

The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing

History

Founded in the fall of 1969 the O'Neill-James School is longest established Irish dancing school in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area and cherishes its reputation for excellence.

Our dancers have performed in The White House and The Capitol, appeared on several TV shows and many Celebrity events in the area. Hillary Clinton featured a picture of two our dances in her book "An Invitation to the White House". We also participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parades in Alexandria and Washington D.C.

In 1987 we established the now world famous Nation's Capital Feis and All-American Championships with participants from all corners of the United States, Canada and abroad.

Philosophy

We feel we can best serve the great diversity of our students and the variety of their needs by offering them the opportunity for a rich, lifelong experience through serious training in a happy professional and relaxed atmosphere. We try to help all students find the unique dancer inside them, not to make them conform to an arbitrary, artificial standard of perfection. Many of our students enjoy dancing as a recreation while others aim at competition; we respect both of these purposes and have students who compete at the highest level. It is usual for advanced beginner level and above to remain in the same class for at least two years before moving to the next level.

Dress Requirements

All students are required to have their hair secured neatly off their face, knees should be visible and girls wear "poodle" socks (no tights please). Irish dancing shoes are essential. All students are required to wear to class the school T-Shirt and shorts. School Jacket / T-Shirt and dark trousers / shorts to any outside activity (performances) pertaining to the school. Advanced students require dance sneakers.

Teacher Conferences

We welcome the interest and questions of all parents and students at appropriate times. We do ask you to be aware of the instructors many obligations and request that you do not attempt to engage in any impromptu discussions. Schedule an appointment instead.

Gum

Chewing gum is prohibited in all classes, during rehearsals and at performance locations.

Private Lessons

Lessons are available by arrangement, the cost is \$65. Email your request to ojsprivatelesson@hotmail.com. All private lessons are required to take place at the O'Neill-James Studio. On arrival complete the details required and place the cash in the envelope provided.

Email: ADCRG@aol.com

Homepage: www.OneilJamesSchool.com

Telephone: 703-241-1978

School Calendar 2006 - 2007

Week of September 11th, 2006

Sunday 24th September, 3: PM-6: PM

Here you may purchase Irish Dancing Shoes, Socks,

Order dancing shoes & socks T-Shirt, CD's etc.

Purchase re-cycled Jubilee Dance Floor, 2 sq. @ \$25 ea

At the "Back to School Ceili

Halloween, Tuesday 31st, October

Tuesday 7th November All Classes

Classes Resume

Back to School Ceili

St. James School

Spring & Park Ave

Falls Church VA 22046

Choose a Buddy

O'Neill-James School Closed

Election Day

St. Charles Borromeo

3304, N. Washington Blvd

Arlington, VA 22201

Bon Voyage Brunch

Crystal Gateway Marriott

1700 Jefferson Davis Highway,

Arlington, Virginia 22202

O'Neill-James School Closed

1-800-228-9290

703-920-3230

\$99 per night Code "IDTANASR"

Irish Christmas Pageant

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell

6600, Little Falls Road,

Arlington, VA 22213

Christmas Vacation

Alexandria Parade

Washington, DC Parade

Closed Saint Patrick's Day

Closed Easter Vacation

Closed Memorial Day Weekend

Recital

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell

Summer Session 2007

Closed June 26th thru July 10th

National Championships

July 4th thru July 8th

Nation's Capital Feis

Legendary Key Bridge Marriott Hotel

1401, Lee Highway, Arlington VA 22209

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Sunday 19th November 8: AM - 6: PM

Southern Regional 10th Oireachtai

December 1st thru January 3rd, 2006

Crystal Gateway Marriott

Entry deadline September 30th, 2006

Sunday 17th December, 2006, 5: PM - 9: PM

*All are invited to perform!! Participants are free!!

Closed December 18th, 2006 thru January 2nd, 2007

Saturday, March 3rd, 2007

Sunday, March 11th, 2007

Saturday, March 17th, 2007

April 5th thru April 15th, 2007

Friday 25th thru Monday 28th May

Sunday, June 4th, 2007

*All participants receive an award!!

Tuesdays' June 19th / 26th July 10th / 17th

Thursdays' June 21th / 28th July 12th / 19th

Ottawa Congress Center, Canada. Entries due April 1st

www.ottawacongresscentre.com

July 21st thru July 23rd 2007 Entry deadline June 17th

Student Rules & Regulations

Department

The students of the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing represent not only the School but the Irish dancing community as well. Students are therefore expected to be courteous, respectful, and well-behaved at all times.

Entering and Leaving:

Please be prompt! Students enter dance room only after the previous class is over, they should be wearing the proper dance attire for that class. The goal of an entire class is often reached in the final minutes consequently students leaving class before completion will cause problems for the student and the teacher. Each child looks forward to approval and encouragement from parents or guardians and enjoys dancing for them so you are encouraged to return 10 minutes before each lesson has ended. This allows you the opportunity of enjoying their efforts in class but please wait for teacher to open the door. Young children will require an adult to leave class. Students are not permitted to wait alone outside of class for a parent or guardian to return. We love pets but they are not permitted in classrooms or in the vicinity of students.

General Concerns

School Closings Questions check www.OneillJamesSchool.com. We close for, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Saint Patrick's Day. We are opened on most Monday holidays but close Washington's Birthday, Easter Monday and Memorial Day.

Competition

While a certain amount of competition is to be encouraged we regard dance as a wholesome and healthy experience. Natural and early talent in dance is best developed with practice. Students who wish to compete may add a supplementary class, in the level they enter in a feis for example the Saturday Oireachtas Class. Early competition success is not always a pointer to future development.

Disappointment

Regretfully, disappointments are a part of any heartfelt endeavor. Students are sometimes disheartened because they were not chosen for some extra-curricular activity, or because they feel they are not progressing at a speed they feel is appropriate. We fully understand the importance of these issues and every effort is made to treat the sensitivity of our students with understanding, patience and respect.

Hints to Parents

Internet For updated information log on to our homepage at www.OneillJamesSchool.com.

Punctuality

Students should be ready to enter the dance room. Teachers should not need to tie shoes.

Make-Up Classes

Are encouraged and must be pre-arranged with the teacher. They do not count towards the full attendance award at the end of the year. The make-up class must be an equal class level or one level below student's current class level.

Room Mothers

Responsibilities are to call or E-mail other students' parent with information. A great way to know directly what is happening in the school.

Drop Off / Pick-Up / Parking

In the interest of safety, please escort students under the age of 10 years to and from class. All of our locations have limited parking facilities. Please use courtesy and caution in all lots. Remember there are many children, so please stay alert. The Knights of Columbus ask that we use the lower parking lot at all times. The American Legion request that once your child is dropped off that you take your car out of their lot. Street parking is available. It is requested that you leave the location and return at the allotted time. There are several playgrounds nearby.

Recital & Performances

The recital is a very important part of our year. It helps build poise and confidence. It is also a tremendous stimulus to the less experienced students to emulate their more experienced counterparts. Every student is expected to take part and every student will receive an award. "Colleen of the Year" and "Leprechaun of the Year" awards will voted by fellow pupils. Trophies are also awarded for attendance. Performances are encouraged for all students and are required to go through the school office. School costumes are worn to all performances; however, if you own a solo costume, you may bring it with you.

Costumes

We encourage all students to participate in public performances and are keenly aware of the expense. To ensure uniformity all items must be purchased through the school.

Girls: May purchase a green skirt and wear the school headbands etc. in their hair and a white school blouse.

Boys: May wear dark dress trousers, a white long sleeve shirt, jazz shoes with a heel and a green bow tie. Boys may invest in an embroidered cumber band. I am very proud of the O'Neill-James School Dancing costume and find that a student who is working hard and of sufficient standard will progress even quicker when dressed in our attractive costume. It takes approximately 2-3 months to have one made. Ask Mrs. James for an order form. Our male students may invest in an embroidered cumber band.

Solo Costumes

Parents should only consider a solo costume when their child is actively competing in open / prize-winner categories. Competing in a solo dress prior to achieving a level of proficiency can be counter productive. Please consult with Mrs. James prior to any solo costume purchase.

Wigs with Shirley Temple curls

Young Blood Hair Cutters is the official vendor for our Ceili wigs. We must all look alike from head to toe! Wigs do require re-curling once a year. They maybe re-curled at the Heritage Institute in Falls Church Tel: 703-532-5050 X 3461. Allow ample time as they are curled by hand.

Registration

Early Registration

To ensure class placement, returning students should confirm enrollment by mailing the registration fee well in advance and then completed form when schedule becomes available.

(Non-refundable) Tuition & Fees

- Registration Fee Per Person \$35 Recital Fee Per Person \$35
- Tir-na-nog (Students 4/5 Years of Age) Tuition Per Class 45 Minutes in Length \$495
 - Yearly Tuition Per Class 55 Minutes in Length \$525
- Yearly Tuition Per Figure / Ceili / Choreography Class \$500
- Yearly Tuition Per Class 90 Minutes in Length \$625
- Yearly Tuition Per Class 120 Minutes and more in Length \$675
 - 10% Discount on 3rd Child

4 weeks trial for new students only \$60 (deductible from yearly tuition)

All Fees are Non - Refundable

If student drops out during the year, tuition is still due

Payment in full Or Two installments

First payment due before the first class, include recital fee

Second payment, a check postdated for December 1st, 2006 included with 1st payment

A late fee of \$25 per student will be assessed if full payment is not received by January 1st, 07
\$25 service charge on each returned check

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About the Director: Laureen O'Neill-James – TCRG, ADCRG settled in the United States in 1964 with her parents and later met and married Fred James. She was already a distinguished Irish Dancer, an “All Ireland Medal Winner” winner of 25 championships and hundreds of awards to her credit, she won her first competition at the early age of four. Laureen and Fred are very proud of the fact that sons Freddie and Robbie emulated their mother when they won their first medals at age four, plus they both represented the United States in Dublin in 1983 at the “World Championships”. Mrs. James with Freddie were semi-finalists on the T.V. Show “Dance Fever”. Laureen is registered with the Irish Dancing Commission in Ireland as a qualified teacher and adjudicator Her Parents Frank & Peggy O'Neill are the first couple to be inducted into the Irish Cultural Hall of Fame. Laureen created a unique family achievement in November 2004 when she was also inducted into the Irish Cultural Hall of Fame. Fred is proud to have been chosen as dance coach for the movie “Dance with Me”. Fred choreographed specialty lifts for the show “Gael Force”. Laureen and husband Fred are an “unbeatable team”.

Assistants / Teachers

A trustworthy position that is available to dedicated pupils who will respect and observe the rules, regulations, traditions and standards of the O'Neill James School. Teaching or demonstrating outside the O'Neill-James School curriculum may result in suspension.

Material

The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing is proud of the material it teaches to its pupils and requires that it is for the exclusive use of the recipient and not passed on to others. Please consult with Mrs. James before enrolling in other Irish dance seminars / workshops.

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**Registration Form
One Per Person
2006-2007**

Names.....
Address.....
City..... State..... Zip Code.....
Mother's Name..... Father's Name.....
Home Telephone..... Mother's Work / Cell Tel:.....
Father's Work / Cell Tel:..... Email.....
Signature..... Birthdate...../...../.....
(If student is under 18 years, must be signed by parent or guardian) Month Day Year

Time and location of class / classes preferred:
1st Class..... 2nd Class..... 3rd Class.....

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Mail to:

Mrs. L. James – T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G.
6406, 16th Street, North
Arlington, VA. 22205

1st payment check #..... 2nd postdated 12/1/06 check #..... Total enclosed \$.....
Make checks payable to: Mrs. James, thank you.

By registering you agree not to institute or join in any litigation against The O'Neill-James School, its agents or employees, through loss or injury while are attending classes or performances

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