



SCOIL RINCE BHRIOMHAR
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I. Upcoming Dates

June 4-6, 2010: Brady Ard Na Greine Feis, Calgary

SATURDAY JUNE 12: Bhriomhar Year-End Concert, Glenmore Christian Academy, Calgary. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7:00!

Wednesday, June 16, 2010: Last day of class for Beginner I and Teams; Parent Viewing Day. Success Reports and year-end packages go out.

Thursday, June 17, 2010: Deposit Day

Friday, June 18, 2010: Last day of class for Beginner II and Intermediate. Parent Viewing day, Success Reports and year-end packages go out.

August 26th - 29th 2010: BHRIMHAR SUMMER WORKSHOP! All dancers in the Beginner II and Intermediate/Advanced classes are eligible and encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars!!!

II. School Updates

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - NEW STUDIO

The new studio space will require some finessing in order to make it usable as a semi-permanent home for the Bhriomhar School of Irish Dance. We are currently in the process of ordering material, and will need some volunteers to help assemble the sub floor. Specific assembly dates haven't been set yet, but if you think would be available to help, please let us know!

ELEMENTS, A CELTIC JOURNEY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE BIG DAY!

We are coming to the end of our preparations for Elements: A Celtic Journey. We are so excited to be putting on our very first show on Saturday, June 12. As always, we have a few reminders for you before the big day...

1) Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010

2) Location: Glenmore Christian Academy Theatre

16520 24 St SW
Calgary, AB

Or copy and paste this link into your browser window for a map:

http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&source=hp&um=1&ie=UTF8&q=glenmore+christian+academy&fb=1&gl=ca&hq=glenmore+christian+academy&hnear=Calgary,+AB&cid=0,0,16870484447972031702&ei=gpSaS_DyDsqWtgffhu1&sa=X&oi=local_result&ct=image&resnum=1&ved=OCACQnwlwAA

3) Time

Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts promptly at 7:00 pm. ***All dancers are to be dropped off at Glenmore Christian Academy no later than 4 PM for a blocking rehearsal. Sorry, no exceptions.*** This will allow the dancers to become familiarized with the stage entrances and exits and also give the lighting and sound technicians a dry run. Around 5:30, we'll break for pizza and then get ready for the evening. **If your child is in need of a ride into town, please have them dropped off at Morris Gibson School no later than 3:30 pm so we can arrange carpools into Calgary.**

4) Tickets

Price per Ticket: \$12

TICKETS WENT ON SALE ON APRIL 1, 2010

If you haven't sold all of your tickets, there is still time! Please remind guests that if they are unable to collect their tickets before June 12, they can pay for them at the door.

Tina Powell is our ticket contact person this year with assistance from Suzanne Ryan. Huge thanks to these ladies for taking this on! For ticket sales and information, please contact Tina at 403-931-2691.

Tickets can be purchased at dance classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the table in the front entryway of Morris Gibson School. **Please make all cheques payable to OIDA. If you choose to pay in cash, please paperclip a note with your family name on it to the bills. There will be a spreadsheet on the ticket table when you purchase your tickets. In the appropriate spot, please indicate number of tickets purchased and method of payment.**

5) Class Preparation

Extended Classes & Mandatory Attendance

1) Monday, June 7 2010

Beginner I: 5:30-7:30 pm

Beginner II: 5:30-7:30 pm

Intermediate/Advanced: 5:30-7:30 pm

This will be our pre-dress rehearsal. Please come prepared to practice all of your numbers. We have measured the actual stage and will be blocking it out on the gym floor to work on spacing.

2) Wednesday, June 9 2010 - Beginner I and Teams will run as usual with an emphasis on show material.

3) Friday, June 11 2010 - Full dress rehearsal at Dr. Morris Gibson School. Please come with your costumes so that we can practice the full show!

4) Saturday, June 12 2010 - Elements! Dancers, please arrive no later than 4 pm for a blocking rehearsal.

6) Costumes

Please note the costume requirements for your dancer below:

1) Beginner I (Cael, Emma, Shayla, Charlyce, Daniela, Sophie, Erika)

- Irish softshoes
- White “poodle” socks, glued to leg at mid-shin area
- Beginner/Advanced Beginner class dress (black bodysuit, blue bodice and black skirt)
- Blue headband or tiara
- Wig or curled hair
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not yet have a Beginner/Advanced Beginner class dress, please inform us ASAP so one can be fitted for you during regular class times

2) Beginner II (Elly, Lucy, Aislynn, Kyleigh, Izzy, Bailie, Micheline, Raygan, Gennae, Samantha)

- Irish softshoes
- White “poodle” socks, glued to leg at mid-shin area
- Beginner/Advanced Beginner class dress (black bodysuit, blue bodice and black skirt)
- Blue headband or tiara
- Wig or curled hair
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not yet have a Beginner/Advanced Beginner class dress, please inform us ASAP so one can be fitted for you during regular class times

3) Intermediate/Advanced and Teams (Allegra, Cait, Emily, Kathryn, Rowan, Sinead, Brianna, Kashley, Bree, Genna, Sydney, Kaiden, Jaiden)

a) Costume pieces to bring from home:

- Irish softshoes
- Irish hardshoes
- Black semi-opaque tights (no nylons please!)
- Novice/Prizewinner blue class dress (if you already have one)
- Blue headband or tiara
- Wig
- Blue jeans. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CAN GET THESE JEANS ON AND OFF WITHOUT REMOVING YOUR HARD SHOES; NO SKINNY JEANS PLEASE!!!**
- Plain black layering tank top (to be worn under dress and other costumes so it's not necessary for everyone to have identical styles)
- Plain white button-down, collared dress shirt. Short-sleeved, $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve and long sleeve are all acceptable, but please avoid sleeveless. No designs or prints, solid white only please.

- Black stretch “lululemon” or “triple flip” type fitted full-length lycra-blend athletic pants. No patterns please, black only (black competition dress pants for Kaiden, no lululemon allowed! 😊)
- **Kashley, Bree, Genna, Sydney, Jaiden and Kaiden:** “Poorboy” cap in neutral colour of choice (i.e. black, white, beige, brown, etc...) and cowboy hat

b) Costume pieces that will be provided for you:

- Blue Novice/Prizewinner class dress (if you don’t already have one)
- **Allegra, Cait, Emily, Kathryn, Rowan, Sinead and Brianna:** Black fedora
- Everyone in the Intermediate/Advanced class will also receive a red, cap-sleeved fitted t-shirt (cost of \$20 or less per dancer)

6) Volunteer Opportunities

Although the concert is a chance for you all to sit back and enjoy the show, there are still areas where a helping hand would be welcome. These include:

- 1-2 volunteers to verify tickets at the door on June 12th before the start of the performance.
- 1 or 2 backstage volunteers who would be willing to help set up costumes and organize shoes backstage prior to the start of the show (we don’t want any parents missing the performance!)
- A volunteer to help organize the sale of concert DVDs after the performance.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please let us know!

Remember: The best thing you can do to help make this event a success is sell tickets! 😊 We have over 500 seats to fill! Remember that ALL proceeds from this event will be directed to the OIDA in support of our dancers!

Shout-Outs!

Congratulations to all of our dancers who competed at the Wild Rose Feis in Calgary this past weekend. We are so proud of all of you! A special note goes out to all of our girls who did their First Feis; we can’t wait to see you up there again in October.

A huge thank you to all of our parents! Thank you for your support and flexibility in getting your dancers to extra classes in preparation for our year-end show. Can’t wait for Saturday!

At-Home Practice

We would like to remind our competitive students of the importance of practicing outside of class time. Not only does this ensure that you come to class prepared, but it increases your confidence at competitions. Being prepared for class means that the instructors can start to drill and work on technique, instead of having to teach steps over. If you are confused on the requirements for practice, or don’t understand what to practice, please feel free to approach an instructor.

III. What We're Learning

Beginner I

We are so proud of our Beginner I dancers who competed in their first Feis this last weekend. They are currently focusing on their show numbers, and will be moving on with their soft and hard shoe steps in the fall.

Beginner II

These dancers are continuing to drill their competitive steps, as well as their show numbers. We are looking forward to introducing some new steps at the workshop in August.

Intermediate / Advanced

Our Intermediate and Advanced students are continuing to work on their solo steps, in addition to numerous choreography pieces. We are very excited to begin re-choreographing some of the Prizewinner steps in time for the workshop in August.

IV. Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous volunteer positions available, especially with the year-end show coming up in a few months, and with regards to the new studio for the fall. If you are interested in areas where you can volunteer, please contact the OIDA for more information on various available positions.



Cheers,

Ali, Cait, and Tiegan