



# SCOIL RINCE BHRÍOMHAR

## January 2012 NEWSLETTER

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### Important UPCOMING Dates

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Tuesday, January 10: First day back for Okotoks Intermediate I & II & Championship

Wednesday, January 12: First Okotoks Adult Class, 6:30-7:30 pm at Morris Gibson

Friday, January 13: First day back for Okotoks Teams

Saturday, January 14: First day back for Okotoks Beginner I & II and all Lethbridge classes

Sunday, January 15: First Figure Choreography Rehearsal, 2-4 pm at Morris Gibson School

January 20-22: *Blakey Calgary Feis at the Westin Hotel, downtown Calgary*

Friday, January 27: Parent Viewing Day, Yoga and Conditioning Workshop: Initial Assessment

Saturday, January 28: Parent Viewing Day

Sunday, January 29: Figure Choreography Rehearsal, 2:00-4:00 pm at Morris Gibson School, Okotoks

### GENERAL school updates

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#### 1. NEW OKOTOKS ADULT CLASS!

All Okotoks parents are invited to kick up their heels! Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm at Morris Gibson School. Cost is \$25/month or \$10 drop-in fee per class. All ages and fitness levels are welcome and no previous dance experience is necessary. Hope to see you all there!

#### 2. OIDA FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR NEEDED

The OIDA is in need of a volunteer to coordinate fundraising for our Okotoks dancers. If you're interested in taking on this important role, please contact Genelle Garagan at [garagang@shaw.ca](mailto:garagang@shaw.ca).

#### 3. OKOTOKS 2012 CEILI

Mark your calendars! The 2012 ceili will take place on Saturday, February 25 at the Flare n' Derrick Community Hall in Turner Valley. The evening will feature the Bhriomhar dancers, live Celtic music by *Third Reel* and a silent auction. Tickets will go on sale in the new year. Hope to see you all there!

#### 4. LETHBRIDGE FAMILY FESTIVAL

The LIDA will be hosting a family St. Patrick's Day festival on Saturday, March 17! Bring out the entire family for a day of fun, featuring performances by the Lethbridge dancers. Tickets will go on sale soon. Tickets for the 2012 concert will also be available for sale at this event.

## 7. UNDER 13 FIGURE CHOREOGRAPHY

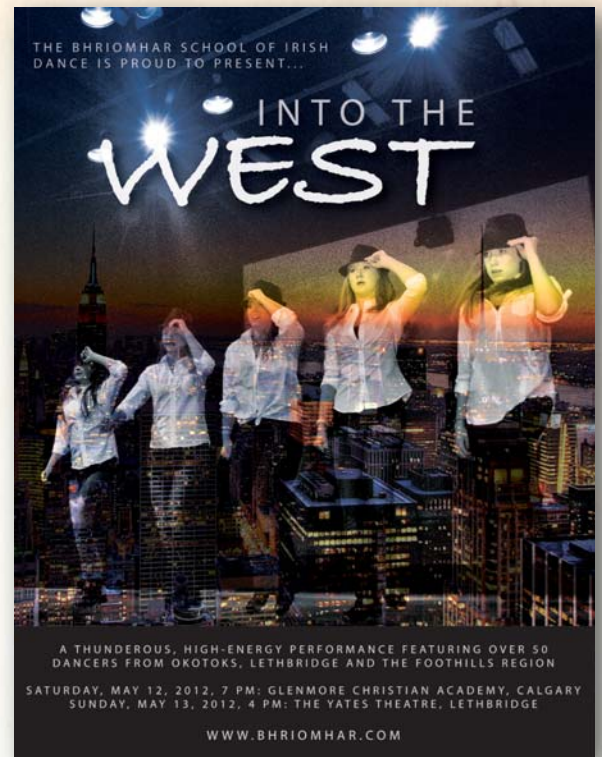
This month, we are starting rehearsals for a figure choreography involving 16 dancers with the intention of taking this choreography to compete at the 2013 North American Championships in Anaheim. If you have committed to involvement in this choreography, please take a moment to check the "Calendar" page on our website for rehearsal dates.

## 8. 2012 CONCERT: "INTO THE WEST"

As a reminder, here are the dates, times and locations for the 2012 year-end show. Please remember that dancers wishing to participate in the concert must to commit to BOTH shows.

**Saturday, May 12: Glenmore Christian Academy Theatre, Calgary, show at 7:00 pm (dancers arrive at 4:00 pm)**

**Sunday, May 13: The Yates Theatre, Lethbridge, show at 4:00 pm (dancers arrive at 1:00 pm)**



## what we're learning

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**BEGINNER I CLASSES:** As we move into the new year, our beginner students will continue to solidify their knowledge of the basic reel and light jig. Some of our first-year students are also preparing for their first competition in the spring! All the best to Ainsley, Grace and Maria! Over the coming months, we'll also be finalizing show and performance numbers for the concert in May.

**BEGINNER II CLASSES:** Our advanced beginners in Okotoks have spent the last month starting work on the fourth beginner softshoe dance, the slip jig. We have also been working to solidify the dancer's knowledge of the third beginner softshoe dance, the single jig. In the coming months, we'll start to move into some beginner hardshoe dances and finalize all show numbers for the concert in May.

**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES:** Our Intermediate I class in Okotoks has finished their new slip jig and a new reel. The slip jig is solid for most of our dancers in this class, but the reel will still need some time. We've also completed a new treble jig and we're part-way through four numbers for the concert in May.

Our Okotoks Intermediate II group is working on a new hornpipe and some modifications to the reel and treble jig. We're also continuing to review and work on the non-traditional set dances *The Storyteller* and *The Downfall of Paris*.

Our Intermediate dancers in Lethbridge have completed their advanced slip jig and set dance, *The Storyteller* and we've also completed changes to the first step of their reel. We've completed work on one choreography number for the concert and we're starting on two others.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES:** Our championship dancers are busy shifting from reels and hornpipes to slip jigs and treble jigs and vice versa. We are also making some adjustments to sets dances to reflect some new movements.

**TEAMS:** Our Okotoks Team dancers have been reviewing and learning their 2 Hands, 3 Hands and 4 Hands. We've also recently learned a 8 Hand ceili dance, called the High Cauced Cap. The goal is to have this 8 Hand feis-ready by March or June.