

# ARDÁN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

August 2016

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday: 12, 19, 26

Tuesday: 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesday: 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursday: 8, 15, 22, 29

Friday: 9, 16, 23, 30

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Monday: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Tuesday: 4, 11, 18, 25

Wednesday: 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursday: 6, 13, 20, 27

Friday: 7, 14, 21, 28

## FEIS DATES

Michigan – September 17<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Oireachtas practice will start August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-1

## 2016 REGISTRATION

We are looking forward to having all of our wonderful dancers, along with some new faces, joining us for the 2016-17 dance year! Attached to this email alongside the newsletter you will find all the information you need to complete your 2016-17 registration. Please take a moment and read through all the details listed on these forms. Forms and first payments will be due the first day of class for all dancers. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions you might have. We hope all is well with you and yours and look forward to another great year of dance together!

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*“Practice like you’ve never won – perform like you’ve never lost.”*

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## THANK YOU GREAT LAKES & GLASS CITY VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dancers, family members and friends who donated their time to work and run the Great Lakes and Glass City Feis! We had a wonderful turn-out and a smooth feis – none of which could be possible without your hard work. We are blessed to be surrounded by wonderful people such as yourselves. Congrats on a wonderful feis and here is to next year!

## GRAND RAPIDS OIREACHTAS PRACTICE

Oireachtas practice will be held at the Grand Rapids Studio on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Class will run from 12 – 3pm. Please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact the office via email or by phone.

## A BOOST FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB

And now, a Boost from the Booster Club! Wasn't it great to have summer kicked-off with such a lovely recital? The dancers all looked so wonderful and we know they worked very hard. A highlight of the night is always the teachers' number! I know many announcements were made about the Booster Club. Perhaps some of you stopped at our table to do some shopping and now regret that you didn't purchase anything. We can have items sent to your studio! Did you see the lawn chairs and coolers? Great for feising and picnicking or watching fireworks! It's hot outside -wear an Ardán hat! Show your spirit with a t shirt (\$12), Ardán pin (\$5) and bumper sticker (\$4) Email





2016 Grand Marshal Kitty Heinzman with her Ceili dancers performing at Hart Plaza in Detroit for the former annual Detroit International Festival. Just one example of her dedication to her culture and its promotion.

## COST OF DANCE SHOES

Standard Ghilles - \$60

Cavan Ghilles - \$75

Innis Hardshoes - \$120

Pacelli Hardshoes - \$175

Please note that price does include shipping and Michigan sales tax.

## Contact Us

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the school if you would like something!

Many families attended our Picnic Afterglow on the 12th. Many thanks to Tina Wheeler and Bev Bell for coordinating this event. Everyone had a great time and we had a beautiful day!

### **Some dates to put on your calendar:**

**September 14th:** Irish Heritage Night at Comerica Park

**October 1st:** 50's night at the AOH - dress up and get ready to jitterbug!

**October 15th:** AAIDBC Fall family event - this will be held at Ford Lanes from 1pm-4pm after Oireachtas practice. We hope whole families will attend because it will be a lot of fun!!! Oireachtas practice will start early this day only - hope you note that on your calendar!

**November 5th:** Fall Majors' Fundraiser at the AOH (different location) Please think of donating a themed basket for our tin can raffle. Tickets and gift cards are popular.

**January 21:** Trivia Night - New!! 6pm - 10pm at the AOH in Redford

**March 4th:** Spring Fundraiser at Blossom Heath

## ARDÁN DOMINATION CONTINUES!

We want to extend a huge congratulations to all of our dancers who attended the 2016 North American Irish Dance Championships this past July in Orlando. Ardán was extremely successful with all of our dancers doing their very best and representing our school with poise! Ardán was lucky enough to have three dancers come in the top ten and five ladies qualify for the 2017 World Championships in Dublin, Ireland. Here is to our dancer's continued success at this upcoming Oireachtas! Well done ladies – all of you!

## A NOTE FROM ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

At Ardán Academy it has been a pleasure to teach and enrich the lives of thousands of students spanning nearly 25 years. We have been dedicated to the expansion of the Irish culture and have looked to offer any student, no matter what their financial station, the opportunity to join and dance.

The economy has affected us all in the past few years, as it has the school. It is with tax season right around the corner that we ask you – the Ardán Family Member – to consciously work towards paying down any balance that you have with the school. We are always more than happy to work out payment plans and find a payment solution that helps us all. If you have any questions about your account or balance please contact the office via email or by phone.

Dear New Students,

We would all like to welcome you to the Ardán Academy of Irish Dance. Enclosed with this letter you will find a registration form, a tuition payment table, a list of our studio locations, and a class schedule. We ask that you please read over all of this information. Please fill out the registration and insurance forms completely and bring those, along with your first month's payment and registration fee, to the first day of class. The teacher from your location will collect this from you on that first day. Classes will start Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The first day of class will consist of going over information and outlining our academy's guidelines. We ask that all dancers participating in class please wear moveable clothing and either socks or tennis shoes.

The atmosphere here at the Ardán Academy of Irish Dance is that of a family. We offer an array of different school events throughout the year for our dancers and their families. Some of these include a Family Fun Day, a Christmas party, and many more. Information on school events and other school topics can be seen in our school's newsletter, which is sent out monthly. The newsletter contains important information for all of our dancers, including a Booster Club membership form. All of these events are made possible through the great support of the AAID Booster Club. With Booster Club membership dancers and their families are offered an array of different discounts ranging from school event entry prices to discounted costume prices.

We hope that you enjoy your time with our dance academy. We promise that if you wish to be an Irish dancer, we will work to the best of our ability to get you there. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please feel free to contact our office by either e-mail at [ardanacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:ardanacademy@yahoo.com) or by phone at **(734) 762-0997**.

We hope that all is well with you and your family and look forward to being able to welcome you into our family of dancers very soon!

Sincerely,

*The Ardán Academy of Irish Dance*

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only

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Location/Locations \_\_\_\_\_  
(Entered by Teacher)

Please fill out form completely and bring with you the first day of class. Payment is also due the first class of each month. Payment is 11 payments of \$75.00 due at the beginning of each month. **There is a \$55.00 registration fee for all beginners and a \$45.00 fee for returning dancers due on the first day of class.**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Please Print)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Date (mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

At times AAID will publish a picture of a dancer in an advertisement, the newsletter, or on the school's website. Please check this box if you **would not** like AAID to publish your/your child's photo anywhere

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO AAID. PLEASE WRITE YOUR CLASS LOCATION AND STUDENT'S NAME IN THE MEMO AREA OF EACH CHECK.**

**I authorize any agent of the Ardán Academy of Irish Dance to seek emergency treatment for my child in cases of medical emergency.**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

(Read Carefully Before Signing)

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the Dance Program indicated below and/or being permitted to enter for any purpose any restricted area (here in defined as any area where in admittance to the general public is prohibited), the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the minor participant named below agree:

1. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating in the below dance activity or event, he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he or she believes anything is unsafe, the participant should immediately advise the officials of such condition and refuse to participate. I understand and agreed that, if at any time, I feel anything to be UNSAFE, I will immediately take all precautions to avoid the unsafe area and REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE further.
2. I/WE fully understand and acknowledge that:
  - (a) There are risks and dangers associated with participation in Dance events and activities which could result in bodily injury partial and/or total disability, paralysis and death.
  - (b) The social and economic losses and/or damages, which could result from these risks and dangers described above, could be severe.
  - (c) These risks and dangers may be caused by the action, inaction or negligence of the participant or the action, inaction or negligence of others, including, but not limited to, the Releasees named below.
  - (d) There may be other risks not known to us or are not reasonably foreseeable at his time.
3. I/WE accept and assume such risks and responsibility for the losses and/or damages following such injury, disability, paralysis or death, however caused and whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees named below.
4. I/WE HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the dance facility used by the participant, including its owners, managers, promoters, lessees of premises used to conduct the dance event or program, premises and event inspectors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions to engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the dance facility or events held at such facility and each of them, their directors, officers, agents, employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasee"...FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, my/our personal representatives, assigns, executors, heirs and next to kin FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES AND ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEATH OF THE PARTICIPANT OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE EVENT(S) CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEE OR OTHERWISE.
5. I/WE HEREBY acknowledge that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Province or State in which the event is conducted and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full legal force and effect.
7. On behalf of the participant and individually, the undersigned partner(s) and/or legal guardian(s) for the minor participant executes this Waiver and Release. If, despite this release, the participant makes a claim against any of the Releasees, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will reimburse the Releasee for any money which they have paid to the participant, or on his behalf, and hold them harmless.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Dance School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

*Registrar Signature*

*Printed Name*

*Member #*

*Region on File*

*Date*

# Ardán Academy 2016- 2017 Class Schedule

**\*\*Please note that any class with less than five (5) students may be canceled\*\***

## MONDAY TAYLOR

6:00PM- Workshop Class  
7:00PM- Novice / Prizewinner

## MONDAY MUSKEGON

4:30PM- Beginner  
5:30PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
6:30PM- Prizewinner

## TUESDAY GRAND RAPIDS

5:00PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
6:00PM- Novice  
7:00PM- Prizewinner  
8:00PM- Championship

## TUESDAY TOLEDO

5:00PM- Beginner / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
6:00PM- Prizewinner / Championship

## TUESDAY AOH

5:00PM- Beginner  
6:00PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year / Novice  
7:00PM- Kitty's Ceili

## WEDNESDAY GROSSE POINTE

5:00PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
7:00PM- PC2

## WEDNESDAY GRAND RAPIDS

5:00PM- Beginners  
6:00PM- 4<sup>th</sup> Year / Novice  
7:00PM- GRPC

## WEDNESDAY TAYLOR

6:00PM- PC1  
7:00PM- Championship

## THURSDAY TAYLOR

5:00PM- Beginner  
6:00PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year / Novice  
7:00PM- Prizewinner / Adult  
8:00PM- Adult Ceili Team

## THURSDAY BUFFALO

4:45 - 5:30PM- Beginner  
5:30PM- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year / Novice  
6:30 - 8:30PM- Novice / Prizewinner  
7:30 - 9:30PM- Prizewinner / Championship

## FRIDAY GROSSE POINTE

5:00PM- Beginner  
6:00PM- Novice  
7:00PM- Prizewinner  
8:00PM- Championship

## BUFFALO FRIDAY (STARTS 9/23/16)

5:00 – 7:00PM- Drill Class  
7:00PM- Adults

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**2016-2017 PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Listed below are the 2016-2017 tuition payment options. We offer each dancer the option as to how he/she would like to make their payments to AAID. Please be advised that **however your first check for tuition comes into the office decides what payment plan you have chosen.** We ask that you please **do not choose a term or yearly plan if you are not sure that you will be attending for the entire year.** Those who wish to change or remove themselves from their payment plan will be handled on a case by case basis.

<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b>	<b>1 CLASS PER WEEK</b>	<b>2 OR MORE CLASSES PER WEEK</b>
Per Class	\$25.00	\$25.00
Monthly	\$75.00	\$110.00
Term Payments	\$200.00	\$300.00
Year	\$750.00	\$1,100.00
<b>FAMILY MAXIMUM</b>	<b>1 CLASS PER WEEK</b>	<b>2 OR MORE CLASSES PER WEEK</b>
Monthly	\$225.00	\$330.00
Term Payments	\$600.00	\$900.00
Year	\$2,250.00	\$3,300.00
<b>PAYMENT DUE DATES</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>MONTHLY</b>
1st Payment	1st Day of Class	1st Day of Each Month
2nd Payment	Nov 7-11	1st Day of Each Month
3rd Payment	Feb 13-17	1st Day of Each Month
4th Payment	May 8-12	1st Day of Each Month

**\*\*PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO AAID.**

**\*\*PLEASE WRITE YOUR CLASS LOCATION AND STUDENT'S NAME IN THE MEMO AREA OF EACH CHECK.**

If you have any questions or concerns we are more than happy to help!

Please contact the school office.

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## Addresses to Ardán Academy Studios

### **BUFFALO STUDIO-**

Harlem Road Community Center  
4255 Harlem Road  
Amherst, NY 14226

### **GRAND RAPIDS STUDIO -**

401 Hall Street S.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### **GROSSE POINTE WOODS STUDIO –**

20647 Mack Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

### **MUSKEGON STUDIO-**

Tatra Hall  
2526 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Muskegon, MI 49444

### **REDFORD STUDIO –**

A.O.H. Hall  
25300 Five Mile  
Redford, MI 48219

### **TAYLOR STUDIO –**

23857 Van Born Road  
Taylor, MI 48180

### **TOLEDO STUDIO –**

The Common Space  
1700 N. Reynolds Road - RM 205  
Toledo, OH 43615

### **WINDSOR STUDIO –**

3595 Walker Road  
Windsor, Ontario N8W 3S5.

