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ABOUT THE MCCLANAHAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

The McClanahan School of Irish Dance began offering classes for traditional Irish step dancing in 1993. Now, more than 15 years later, we offer a full range of classes to accommodate each dancer: from Beginners to Champions. Whatever the purpose, our main goal is to teach Irish step dancing in a positive and fun way.

In addition to competing on local, regional, national and world stages, the McClanahan School performs throughout Kentuckiana at such venues as the Irish Rover, Molly Malone's, Irish Fest, KY Center for the Arts and the KY State Fair, as well as at a variety of schools, senior centers and nursing homes.

As a beginning student of Irish dance, you can expect your dancer to learn the basics of Irish dance. Children are grouped by age in small classes for personal attention. Dancing not only continues an integral part of Irish culture, but also builds self-esteem, physical coordination and mental skills.



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Heather McClanahan Ackerman, TCRG, is certified by An Coimisiun le Rince Gaelacha (the Irish Dancing Commission) in Dublin, Ireland, and has more than 25 years of dance experience. She qualified for and competed in the World Championships, danced for Gene Kelly and went on tour in the former Soviet Union.

Emily Major is a former competitive dancer who is now an assistant instructor. Emily is graduate of the University of Louisville.

YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP YOUR CHILDREN AND ARE WONDERING...

HOW OLD SHOULD MY CHILD BE TO BEGIN FORMAL IRISH DANCING LESSONS?

As we all know, every child is different. The youngest students accepted for Beginners are age 5. Ability to focus, attention span and knowing right from left are important. Most children begin dancing around 5-7, but may begin up to age 14.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LEARN IRISH DANCING?

Irish dancing is a progression. Beginners start by learning the basics of dancing — posture, foot placement, timing, “threes” and “sevens.” With this solid foundation, each year adds intricacies in footwork, rhythms and figure dancing. Practice and class attendance play important roles in this progression.

WHEN DO CLASSES BEGIN?

Regular classes begin in September and run through June. A typical school schedule is followed with breaks coinciding with holidays.

WHAT DOES MY DANCER WEAR TO CLASS?

Dancers may wear any T-shirt and shorts. Dancers are required to wear dance socks and shoes (to be purchased through the studio).

Beginner costumes cost approx. \$100 and will also be purchased through the studio later in the dance year.

WHAT SPECIAL EVENTS WILL MY DANCER PARTICIPATE IN DURING THE YEAR?

Beginner dancers are encouraged to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade (March) and the Louisville Feis (dance competition in June). All dancers participate in the annual Spring Recital (April).

BEGINNER CLASS INFORMATION

Beginner 1 classes are Mondays 4:30-5:30.

Beginner 2 classes are Wednesdays 4:30-5:30.

(The Beginner 1 class is for children ages 5-7, and the Beginner 2 class is for children age 8 and older.)

FEES: A one time Registration Fee of \$25.00/child. Monthly beginner tuition is \$40.00/dancer, \$70/ 2 dancers, \$100/ 3 dancers. Tuition schedule and Handbook to be distributed after Registration and Fees are received.

REGISTRATION

Registration is on first come, first serve basis. Classes begin the week of September 8th.

TO REGISTER: Please complete a registration form and send with \$25.00 registration fee plus \$40 tuition for the month of September to this mailing address:

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Registrations received without full payment of \$65/dancer will be returned. The registration fee and form are due by July 1.

For more info about the school, please visit our website at www.mcclanahanirishdance.com.

For more info about the Louisville Feis, please visit www.louisvillefeis.com.

