

United Irish Counties Association of New York Inc.

85th FEIS

Established 1931



**SAUNDERS TRADES & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
183 PALMER ROAD - YONKERS, N.Y. 10701**

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

COMPETITIONS COMMENCE 9:00am

Doors Open 8:00am

President: P.J. Smith

Chairperson: Regina O'Dwyer

Treasurer: Sean McGovern

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Feis registration available at <http://www.FeisWeb.com>

Entries Deadline 5/25/2025 (Late fee 6/1/2025)

CAP: (700) Dancers

**Feis is registered, sanctioned and will be governed by the rules of
An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha Dublin, Ireland (www.CLRG.ie),
Irish Dance Teacher's Association of North America (www.IDTANA.org)
and the Mid-Atlantic Region (www.Mid-AtlanticRegion.com).**

Please refer to applicable websites for rules governing the feis.

ADJUDICATORS (ADDITIONAL TBA)		
Maggie Revis Basenberg, NH		Patricia Early McLoughlin, NJ
		Linda Farrell Sanfilippo, NY
Cathy Spencer-Revis, NH		Helaine Sander Vecchione, NY

MUSICIANS		
Annmarie Acosta Williams	Krista Charles	Karen Early-Conway
Kevin Forde	Niall Mulligan	Aoibhinn Williams

ADJUDICATORS - MUSIC AND SINGING	

Thank you to our friends for their donations towards our medals and trophies

	DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
GRADES MEDALS	Michael O'Reilly	Cailean O'Reilly
GRADES MEDALS	Madeleine Conlon	Jimmy Conlon
GRADES TROPHIES	Geraldine E. Murphy	Cunningham and Murphy Families
GRADES TROPHIES	John Tully	Maureen Tully
SET PIECE TROPHIES	Cavan P. & B. Association of New York	Mike Lynch
PRELIM/OPEN MEDALS	County Leitrim Society of New York	Helen Brady
MUSIC TROPHIES	The Tara Circle, Inc.	Deceased Friends of Tara Circle

The UIC Feis is a private event. Entrance to the venue may be limited. The committee reserves the right to refuse admission to any individual.

The Feis Committee, the UICANY, and Saunders High School or any other organizations affiliated with the aforementioned will not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage.

Destruction of Feis property or rental property will be punishable by law.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOTAPING OF DANCING COMPETITIONS IS PERMITTED.

ALL GRADE SOLOS (EXCEPT FIRST FEIS) WILL DANCE TWO STEPS, TWO AT A TIME.

NO solo costumes are allowed in First Feis, Beginner and Advanced Beginner competitions.
Skirt and blouse or school costumes ONLY for these levels.

FIRST FEIS – Competition #100

Open to dancers under 7 who have never competed in a Feis before 6/8/2025. One step in the Reel (122).

BEGINNER

– A competitor who has not taken Irish Dancing from a registered teacher prior to Sept 1st of previous year.
Dancer must move to Advanced Beginner the following year.

GIRLS and BOYS	UNDER 6	UNDER 7	UNDER 8	UNDER 9	UNDER 10	UNDER 11	UNDER 12	12 & OVER
Reel (122)	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
Light Jig (115)	2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
Slip Jig (122)	3	7	11	15	19	23	27	31
Hop Jig (124)	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32

ADVANCED BEGINNER

– A dancer who has taken lessons from a registered teacher for more than 1 year.
An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the next year.

GIRLS and BOYS	UNDER 6	UNDER 7	UNDER 8	UNDER 9	UNDER 10	UNDER 11	UNDER 12	12 & OVER
Reel (122)	101	107	113	119	125	131	137	143
Light Jig (115)	102	108	114	120	126	132	138	144
Slip Jig (122)	103	109	115	121	127	133	139	145
Hop Jig (124)	104	110	116	122	128	134	140	146
Heavy Jig (92)	105	111	117	123	129	135	141	147
Trad HP (138)	106	112	118	124	130	136	142	148

NOVICE

– A dancer who has previously won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Advanced Beginner in a particular dance.
A Novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Prizewinner category in that particular dance the next year.

GIRLS and BOYS	UNDER 7	UNDER 8	UNDER 9	UNDER 10	UNDER 11	UNDER 12	UNDER 13	13 & OVER
Reel (113)	201	206	211	216	221	226	231	236
Light Jig (115)	202	207	212	217	222	227	232	237
Slip Jig (113)	203	208	213	218	223	228	233	238
Treble Jig (73/92)	204	209	214	219	224	229	234	239
Hornpipe (113/138)	205	210	215	220	225	230	235	240

PRIZEWINNER

– A dancer who has previously won a 1st in Novice in a particular dance.

GIRLS and BOYS	UNDER 8	UNDER 9	UNDER 10	UNDER 11	UNDER 12	UNDER 13	UNDER 14	14 & OVER
Reel (113)	301	305	309	313	317	321	325	329
Slip Jig (113)	302	306	310	314	318	322	326	330
Treble Jig (73/92)	303	307	311	315	319	323	327	331
Hornpipe (113/138)	304	308	312	316	320	324	328	332

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competitors in age groups 14 and under may dance (3) at a time; older age groups will dance (2) at a time.

Solo awards will be given for soft and hard shoe dances.

Dance Combos: A - Reel/Jig B - Reel/Hornpipe C - Slip Jig/Jig D - Slip Jig/Hornpipe

PRELIMINARY - Open to competitors who have placed 1st in Prizewinner light (Reel or Slip Jig) and heavy (Jig or Hornpipe) dances at any Feis. Preliminary dancers who win THREE 1st place Preliminary Championships in one calendar year must move into Open the following calendar year. When a third 1st place win is achieved over several calendar years, the dancer must move into Open Championship the following weekend.

AGE GROUP	COMP #	FIRST PLACE AWARD DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
UNDER 8	400 - A,B,C,D	O'Keefe Family	James O'Keefe, PP, Co Kerry Association
UNDER 9	401 - A,B,C,D	County Kerry P. & B. Association of New York	Deceased Members
UNDER 10	402 - A,B,C,D	Cavan P. & B. Association of New York	Past President Patrick Cahill
UNDER 11	403 - A,B,C,D	Donegal Association of New York	Deceased Members
UNDER 12	404 - A,B,C,D	Mary and Bill Lee	Donna Marie Lee
UNDER 13	405 - A,B,C,D	Sean McGovern	Mary Waters
UNDER 14	406 - A,B,C,D	AnneMarie Denicola	Martin Brett
UNDER 15	407 - A,B,C,D	Mayo Society of New York	Rosemary Lombard
UNDER 16	408 - A,B,C,D	County Roscommon Society of New York	Fr. Coman V. Brady
16 & OVER	409 - A,B,C,D	County Tipperary N. & B. Association of New York	Deceased Members
ADULT	410 - A,B,C,D	Betty McLoughlin	Jim and Mary Mc Loughlin

OPEN - Competitors will dance (3) rounds. Under 9 age groups MUST dance a Traditional Set.

GIRLS/LADIES	COMP #	FIRST PLACE AWARD DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
UNDER 9	500 - A	Limerick Association of New York	Deceased Members
UNDER 10	501 - A,B,C,D	County Sligo S. & B. Association of New York	Deceased Past Presidents
UNDER 11	502 - A,B,C,D	Kildare Association of New York	Deceased Members
UNDER 12	503 - A,B,C,D	St. Patrick's Day Foundation, NYC	Judge James J. Comerford
UNDER 13	504 - A,B,C,D	Sean McGovern	Noreen McGovern
UNDER 14	505 - A,B,C,D	County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York	Very Rev. Donal M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm.
UNDER 15	506 - A,B,C,D	Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens	Deceased Members
UNDER 16	507 - A,B,C,D	County Derry Society of New York	John and Mary Mc Mullan
UNDER 17	508 - A,B,C,D	Mayo Society of New York	James FitzPatrick and Family
UNDER 18	509 - A,B,C,D	County Leitrim Society of New York	Deceased Members
18 & OVER	510 - A,B,C,D	Dublin Society of New York	Deceased Members
BOYS/MEN	COMP #	FIRST PLACE AWARD DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
UNDER 9	511 - A	County Longford Association of Greater New York	Patrick Armstrong
UNDER 11	512 - A,B	County Clare P.B. & S. Association New York	Peter Tuohy
UNDER 13	513 - A,B	St. Patrick's Day Foundation, NYC	Francis P. Beirne
UNDER 15	514 - A,B	County Armagh Association of New York	Bernie Morris
UNDER 17	515 - A,B	County Roscommon Society of New York	Deceased Past Presidents
17 & OVER	516 - A,B	Quinlivan Family	Chris Quinlivan

*** THE UNITED IRISH COUNTIES DANCE-OFF for the JOHN W. DUFFY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY *
TROPHY SPONSORED BY COUNTY LOUTH SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners in Competitions 507, 508, 509, 510, 515 and 516 are eligible to participate.
Each entrant will dance a traditional set piece.

TRADITIONAL SETS

Specify your choice of traditional set when entering from the following list:
Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, Jockey to the Fair, King of the Fairies,
St. Patrick's Day or Three Sea Captains.

NOVICE & PRIZEWINNER

AGE GROUP	UNDER 9	UNDER 11	UNDER 13	13 & OVER
COMPETITION #	900	901	902	903

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP

AGE GROUP	UNDER 9
COMPETITION #	904

CONTEMPORARY SETS

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP

AGE GROUP	UNDER 11	UNDER 13	UNDER 15	15 & OVER
COMPETITION #	905	906	907	908

ADULT COMPETITIONS

LADIES and MEN	BEGINNER	ADV BEGINNER	LADIES and MEN	NOVICE	PRIZEWINNER
Reel (122)	1101	1105	Reel (113)	1111	1116
Light Jig (115)	1102	1106	Light Jig (115)	1112	
Slip Jig (122)	1103	1107	Slip Jig (113)	1113	1117
Hop Jig (124)	1104	1108			
Heavy Jig (92)		1109	Treble Jig (73/92)	1114	1118
Trad HP (138)		1110	Hornpipe (113/138)	1115	1119
LADIES and MEN	COMPETITION		LADIES and MEN	COMPETITION	
Traditional Set	1120		Open Championship (3-rounds) *	1121	
Contemporary Set	1122		* 3rd Round - Traditional Set only		

SPECIAL NEEDS COMPETITION

Open to boys and girls - all ages. No entry fee.

DANCE	COMP #
Reel or Jig	1001

MUSIC, SINGING and LANGUAGE COMPETITIONS

**Competitions run continuously from 9am to 3pm
with the exception of a meal break for the adjudicators.**

TRADITIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS

Classes of Music: Air (slow or lively); Jig (single, double, slip); Reel; Hornpipe; Slide; Polka; March; Set Dance
Please identify "Other" instrument on entry.

BEGINNER SOLO - Those who have been playing less than two years.
Piano competitors are required to bring their own keyboard.
Competitor will be expected to play ONE tune from each of TWO classes.

	Button Accordion	Piano Accordion	Piano	Harp	Flute	Violin	Tin Whistle	Other
UNDER 9	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	607
UNDER 12	608	609	610	611	612	613	614	615
UNDER 15	616	617	618	619	620	621	622	623
UNDER 18	624	625	626	627	628	629	630	631
18 & OVER	632	633	634	635	636	637	638	639

OPEN SOLO - Those who previously won 1st or 2nd as Beginner.
Piano competitors are required to bring their own keyboard.
Competitors U12 and U15 will be expected to play ONE tune from each of TWO classes.
Competitors Under 18 will be expected to play ONE tune from each of THREE classes.
Competitors 18 & Over will be expected to play ONE tune from each FOUR classes.

	Button Accordion	Piano Accordion	Piano	Harp	Flute	Violin	Tin Whistle	Other
UNDER 12	640	641	642	643	644	645	646	647
UNDER 15	648	649	650	651	652	653	654	655
UNDER 18	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663
18 & OVER	664	665	666	667	668	669	670	671

SPECIAL MUSIC AWARDS		AWARD DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
Beginner Solo	Best Overall	The Tara Circle, Inc.	Thomas Singleton
Open Solo	Best Overall	St. Patrick's Day Foundation NYC	James P. Barker

TRADITIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS (continued)

Classes of Music: Air (slow or lively); Jig (single, double, slip); Reel; Hornpipe; Slide; Polka; March; Set Dance

DUETS AND TRIOS -

			DUET	TRIO
UNDER 15	Mixed Instruments	ONE tune from each of TWO classes	672	673
15 & OVER	Mixed Instruments	ONE tune from each of THREE classes	674	675

CEILIBANDS - Minimum of 5 members, maximum of 10.

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UNDER 15	ONE tune from each of TWO classes	676
15 & OVER	Two reels in succession, plus ONE tune from each of TWO other classes	677

SINGING COMPETITIONS

Solo singing competitions will be unaccompanied.

SINGING IN IRISH			SINGING IN ENGLISH		
UNDER 9	One Tune	800	UNDER 9	One Irish Tune	801
UNDER 12	One Tune	802	UNDER 12	One Irish Tune	803
UNDER 16	One Tune	804	UNDER 16	One Irish Tune & One Tune of Own Choice	805
16 & OVER	One Tune	806	16 & OVER	One Irish Tune & One Tune of Own Choice	807

SPECIAL MUSIC AWARDS		AWARD DONATED BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
Singing in Irish	Best Overall	County Tipperary N. & B. Association of N.Y.	James and Helen Dillon Grogan
Singing in English	Best Overall	Galway Association of New York	Joseph F. McLoughlin

ROINN na GAELGE IRISH LANGUAGE COMPETITIONS

This competition is open to all age groups and is designed to promote greater awareness of and appreciation for the Irish Language.

Entrant may recite prose, prayer(s), recitation or conversation.

LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	COMPETITION #
Basic (Bun chúrsa)	Beginners with less than 2 years experience	700
Intermediate (Meán chúrsa)	Students with 2+ years experience	701
Advanced (Árd chúrsa)	Experienced speakers	702

FEES

Family Admission	\$25.00
All Solo Dancing/Traditional & Contemporary Set	\$15.00
Preliminary Championship	\$45.00
Open Championship	\$55.00
Music/Language/Singing	\$15.00
Adult Competition	\$15.00
Late Fee (5/26 thru 5/31)	\$25.00
Late Fee (6/1 thru 6/2)	\$50.00
Change Fee (after 5/25 & by 6/2)	\$15.00
FeisWeb Fee included with all entries	\$ 6.00
Maximum fee per immediate Family (does not include Family Admission, Late/Change or FeisWeb Fees)	\$175.00

NO REFUNDS

Grades' Marks are included in competition fees and will be available via FeisWeb. Championship Marks will be distributed at the feis.

DIRECTIONS TO SAUNDERS HIGH SCHOOL, YONKERS, NY:

FROM CT – I-95 S. to Exit 21; I-287 W. -Exit 9; Hutch Pkwy S., left fork to Cross County Pkwy West - Exit 2; Saw Mill River Parkway N.- Exit 5A-Palmer Road, Right, School on left.

FROM LONG ISLAND - Throgs Neck or Whitestone Bridge to Hutchinson River Parkway - Exit 13; Cross County W. - Exit 2; Saw Mill River Parkway N. See above.

FROM NJ – G.W. Bridge, follow signs for Henry Hudson Parkway N. which turns into Saw Mill River Parkway N. See above.

FROM BKLYN – Brooklyn Bridge, left on Chambers to West St. N which becomes Henry Hudson N. Also, Brooklyn Battery Tunnel leads into West St. N. Henry Hudson changes to Saw Mill River Parkway N. See above.

FROM UPSTATE – I-87 S. Exit 6W/Tuckahoe Rd W, Left Mile Square Rd, bear right Halladay Ave. - Continue on Palmer Road, school on right.

NEARBY HOTELS:

Exit 9 - Saw Mill River Parkway (Executive Blvd):

Courtyard by Marriott - 5 Corporate Boulevard, Yonkers, NY 10701 - (914) 476-2400

Hampton Inn & Suites - 160 Corporate Boulevard, Yonkers, NY 10701 - (914) 377-1144

Exit 6 - NYS Thruway, Tuckahoe Road:

Royal Regency Hotel - 165 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, NY 10710 - (914) 476-6200