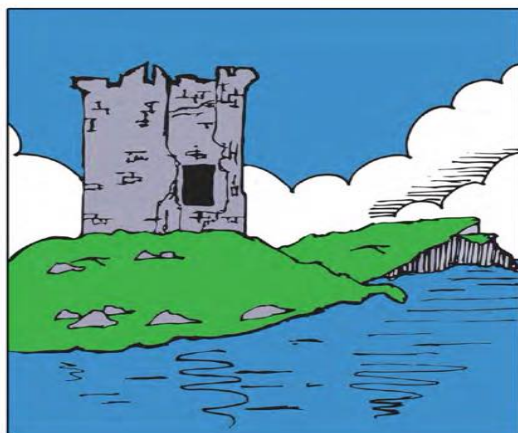


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## The Connemara Championships

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road, City Centre, Galway

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- Sharon McCaul-Kelly ADCRG, Ulster
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**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** All Grades; Girls Championships - U5, U6, U7, U16, U18 & O18;

Boys Championships - U7, U17 & O17

**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Girls Championships – U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, 15 & Prelim;

Boys Championships – U9, U11, U13, U15

**Admission: €5**

Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers

We are delighted to welcome you all to the 3rd Connemara Championships which is being held in the heart of Galway.

The feis will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of September at the Black Box Theatre. This is an outstanding venue with excellent facilities allowing us to run 4 floors/stages on Saturday for grade competitions while we will have a large championship stage to accommodate all our championship competitions. There will be a prelim for all competitions from U9 to U16.

**For any championship with 15 or less competitors, there will be 100% recall.** Any competition which has more than 15 dancers will be a 50% recall. To ensure the smooth running of the feis, we will have a separate results area if needed. We will also have 4 entry tables on the Saturday morning to ensure entries for grades run as smoothly as possible. **All competitions will start at 9am on Saturday and 8.30am on Sunday.**

- Perpetual Cup for Championship Winners
- Trophy and Sash for top 5 in Championships and Prelim
- Medal for every dancer in all reel competitions
- Trophy and Sash for top 5 in all Priomh Comortas

The venue also has ample changing facilities, and parking (€4 per day).

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Black Box Theatre in September and our sincerest thank s in advance for your support.

Kind Regards,

Bernie & Ellen-Marie Curley

# The Connemara Championships 2017

## Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Stage 4</u>
<u>9am Sharp</u>	U6	U7	U8	U9
<u>Bun Grad</u>	U10	10-12	O12	
<u>11 AM</u>	U7	U8	U9	U10
<u>Tus Grad</u>	10-12	O12		
<u>1pm</u>	U7	U8	U9	U10
<u>Mean Grad</u>	10-12	12-14	O14	

*Ard Grad - All Competitions scheduled for the same time will alternate*

4PM U5 Mixed, U6 Girls, U7 Girls, and 5-7 Boys Championship

Ard Grad (U5 – Reel, Single Jig; U6, U7 – Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig)

6pm U16, 16-18 & O18 Ladies Championship

Ard Grad U17 & O17 Mens Championship

Reel/Slip Jig, Hornpipe/Heavy Jig, Any set dance

# The Connemara Championships 2017

## Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September

(All championships scheduled for the same time will alternate)

### HALLA

**8.30am** U8 & U9 Girls, U9 Boys

(Reel, Heavy Jig, Trad Set)

**10.30am** U10 Girls, 9-11 Boys, U11 Girls

(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

**1.30pm** U12 Girls, 11-13 Boys, U13 Girls

(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

**4.30pm** U14 Girls, 13-15 Boys, U15 Girls

(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

**\*\*HEAVY ROUND will be danced first for every age group excluding U8 & U9 championships whereby the LIGHT ROUND will be first\*\***

**Bungrad:** Priomh Comortas: Reel & Light Jig (3 Results), Solos: Single Jig, Slip Jig,

**Tus Grad:** Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Priomh Comortas -\_Any light dance & St. Patrick's Day (U7 – TWO LIGHT DANCES)

**Mean Grad:** Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Priomh Comortas – Any Light Dance and Trad Set

### **Fees:**

- Solo €4,
- Priomh Comortas €20
- Craobh Comortas - €25 (Perpetual Cup for winners, Sash and Trophy for top 5)
- Prelim - €30 (Sash and Trophy for top 5)

**\*FAMILY FEE: Please email [berniecurley01@gmail.com](mailto:berniecurley01@gmail.com) prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> September to request a family fee listing all dancers, grades & ages. There will be no family fee on the day.**

### **Feis Rules**

- Entries will only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- Age will be reckoned from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
- Bungrád competitions are confined to those who have never won a first prize in that particular dance in any age group. Only basic steps may be performed.
- Túsgrád competitions are confined to dancers who have not won a first prize in that particular dance in Túsgrád, Meángrád or Árdgrád.
- Competitors in Bungrád and Túsgrád may only wear class costume, dress or skirt and top and the use of make-up, fake tan and wigs is not permissible.
- Meángrád competitions are confined to dancers who have not won a first prize in that particular dance in Meángrád or Árdgrád.
- No block, en-pointe work, stationary or moving, is allowed to be performed in all ages up to and including Under 12.
- For heavy rounds in competitions, dancers may not wear soft shoes that have been altered with the addition of heels and tips in an attempt to turn them into hard shoes. Dancers found to be wearing such altered shoes for heavy rounds may be denied access to that round of the competition.
- Preliminary championships eligibility:
  - Preliminary Championships (8-9 years upwards) are confined to competitors who have not been placed in the top 5 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators.
  - The dancer must not have qualified for the Worlds in 2016 or 2017 (with the exception of the boys who are eligible if they qualified but were not placed in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Prelim criteria).
  - Dancer must have not recalled in the actual Championship at the All-Ireland 2015 or 2016.
  - Competitors must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than two times in the current year.
  - If the dancer has not succeeded in placing in the top 5 but has won two Preliminary Championships in the current year, they are eligible to dance preliminary again the following year.
- The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or damage to property on the premises.
- Objections, accepted from registered teachers only, must be lodged within one hour of the announcement of the competition result and accompanied by a €20 fee.

### **Directions to the Feis**

→ The Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road, Galway City Centre, Galway  
(Behind the Omniplex Cinema & McDonald's)

#### **→ Distance By Road:**

- Dublin - Galway (218kms) 2hrs 50mins
- Limerick - Galway (104kms) 1hr 30mins
- Cork - Galway (204kms) 3hrs
- Sligo - Galway (140kms) 2hrs
- Shannon - Galway (86kms) 1hr 15mins
- Belfast - Galway (308kms) 4 hrs 30mins
- Knock - Galway (72kms) 1hr

#### **→ Closest Airports:**

- **Shannon Airport** : 89km / 55 miles (1 hour 20 mins) [www.shannonairport.com](http://www.shannonairport.com)
- **Knock Airport**: 90.2km / 56miles (1 Hour 18 mins) [www.knockairport.com](http://www.knockairport.com)
- **Dublin Airport**: 220km / 141 (2 hours 40 mins) [www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com)

#### **→ By Train & Bus - Ceannt Station & Galway Coach Station:**

- Bus - 00 353 (0)91 562000 [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)
- City Link - 00353 (0) 91 564163 [www.citylink.ie](http://www.citylink.ie)
- GoBus – 00353 (0)91 564600 [www.gobus.ie](http://www.gobus.ie)
- Train - 00 353 (0)91 561444 [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

#### **→ B&B's and Hotels Nearby (All within 5mins):**

- Menlo Park Hotel – 091 761122
- Nox Hotel – 091 735555
- Maldron (Pillo) Hotel – 091 513200

- Plus several B&B's