

McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy 9th Open Feis

Saturday & Sunday
13th & 14th March, 2010

Hylands School, Hatfield Grove, Chelmsford, Essex

Adjudicators

Mona Ni Rodaigh Ulster	Nuala Harrison S England	Tony Ferguson Leinster	Marie Duffy-Pask S England
Rose Kenny Midlands	Steven Brunning Midlands	Ann Boland-Kelly Leinster	Ciara Lennon Ulster
Brid McInerney Munster	Charles Moore Munster	Catherine Flanagan Ulster	Imelda Keogh Midlands

Musicians

Majella Collins S England	Dean Crouch S England	Anthony Davis Midlands
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Feis Secretary:

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Closing date for entries: **Sunday 21st February, 2010 (last day of All Irelands)**
Feis registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha



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Dear Teacher

I would like to welcome you to the Ninth Open Seis held by the McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy, to be held on the 13th & 14th March 2010.

Once again we will be holding our Seis at Hylands School in Chelmsford, which has excellent facilities for both spectators and competitors alike. It has a large stage in the main hall and, as in previous years, we will have a purpose-built stage set up in the gymnasium. There is also an arts area and a large sports hall. There will be a canteen serving hot and cold food throughout the weekend, with an extended dining area.

Due to the overwhelming response in the past few years, we have decided to retain the nine-adjudicator format (three different adjudicators per round). However, this year we are introducing preliminary championships in a double age-group format. These will also be adjudicated by the nine-adjudicator format. This format has now been adopted for the Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne in Glasgow, making our feis an ideal springboard for the Worlds.

Due to rising costs in venue hire, travel and accommodation, we have for the first time since 2007 been forced to raise our championship entry fees a little.

To enable us to produce a realistic timetable please ensure your entries reach us by 21st February 2010, on the enclosed form (or photocopies of). We will also accept entries handed directly to us at the All Ireland Championships. Upon receipt of all entries the timetable will be drawn up and sent to you, along with your dancers' competitor numbers.

Whilst we cannot at this stage confirm the actual start times of competitions, we are happy to confirm that the actual days of competitions are as follows:

Saturday March 13th: Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (all grades plus appropriate open and preliminary championships), plus 13 to 16 Primary/Intermediate.

Sunday March 14th: Under 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, Over 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, Senior (all grades plus appropriate open and preliminary championships).

As per last year it will be our intention to ensure competitions finish early enough on the Saturday for those dancers wishing to leave and attend an alternative competition the following day. Please remember Stansted airport is only a 25 minute drive away.

As in previous years, awards in the Championships will be from first to fifth places with cups and sashes and we will be awarding *trophies for first to third placed dancers in all graded solo competitions*. You will be able to purchase your Seis supplies from Melaine Murphy and Derry Reel Dancewear, in the sports hall, throughout the weekend.

As in previous years we will be holding a bumper raffle. Prizes arranged so far include a Butlin's Gold apartment for 4 people for the Great Britain Championships weekend. Tickets will be only £1 and are available from all MCGL dancers or parents in early 2010.

Please note that by lodging an entry, the onus is on the parent to ensure full payment is included with that entry. Failure to do so may result in a dancer's right to compete at future SERC feiseanna being withdrawn until the full debt is settled, to the satisfaction of the feis organiser.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Seis and thank you in advance for your support.

Frances McGahan A.D.C.R.G. & Cecily Charlton T.C.R.G.

Feis Rules

- 1) Lodgement of entries at a Feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the Feis in their entirety as laid down by the Southern England Regional Council (SERC) and An Coimisiún, and the rules listed below.
- 2) Ages to be taken from 1st January 2010.
- 3) Adjudicators decision is **final**.
- 4) Committee members only may approach adjudicators.
- 5) Objections against any breach of the rules must be made in writing, and signed, to the Feis Secretary and accompanied with a fee of £25.00 which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
- 6) Entries will only be accepted from schools registered with An Coimisiún.
- 7) Novice & primary grades are open to all regions.
- 8) A solo competition cannot be held with only one competitor. Competitors must dance in their own age group for solo competitions. No competitor may compete twice in the same competition.
- 9) All championship winner awards are perpetual and must be returned in good condition and in good time for the following year's feis.
- 10) A novice dancer is one who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in that particular dance or any medal in a higher grade.
- 11) 'Basic Step' as defined by SERC will be adhered to for the novice competitions.
- 12) A primary dancer is one who has not won 1st place for that particular dance in any age group.
- 13) An intermediate dancer is one who has not won a 1st place for that particular dance in his/her present age group or higher age group, or who has not won a premier competition or championship.
- 14) In the event of a novice or primary competition exceeding 40 competitors the Feis organisers will divide this into two competitions; this will be split on the day.
- 15) Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phones, standard camera, video camera, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden.

Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted. However, these will be for your own use, and not used for public display purposes unless previous permission has been obtained.
- 16) Where there are 5 or fewer competitors in a solo competition grades will be unaffected.
- 17) There must be a minimum of 3 boys to stage a boys championship.
- 18) In Figure competitions 75% of a team may re-dance in a higher age group.
- 19) In Ceili 8 hand competitions any 8 hand may be performed

in accordance with Ar Rince Foirne.

- 20) No refunds will be made on the day of the feis and will only be considered upon receipt of a written request from the teacher.
- 21) In the Under 6 and 7 Premiership, dancers must compete in the solos to be allowed take part in the Premiership.
- 22) Due to the 9 panel adjudication system being used at this feis dancers must complete both the 1st and 2nd rounds of the championship to be included in the recall. Should a dancer only complete 1 round, but attain enough grid points from that round to recall, they will be withdrawn from the 3rd round.
- 23) In the event of a dispute not covered by the above rules or elsewhere in this syllabus, then the rules of An Coimisiún will apply.
- 24) Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and who subsequently refuses to remove same will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically-prescribed apparatus, proof of which may be required, will be exempt from this ruling.
- 25) An Coimisiún has ruled that no bloc en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the U12 age group, world-wide. The U12 age group will be allowed to toe-walk from 1st September.
- 26) Makeup will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the under 12 age group Worldwide.
- 27) The feis organiser endeavours to provide a surface to dance upon (including non slip dance flooring), however the feis organiser cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained whilst dancing.
- 28) In all heavy dances for Intermediate and Open, the lead round must be danced on both the right and left feet.
- 29) All novice and primary dancers may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirts and top or simple dress for girls, and trousers, shorts and tee-shirt or shirt for boys) in competitions up to and including the Under 12 age group. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the competitor being disqualified.
- 30) A dancer is only eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship from the 1st January in the previous year or within the current year. If there were 5 or fewer dancers in the open championship result, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a preliminary championship.

A dancer is not eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they are a current medal holder for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne.

If a dancer wins two preliminary championships within the current feis year, commencing 1st January of that year, they are no longer eligible to enter a preliminary championship in the rest of the current year and until Dec 31st of the following year.

A dancer may not enter a preliminary championship and an open championship at the same feis.

SOLO COMPETITIONS: 1st to 3rd places in all solos will be awarded trophies.

Age Group	Novice/Bun Grad	Primary/Tus Grad	Intermediate/Mean Grad	Open/Ard Grad
Under 6 6 & Under 7	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Premiership
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9 9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe	Open and preliminary championship incorporating 2 solos
Over 13 to 16 Over 16		Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe		
Over 13 to 16 Over 16			Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe	
13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 16 & Under 17 17 & Under 18 18 & Under 19 19 & Under 21 Over 21				Open and preliminary championship incorporating 2 solos

Traditional Set Dance Competition - Under 9

FIGURE COMPETITIONS				
Under 9	9 & Under 11	11 & Under 13	13 & Under 16	Over 16
2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship

Days of Competitions

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PREMIERSHIPS/CHAMPIONSHIPS – GIRLS (Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
Under 6 (Premier competition)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
6 & Under 7 (Premier competition)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
7 & Under 8	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
8 & Under 9	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
9 & Under 10	Reel	Heavy Jig	Open Set
10 & Under 11	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set
11 & Under 12	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Open Set
12 & Under 13	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set
13 & Under 14	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Open Set
14 & Under 15	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set
15 & Under 16	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Open Set
16 & Under 17	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set
17 & Under 18	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Open Set
18 & Under 19	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set
19 & Under 21	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Open Set
Senior	Reel	Hornpipe	Open Set

CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOYS (Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
Under 10	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
10 & Under 11	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
11 & Under 13	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
13 & Under 15	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
15 & Under 17	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
17 & Under 19	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
Senior	Reel	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set

Preliminary Championships – Mixed (Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
Under 10	Reel or slip jig	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
Under 12	Reel or slip jig	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
Under 14	Reel or slip jig	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
Under 16	Reel or slip jig	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set
Over 16	Reel or slip jig	Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set

**All entries by 21st February 2010 (last day of All Irelands) to the Secretary:
Frances McGahan ADCRG, 14 Kingsford Drive, Chelmer Village, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6YR.**

Cheques only should be made payable to
'The Friends of McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy'.
Entries will be taken on the day of the feis at the discretion of the feis organiser.

ENTRY FEES

Solo trophies (<i>1st to 3rd places in all solos will be awarded trophies</i>)	£3.50
Premiership (Under 6 and 6 & Under 7 – refer to Rule 21)	£6.00
Championship Girls and Boys (including two solos – solo medals will be presented for the 1st and 2nd round of the Championship)	£18.00
Preliminary Championship Mixed (including two solos – solo medals will be presented for the 1st and 2nd round of the Championship)	£18.00
Figure/Ceili (per dancer)	£2.50
Family Fee	£45.00
Door entry fee (per adult)	£3.50

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2009 Champions

Under 6 Mixed	Molly McAdam, Kelly Hendry, Newcastle
Under 7 Mixed	Ella Owens, Ceim Oir, London
Under 8 Mixed	Clodagh Davis, McConomy, Derry
Under 9 Mixed	Niamh Neale, Doherty, Belfast
Under 10 Girls	Orla Dunne, Lally, Manchester
Under 10 Boys	Jack Roberts, Roberts School,
Under 11 Girls	Lauren Morrissey, Murchu-Duiginn, Hertfordshire
Under 11 Boys	Conor Rodgers, McConomy, Derry
Under 12 Girls	Leelle Eakins, Scoil Rince Ni Chearra-O'Bhaolain
Under 13 Girls	Gemma Goulding, Murchu-Duiginn, Hertfordshire
11 & Under 13 Boys	Eamon Kitching, Conway-Lally, Luton
Under 14 Girls	Rebecca Reed, Murchu-Duiginn, Hertfordshire
Under 15 Girls	Alana Pearson, Ceim Oir, London
13 & Under 15 Boys	Owen Sherman, Maguire O'Shea, London
Under 16 Girls	Caroline Gray, McGahan Lees, Essex & Kent
Under 17 Girls	Jessica Hindley, Lally, Manchester
Under 17 Boys	Josh Ruddock, Ceim Oir, London
Under 18 Ladies	Roisin Conway, Carey Academy, Midlands
Under 19 Ladies	Suzanne Coyle, McLaughlin, Scotland
Under 21 Ladies	Rachel Corr, Kennedy, Belfast
Senior Men	Stephen Brennan, McGahan Lees, Essex & Kent
Senior Ladies	Nicole Donaghy, McLaughlin, Scotland

More Information

You will find more information about our feis on the Internet at:

<http://www.mcgahanlees.com/openfeis2010.php>

Any updates and changes will also be posted there, so please check back from time to time. Copies of this syllabus can be obtained online from our website

Queries and Problems

Queries from registered teachers should be addressed to Frances McGahan,
A.D.C.R.G. at

McCOIGLEES@aol.com

All other queries, including those from parents and dancers, should be sent to:

webmaster@mcgahanlees.com

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DIRECTIONS

Please note that the school has had a new entrance built on Writtle Rd that avoids the residential area. Follow instructions carefully below. **PARKING IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED FOR THE FEIS USE WILL RESULT IN CARS BEING CLAMPED.**

From the North.

M1 (Junction 6a) South to M25. You will join the M25 at junction 21. Go East signposted Stanstead/Dartford Xing. Take junction 28 signposted A12 Chelmsford/Brentwood. Follow A12 for 9.5 miles passing exits for Brentwood, Shenfield, Mountnessing, Ingatestone and Margaretting. Take the A414 exit (Three Mile Hill) signposted Chelmsford/Harlow. (Formerly known as the A1016) From here follow instructions below.

or

A1 South to A14. A14 South to M11. M11 South to M25. You will join the M25 at junction 27. Go East signposted Dartford Xing. Take junction 28 signposted A12 Chelmsford/Brentwood. Follow A12 for 9.5 miles passing exits for Brentwood, Shenfield, Mountnessing, Ingatestone and Margaretting. Take the A414 exit (Three Mile Hill) signposted Chelmsford/Harlow (Formerly known as the A1016). From here follow instructions below.

then

Follow the A414 up the hill (golf course, country park and Hylands House on left). At the top of the hill (Masons Restaurant on left) go straight over 1st roundabout. At 2nd roundabout (MegaBowl on left) take 1st exit called Westway. Go through 1 set of traffic lights (Industrial Estate on left). At next set of lights (plant hire centre to right) take left turning into Writtle Road. Pass Recreation ground on right. At this point follow the directional signs as different gates will be used at different times depending on car park capacity.

Entry/Programme sales will be made on the gate to avoid unnecessary queuing inside the venue.

ACCOMMODATION

[Note that the information below is from 2009. Information should be verified with the relevant hotel before confirming your booking]

Pontlands Park Hotel

+44 (0)1245 476444

County Hotel

+44 (0)1245 455700

Town centre, 5 minute walk from station and 5 minute cab journey to feis.

South Lodge Hotel

+44 (0)1245 264564

10 minute walk to feis, 5 minute cab journey from station/feis.

Atlantic Hotel

+44 (0)1245 268168

10 minute walk from station and 10 minute cab journey to feis.

Premier Travel Inn, Springfield, Nr. Chelmsford

+44 (0)870 238 3310

10 minute cab journey from station/feis

Miami Hotel

+44 (0)1245 264848

15 minute walk to feis, 5 minute cab journey from station/feis.

Premier Travel Inn, Boreham Interchange, Nr. Chelmsford

+44 (0)870 990 6394

10 minute cab journey from station/feis

Those arriving late or leaving early might decide to stay near the Airport itself. There is a brand new **Radisson SAS**, which is literally a two minute walk from the terminal. There are also numerous other hotels and B&Bs in the area.