

The Ryan School of Irish Dance



Lafayette, LA

August 19th, 2009

Dear Parent and Student:

Hope this letter finds you and your family well and that your summer was enjoyable. My family and I recently returned home from a very successful summer with our Irish Dance Camp. This year was special because it was our 10th Anniversary and biggest year yet with over 500 campers and staff attending. We had a camper and Instructor as far as Australia attend, wow! This year was also special as we had three of our own. Advanced students, Holly and Bridget attended 2 weeks as campers and Joe worked as a Junior Counselor. I have no doubt that they have stories of fun times and amazing dancing!

In this letter you will find our Registration Form and Dance Attire information. Classes begin the week of **Tuesday, September 8th**. Please fill out the attached Registration Form and mail back immediately along with a \$30.00 non-refundable, (\$50.00 per family) registration fee to:

Sheila Ryan-Davoren, TCRG
132 Muscadine Road
Sunset, LA 70584

FEE SCHEDULE per MONTH

| | 1 family member | 2nd family member (sibling discount) |
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| 45 minute class | \$35.00 | \$30.00 |
| Two/ 45 minute classes | \$68.00 | \$63.00 |
| 1 hour class | \$38.00 | \$33.00 |
| Two / 1 hour classes | \$74.00 | \$69.00 |
| Extra Practices (This includes performance classes and Feis Practices) | \$5.00/ per hour | \$5.00/ per hour |
| Late Fee (tuition received after the 10 th) | \$3.00 | \$3.00 |

If a student must miss a class, please call me at home or call Cite des Arts at 291-1122 so that the teacher is informed. Make-up times are available but only during the hours of Tuesday 4:30 – 7:30 and Thursday 5:30 – 7:30. Students must first discuss with Sheila which make-up class to attend. **Tuition will NOT be prorated or refunded for missed classes regardless of the reason.**

Classes are held at Cite Des Arts, 109 Vine Street Lafayette (off Jefferson Street Downtown). Once Registration information is received, Sheila will call or email with students class time.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail at the information below. Since I work during the day please allow 2 days response time. I look forward to seeing my old students and I am excited to meet our new ones!

Sincerely,
Sheila Ryan, TCRG
662-4060
shenryan@aol.com

Classroom Dance Attire and Rules

The Ryan School of Irish Dance

All female students MUST wear the following to class:

Irish Dance soft shoes (ghillies) purchased from Fay's Dance shoes (*ONLY*). Purchases can be made online, by fax or phone. Please find shoe vendor information and shoe description below. **MAKE SURE TO LOOK AT SIZING CHART BEFORE ORDERING.** Shoes are made in Ireland and therefore sizes are different and need to be converted. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE PROPER IRISH DANCE SHOES BY **October 1st**.

Fays Shoes

Contact: Patrick Fay
(914) 779-6417 Fax (914) 779-6418
e-mail: fayshoes@aol.com
<http://www.fayshoes.com>

Soft Shoe: Antonia Pacelli's
Side looped, short toe construction
aka: The 'Original' dance shoe.
Price \$40.00

- The following items are acceptable for ALL students to wear; shorts, skorts, leotards, tights or Capri work-out pants/leggings. No skirts (unless paired with bloomers or a leotard). **No long pants/leggings or bell-bottoms are allowed.** Socks must be worn with shoes. For the Teacher to properly work with the student and to achieve the best results, the entire ankle must be seen. This aids in the development of proper foot placement and intricate footwork.
- Hair must be kept neat and pinned away from the face. Dangling of hair or falling pieces in face is not allowed. Jewelry is asked to be kept at a minimum but is allowed.
- **NO STREET SHOES ARE TO BE WORN ON THE DANCE FLOOR IN THE STUDIO!** Students are not allowed to wear their Irish Dance shoes outside. If you must come to/from class with your dance shoes on, please wear slip-ons over your Irish Dance shoes (ie: Crocs).
- Students must bring their own water bottles. There is a soda machine in the hallway of Cite. Sheila will not be available to supervise drinks that students are provided, so it is up to the Parents to provide healthy choices such as water or Gatorade. Sheila would prefer that students do not drink soda during class.
- Make sure that all items and clothing are labeled with students name. There is a Lost & Found box available in the studio.
- To help cut down on the cost for our students, we do try to use a shoe 'recycling' program. Your old and used shoes may be just the thing that another student needs. A 'recycling shoe bin' will be available in the dance studio starting Sept.

Hard Shoe Class – *this is available for students that have a minimum of 6 months of Irish Dance. Adults must have a minimum of 4 months.

Fays Shoes

Contact: Patrick Fay

Information Above

Hard Shoe: Fay's Original Flexi

MAKE SURE TO ORDER THE GREY-SUEDE SOLE

Price \$140.00

All male students MUST wear the following to class:

- Shorts with t-shirt. Shorts that pass the knee will not be allowed. Socks must be worn.

Parents:

- All students and Parents are expected to clean-up after themselves in the 'green' room or the dance studio.
- Students are expected to arrive to class at least 5 minutes prior to scheduled dance time.
- **Parents; for safety reasons, DO NOT drop-off your child when there is no teacher or parents in the dance area. The School is not responsible for the supervision of your child once they leave the classroom. Parents need to come into the 'green' area to drop off and pick-up students.**
- Parking is very limited outside Cite. Parking is available in the Tsunami parking lot and on Jefferson Street. Please plan accordingly for parking 'problems' so that student is not late for class or left un-attended.
- Please keep the noise level down when in the 'green' room.
- **Parents are not permitted to watch or sit in on any classes.** It is important for Sheila/student teacher to have the child's FULL attention. With Mom nearby or watching this can be distracting. Please respect our views and adhere to our policy. Viewing times will be available and will be at the discretion of Sheila.
- Classes are taught by Advanced Student Teachers and overseen by Sheila.
- Parents are asked to talk with Sheila directly if any problems or concerns should arise. We are all aware that in our daily life a group of people talking, sometimes with inaccurate information, can have disastrous results. To make the 'green' room as pleasant as possible, Parents should call or email Sheila directly. Because Sheila is busy teaching, conversations with Parents in between class times will not be permitted. This will only lead to holding up the next students class time. This pertains to **ONLY IRISH DANCE RELATED TOPICS**. If a Parent should have a personal problem with another parent, there is no need to involve Sheila or bring it to her attention.
- **Performances:** In lieu of competing, The Ryan School does many performances throughout the school year. Performances are meant to provide the student with a goal (which encourages practicing) and teach them confidence, stage etiquette, stage presence as well as team effort. If the student is not interested in performing, Sheila must know in writing prior to registration. Parents must know that most of the material that is taught is with performing in mind, so therefore, your child will be missing out on learning important Irish Dance Material. If you should not show up for a performance, that you originally committed to, and did not inform the school, you will be asked to sit out the following scheduled class rather than participate. Because A LOT of work goes into choreography and stage placement, Sheila needs 2 weeks notice if you cannot attend a performance. **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PERFORMANCES.** Dates and times will be announced in February.



Ryan School of Irish Dance Registration 2009-2010

A Non-Refundable Registration Fee of \$30.00 per student, \$50.00 per family must accompany this form

Dancer: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
first name last name

If under 18, parent/guardian name: _____

Address: _____
Street City, State, Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Elementary/Middle/High School/College: _____

Years of Irish Dance: _____ Where: _____

Years of Other Dance: _____ Types: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle:

I (Do / Do Not) agree to have my phone number printed on a phone list. List will be passed out to all students that request it.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Liability

The Ryan School cannot be held liable for dancer injury in class or on the premises or any medical issue that may arise during class time.

Registration

Registrations must be received prior to student attendance. First monthly payment is required at the first class on September 9th.

Cancelled Classes/ Inclement Weather

Parents will receive a full refund for classes that are cancelled by Sheila. If a class is cancelled due to inclement weather a make-up class will be offered. Parents will be notified by phone of cancelled classes.

Images and Recording

From time to time, The Ryan School will take pictures or record a class or performance. The pictures and recordings may be used for promoting the school. If you do not wish for your child to appear in these pictures or recordings, a responsible adult must inform Sheila in writing at time of Registration.

Costumes

The Ryan School of Irish Dance will provide (partial) costumes for students to use. It is understood that students are 'renting' these costumes and are expected to use the utmost care while they are in their possession. Parents will be informed of any other costume items needed for purchase. Rented Costumes must be returned at the end of the year in the same condition as they were presented.

Performances

All students are expected to be involved in our St. Patrick's Day Performances.

Transportation

While transporting to/from class, performances or competitions. Students and Families understand that The Ryan School is not liable for any accidents or emergency that may occur.

Practice

Parents/Students will make sure that their child(ren) is/are giving adequate time to practicing at home.

I have read and understand all of The Ryan School of Irish Dance 'General Information and Policies':

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____