

Carson Kennedy Academy of Irish Dance  
Presents



# Northern Irish Dance Championships 2017

Venue: Boys Model College, Ballysillan Road, Belfast  
**Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April**

## Adjudicators

Anthony Costello (Limerick, Ireland)  
Carole Scanlon (Birmingham, England)  
Justine Ward Mallinson (Manchester, England)  
Kelly Hendry (Newcastle, England)  
Mary Sweeney (Germany, Europe)  
Sharon Taylor (Glasgow, Scotland)

## Musicians

Liam O'Sullivan (London, England)  
Stephen Carolan (Drogheda, Ireland)

Syllabus approved by feis registrar, An Comhairle Uladh *Coti Ryan*

## Welcome letter

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

On behalf of the Carson Kennedy Academy it gives us great pleasure to invite you to The 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Irish Dance Championships 2017. The feis will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at the Boys Model College, Ballysillan Road. Updates for the feis can be found on our feis Facebook page.

### General Information

We have employed 6 distinguished Adjudicators and 2 Musicians to officiate at this year's championship. As previous years, we will have 3 Adjudicators adjudicate Round 1 & 2 and 3 separate adjudicators on the Set Round- This will take place in Championships from Under 10-Senior. All other championships will be adjudicated by a panel of 3. ***There will be 100% Recall in all Championships.*** Preliminary Championships will be incorporated within the Open Championship and a separate result will take place based on Round 1 & 2. Preliminary dancers will place in both the Open and the Prelim Result. If there are sufficient numbers in the Under 19 and Over 19 Championships we will look at splitting these into single age groups. The Meangrad Priomh Comortas (Meangrad Championship) will take place on Sunday and will be adjudicated by a panel of 3.

**\*\*New for 2017-** In the Ceili Championships each team will perform ***two ceili dances*** for preparation for the World Irish Dance Championships in Dublin. This is a great way to get the practice of both dances before the big event\*\*

We will have championships size stages in both halls. A canteen serving the usual hot and cold drinks & food. Michelle McKernon TCRG, Belfast will be our tabulator and detailed result packs will be available after the awards. Solo Results will be pre-selected before the event starts and an Adjudicator's draw will take place each morning.

### Champion of Champions

There will be 3 Champion of Champions (Minor, Junior & Senior) and Top 3 of each Open Championship are eligible to compete in this. Dancers will perform one step down the line in the Heavy & Soft Shoe.

### Schools Points Cup

This will take place throughout the weekend anyone that places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in any competition throughout the weekend their school will receive 3 points (1<sup>st</sup>), 2 points (2<sup>nd</sup>) & 1 Points (3<sup>rd</sup>). The school with the most points at the end of the weekend will win this cup. The host school is not eligible to take part in this.

### Sponsorship & Vendors

Anyone wishing to vendor at the feis or advertise e-mail [carson\\_kennedy@icloud.com](mailto:carson_kennedy@icloud.com) for more information. There are limited spots and will come on a first come first served basis.

### Grade Entry Details

**\*\*New for 2017\*\***- There will be a fast track grade entry table with your number waiting for you- just e-mail [carson\\_kennedy@icloud.com](mailto:carson_kennedy@icloud.com) with your entry details (Name, School & Competitions). This will save you on waiting in a long queues the day of the competition. For anyone wishing to enter on the day, we have attached a form to be filled out and returned at the entry desk. ***We urge teachers to help parents to complete the form.***

### Championship Entry Details

We have a strict email entry deadline as ***24th March 2017*** in order to keep our championship day running smoothly. We ask all teachers to have their Championship entries emailed to [carson\\_kennedy@icloud.com](mailto:carson_kennedy@icloud.com) before this date and the dancers will be allowed to pay on the day. Please list if dancer is prelim or not by putting a 'P' beside their name A detailed timetable will be sent to schools with entries one week prior to the Championships starting. Any Championship entries received on the day will have an extra £5.00 added onto their fee.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event,  
***Anne Kennedy Armstrong ADCRG, Jacqueline Kennedy Bohill ADCRG & Gerard Carson TCRG***

## Saturday 1st April 2017 Provisional Timetable

Hall A			Hall B		
08:30	Under 10 Championship	Round 1 & 2	08:30	Under 8 Championship	3 Rounds
	Under 11 Championship	Round 1 & 2		Under 9 Championship	3 Rounds
				7-9 Ard Grad Hornpipe	
10:00	Under 12 Championship	Round 1 & 2		7-9 Ard Grad Slip Jig	
	Under 13 Championship	Round 1 & 2			
			10:00	Under 10 Championship	Round 3
				Under 11 Championship	Round 3
11:45	Under 8 Championship	Results		9-11 Traditional Set Dance	
	Under 9 Championship	Results			
	Under 10 Championship	Results			
	Under 11 Championship	Results		Under 12 Championship	Round 3
	Under 12 Championship	Results		Under 13 Championship	Round 3
	Under 13 Championship	Results		11-13 Traditional Set Dance	
	Junior Champion of Champions				
			12:30	Bungrad Adult	
13:45	Under 16 Ceili Championship	Round 1 & 2		Tusgrad Adult	
	Over 16 Ceili Championship	Round 1 & 2		Meangrad Adult	
	Under 13 Ceili Championship	Round 1 & 2		Adult Championship	
	Ceili Championship Results			Adult Results	
14:15	Under 14 Championship	Round 1 & 2	15:15	Under 14 Championship	Round 3
	Under 15 Championship	Round 1 & 2		Under 15 Championship	Round 3
				13-15 Traditional Set Dance	
15:45	Under 16 Championship	Round 1 & 2			
	Under 17 Championship	Round 1 & 2		Under 16 Championship	Round 3
				Under 17 Championship	Round 3
17:00	Under 19 Championship	Round 1 & 2		15-17 Traditional Set Dance	
	Over 19 Championship	Round 1 & 2			
				Under 19 Championship	Round 3
	Under 14 Championship	Results		Over 19 Championship	Round 3
	Under 15 Championship	Results		Over 17 Traditional Set Dance	
	Under 16 Championship	Results			
	Under 17 Championship	Results			
	Under 19 Championship	Results			
	Over 19 Championship	Results			
	Senior Champion of Champions				

### Information

- Separate Boys Competition if more than 6 boys.
- Preliminary Championship from Under 10- Under 16.
- Top 5 will receive sashes & trophies.
- Under 8/9 dances- Heavy Jig, Reel & Traditional Set Dance
- Under 10-Over 19 dances- Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, Reel or Slip Jig & Open Set Dance.

### Adult Comps

- Bungrad Adult Dances- Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Light Trophy Dance
- Tusgrad Adult Dances- Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Light Trophy Dance
- Meangrad Adult Dances- Reel, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Light Trophy Dance
- Adult Championship- Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, Reel or Slip Jig & Trad Set Dance.

### Price List

Open Championship- £25.00 (includes solo results)

Open & Prelim Championship- £30.00

Ceili Championship- £32.00 per team

Adult Championship- £20.00 (includes solo results)

Traditional Set Dance- £5.00

Ard Grad & Adult Solos- £3.50 per dance

Adult Trophy- £5.00 per dance.

Family Max- £70.00 (email [carson\\_kennedy@icloud.com](mailto:carson_kennedy@icloud.com) before the event to avail of the family max)

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

### Timetable

	<u>Hall A</u>			<u>Hall B</u>	
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>		<u>Stage 3</u>	
09:00	Bungrad Trophy Reel 7-8	Bungrad Trophy Reel 9-10	09:00	Meangrad Trophy Reel Under 8	
	Bungrady Trophy Reel 8-9	Bungrad Trophy Reel 10-11		Meangrad Slip Jig Under 8	
	Bungrad Single Jig 7-9	Bungrad Single Jig 9-11		Meangrad Light Jig Under 8	
	Bungrad Light Jig 7-9	Bungrad Light Jig 9-11		Meangrad Light Trophy Dance Under 8	
	Bungrad Slip Jig 7-9	Bungrad Slip Jig 9-11		Meangrad Heavy Trophy Dance Under 8	
	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 7-8	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 9-10		Meangrad Priomh Comrtas Under 8	
	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 8-9	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 10-11		Results	
	Bungrad St.Patrick's Day 7-9	Bungrad St.Patrick's Day 9-11			
	Results	Results	10:30	Under 5 Mixed Championship	
				Under 6 Mixed Championship	
				Under 7 Mixed Championship	
10:30	Tusgrad Trophy Reel 7-8	Tusgrad Trophy Reel 9-10		Ard Grad Heavy Jig Under 7	
	Tusgrad Trophy Reel 8-9	Tusgrad Trophy Reel 10-11		Ard Grad Slip Jig Under 7	
	Tusgrad Single Jig 7-9	Tusgrad Single Jig 9-11		Minor Parade of Champions	
	Tusgrad Light Jig 7-9	Tusgrad Light Jig 9-11			
	Tusgrad Slip Jig 7-9	Tusgrad Slip Jig 9-11			
	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance 7-8	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance 9-10	13:30	Meangrad Trophy Reel 8-10	
	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance 8-9	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance 10-11		Meangrad Trophy Reel 10-12	
	Tusgrad Heavy Trophy Dance 7-9	Tusgrad Heavy Trophy Dance 9-11		Meangrad Slip Jig 8-10	
	Results	Results		Meangrad Slip Jig 10-12	
				Meangrad Light or Heavy Jig 8-10	
				Meangrad Light or Heavy Jig 10-12	
13:00	Ungraded Tropy Reel Under 5	Bungrad Trophy Reel 11-12		Meangrad Light Trophy Dance 8-10	
	Bungrad Trophy Reel Under 6	Bungrad Trophy Reel Over 12		Meangrad Light Trophy Dance 10-12	
	Bungrad Trophy Reel 6-7	Bungrad Single Jig Over 11		Meangrad Heavy Trophy Dance 8-10	
	Bungrad Single Jig Under 7	Bungrad Light Jig Over 11		Meangrad Heavy Trophy Dance 10-12	
	Bungrad Light Jig Under 7	Bungrad Slip Jig Over 11		Meangrad Priomh Comrtas 8-10	
	Bungrad Slip Jig Under 7	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 11-12		Meangrad Priomh Comrtas 10-12	
	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance Under 6	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance Over 12		Results	
	Bungrad Light Trophy Dance 6-7	Bungrad St.Patrick's Day Over 11			
	Bungrad St.Patrick's Day Under 7				
	Results	Results	15:00	Meangrad Trophy Reel 12-14	
				Meangrad Trophy Reel Over 14	
15:00	Tugrad Trophy Reel Under 7	Tusgrad Trophy Reel 11-12		Meangrad Slip Jig 12-14	
		Tusgrad Trophy Reel Over 12		Meangrad Slip Jig Over 14	
	Tusgrad Single Jig Under 7	Tusgrad Single Jig Over 11		Meangrad Light Jig 12-14	
	Tusgrad Light Jig Under 7	Tusgrad Light Jig Over 11		Meangrad Light Jig Over 14	
	Tusgrad Slip Jig Under 7	Tusgrad Slip Jig Over 11		Meangrad Light Trophy Dance 12-14	
	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance Under 7	Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance 11-12		Meangrad Light Trophy Dance Over 14	
		Tusgrad Light Trophy Dance Over 12		Meangrad Heavy Trophy Dance 12-14	
	Tusgrad Heavy Trophy Dance Under 7	Tusgrad Heavy Trophy Dance Over 11		Meangrad Heavy Trophy Dance Over 14	
	Results	Results		Meangrad Priomh Comrtas 12-14	
				Meangrad Priomh Comrtas Over 14	
				Results	

#### Grade Information

- Grade Dance- £4.00 (Winner will receive a riser)
- Trophy Dance- £5.00 (Top 5 Receive trophies & Winner a Sash)
- Under 5 Championship- £10.00 (Reel, Single or Light Jig)
- Under 6/ 7 Championship- £20.00 (Reel, Single Jig & Jig)
- Meangrad Priomh Comrtas- £15.00 (Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe & Trad Set) Top 5 Trophies & Sashes. (Adjudicated by a panel of 3.)
- 100 % Placing in trophy dances.
- Family Max- £70.00 (email [carson\\_kennedy@icloud.com](mailto:carson_kennedy@icloud.com) before the event to avail of the family max)

## Rules

1. Adjudicators' decision is final
2. Age as at 1st January 2017.
3. No Refunds.
4. Objections in writing to committee members accompanied by a fee of £20.00
5. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
6. Eligibility for Preliminary Championships: A) Never previously won an Open Championship B) Never Previously won more than three preliminary championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators C) not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2016/2017.
7. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in Motion, using electronic or manual means e.g.; mobile phones, standard cameras, video camcorders, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during competition.
8. Bun Grad & Tus Grad competitions are open to dancers from any region worldwide.
9. In Bun Grad & Tus Grad, make up will not be permitted.
10. In Bun Grad & Tus Grad Dancers in all age groups must wear either Class costumes or 'day clothes'
11. Bun Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age or grade or who have been upgraded. Basic steps only.
12. Tus Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age in Tus Grad, Mean Grad or Ard Grad. Dancers may perform either basic steps or their first hard/difficult version of each dance. Steps in Tus Grad Heavy Jigs and Hornpipe must be similar to those used in St. Patrick's Day and Blackbird.
13. Dancers may only perform a dance in Mean Grad, if they have never won 1st prize for that dance in Mean Grad or Ard Grad in that age or a higher age.
14. No Block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
15. The feis committee reserves the right to a) transfer competitions/ results to a different hall, B) alternate competitions if it becomes necessary in order to help the feis run smoothly and C) Relief an adjudicator.
16. All competitors are required to dance a Minimum of 40 bars, except in Slip Jig, Hornpipes & Bun Grad Reel where a Minimum of 32 bars will be required.
17. Re-grading of dancers:
  - a. Less than 30 dancers in competition- 1 dancer moves up to next grade
  - b. 31-50 dancers in competition- 2 dancers move up to next grade
  - c. Over 50 dancers in competition- 3 dancers move up to next grade
18. Dancers must perform the following speeds:
  - a. Bun Grad: Reel 122-124, Light Jig 116, Single Jig and Slip Jig 124, Heavy Jig 96, Hornpipe 144.
  - b. Tus Grad: Reel 116-118, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 82, and Hornpipe 130.
  - c. Mean/ Ard Grad: Reel, Slip Jig & Hornpipe 113, Light Jig, 116, Single Jig 124, Heavy Jig 73
  - d. Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird 144, St. Patrick's Day 94, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daises 138, King of Fairies 130, 3 Sea Captain 96, Jockey 90
19. Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. For the purposes of this rule the term "make up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products.

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