company members will also be auditioning for a position on one of next year's company troupes. Please see this page of the website for times and details for each audition group: <http://www.teelin.com/TIDC/companytroupes.html>

NEW THIS YEAR! There will be a performance class offered during the 2010-11 school year at Teelin, which will include some opportunities to perform. This class is by invitation only to dancers U12 age group & older, and will be a great chance for those who are not members of company to develop their performance skills. **Dancers interested in this Performance Class should attend the company audition.**

There are a few dancers with unavoidable conflicts for the auditions this Friday. Therefore, Maureen has arranged for a "make-up audition" on Monday, May 10, 7:00-7:30pm. This audition is for dancers age U12 (1998 birth year) or older who have unavoidable conflicts on Friday. Please send an email to performances@teelin.com if interested.

After all auditions are completed, Maureen will review all of the evaluators comments and will determine which dancers will be offered a position on each troupe, and which dancers will be invited to the Performance Class.

The lists will be sent by email to the dancers who auditioned, announced on the website, and posted in the Columbia studio. All company dancers will then be required to review the expectations of accepting a position with a troupe, and will be asked to sign a contract confirming their acceptance of the position offered. There will be an orientation held on Wednesday, May 19, for all dancers and their parents to learn more about this commitment for the 2010-11 school year.

The 2010-11 class schedule is still in the process of being determined, and is NOT finalized yet. However, the rehearsal times for company have been decided, and will be:

Red/Black Troupes - Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm weekly, with extra rehearsals on Friday evenings

Peanut Troupe - Fridays 5:00-6:00pm weekly

Performance Class - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm weekly

Please remember that not all dancers who audition will be invited. Likewise, being a member of company is a significant commitment, and could be compared to a Travel Soccer Team. Dancers (and their parents) should carefully consider their time commitments to other obligations and interests, including other Irish dance interests and competitive aspirations.