

PRESENTED BY EAST TORONTO IRISH ARTS ASSOCIATION
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FEIS*



MAE & PADDY BUTLER FEIS 2025

*This Feis was at one time known as The Scarborough Feis and is one of the earliest Feiseanna in Toronto. The Feis was registered with the North American Feis Commission in 1973 (though we believe it started earlier than that). The Feis has run every year since then except in 2020 when it was cancelled due to Covid.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025

Competitions Start at 8:30 am Sharp

THE ARMENIAN YOUTH CENTRE

50 Hallcrown Pl, North York, ON M2J 1P6

SASHES FOR TOP 3 IN PRELIM AND OPEN CHAMP

PRELIMINARY SECOND CHANCE COMPETITION

FIRST PLACE SASHES FOR TROPHY SPECIALS & TREBLE REELS

ALOHA TORONTO CHARITY TREBLE REELS

(COSTUMES WITH A HAWAIIAN THEME THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES ARE ALLOWED)

The Feis committee reserves the right to CAP Preliminary and Championship entries

Eastern Canadian Region IDTANA An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland Irish Dance Teachers Association of Canada

The Feis Committee, East Toronto Irish Arts Association, or any other organization affiliated with the same will not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage. Submitting an entry implies agreement to this policy. Destruction of FEIS property or Rental property will be punishable by law.

Adjudicators

Stephen McAteer , UK

To Be Announced

Musicians

Jessica Bell, Alberta

To be Announced

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REGISTRATION

ENTRY DEADLINE –January 19th, 2025

ONLINE ENTRIES THROUGH WEBSITE ONLY maeandpaddybutlerfeis.com

Online payment only ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS

FAMILY FEE: Early Bird Entry \$20.00 by December 22nd, 2024 after December 22nd \$30

Entry fee:

Tir na nOg/Special Child**	\$ 12.00	Preliminary Championship	\$ 50.00
Solo Dancing (each)	\$ 12.00	Preliminary Second Chance	\$ 50.00
Adult Championship	\$ 60.00	Open Championship	\$ 60.00
Maximum per family*	\$200.00		

*** applies to immediate family members only and does not include family fee, late fee or any competitions listed below**

Charity Treble Reel	\$ 12.00	Trophy Special	\$ 12.00
Figure Dancing (each dancer)	\$ 12.00	Arts & Culture**	\$ 10.00
Late Fee (per dancer)	\$ 25.00 (applied to entries received after Jan 19/25		

Late entries will be accepted until January 26th, 2025 -Any entries received after that date will be at the discretion of the feis with a \$50 late fee per dancer

****Tir na nOg/Special Child and Arts & Culture entries that **do not** include any other competitive entry are exempt from Family Fee**

No changes allowed on the day of the Feis. Please check with your teacher before entering Feis. Entries are not valid until payment is received.

No Refunds

Results Included in entry payment - Available for pick up on Day of Feis only

NO RESULTS WILL BE SENT OUT AFTER FEIS

THEME: IRISH DANCE IN CANADA

The theme this year for the Visual Arts, Photography and Literature provides an opportunity to explore, through art, the history of Irish Dancing in Canada.

Mae and Paddy Butler arrived in Toronto in 1953 with their sons Michael, Patrick Jr and daughter June. They brought Irish dance to Canada, opening an Irish Dancing School in Toronto and were one of the most prominent and well-respected members of the Irish dancing world.

Paddy, a certified figure dance teacher and champion button accordionist, choreographed the most extraordinary dance dramas, one of the most memorable being the “Spinning Wheel”. Paddy was also one of the only Irish traditional accordion players in Toronto for many years and played packed dance halls with his renowned “Paddy Butler Orchestra.”

Mae served as vice-president of An Coimisiún and was inducted into the Irish Cultural Hall of Fame over 25 years ago. Together Mae and Paddy trained many World Champion dancers who went on to become teachers themselves including their children June and Patrick Jr.

Today, we of Irish heritage humbly express our sincere appreciation to this outstanding couple. Their memory will live on forever in all our children through Irish dancing and music.

VISUAL ART COMPETITIONS

Submit original two or three dimensional artwork (painting, drawing, printmaking, collage, sculpture) no larger than 24"x24" and 2" deep, sculpture not to exceed 18 inch height, 12 inch width and 10 lbs. weight

-Submit original photographic images no larger than 8X10

ALL VISUAL ARTS COMPETITIONS

- All pieces must be clearly labelled on the back with name, address, phone number, age of artist and title of piece.
- Pieces to be SUBMITTED on the Day of the Feis **NO LATER THAN 10am** at the Registration Desk at the Feis
- Awards will be given at Lunch Break. Works must be picked up by 3:30 pm. Remaining works can be picked up by special arrangement.
- Unclaimed works become the property of ETIIA and *may be used at a later date for fundraising purposes*
- **Visual Arts and Literature are judged on interpretation of the theme, originality and creativity.**

ART	UNDER 9	UNDER 12	UNDER 15	UNDER 18	UNDER 20	20 & OVER
2 or 3 DIMENSIONAL	ART9	ART12	ART15	ART18	ART20	ART99
PHOTOGRAPHY	PHO9	PHO12	PHO15	PHO18	PHO20	PHO99

LITERATURE

All written works must be submitted by January 31st, 2025

by email to registrar.maepaddybutlerfeis@gmail.com

Submission requirements are as follows:

SHORT STORY: U12- under 500 words, U15 - 500- 1000 words, O18/18&O 1000- 1500 words POETRY-one page

LITERATURE	UNDER 12	UNDER 15	UNDER 18	18&OVER
SHORT STORY	LAN12 -SS	LAN15-SS	LAN18-SS	LAN99-SS
POETRY	LAN12-P	LAN15-P	LAN18-P	LAN99-P

MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL

- Less than 2yrs. beginners: U12, U15, O15 one piece: Reel, Jig, Slow Air March
- 2yrs. or more advanced: U12, U15, O15 one piece: Reel, Jig, Slow Air March

SINGING

- Less than 2yrs. beginners: U12, U15, U18, 18&OVER one piece: Reel, Jig, Slow Air, March
- 2yrs. or more advanced: U12, U15, U18, 18&OVER one piece: Reel, Jig, Slow Air, March
- Submit 3 songs, sing one of choice and one selected by the adjudicator

MUSIC	UNDER 12	UNDER 15	UNDER 18	18&OVER
INSTRUMENTAL -BEGINNERS	MUS12-B	MUS15-B	MUS18-B	MUS99-B
INSTRUMENTAL -ADVANCED	MUS12-A	MUS15-A	MUS18-A	MUS99-A
SINGING-BEGINNER	VOC12-B	VOC15-B	VOC18-B	VOC99-B
SINGING - ADVANCED	VOC12-A	VOC15-A	VOC18-A	VOC99-A

BREAD COMPETITION – Entry fee is the donation of the bread -enter in person at registration desk before 10am

Soda Bread	BRD
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TO CALCULATE AGE GROUP PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CHART	
YEAR BORN	UNDER
2020 or later	5
2019	6
2018	7
2017	8
2016	9
2015	10
2014	11
2013	12
2012	13
2011	14
2010	15
2009	16
2008	17
2007	18
2006	19
2005 AND EARLIER	19 & OVER

DANCE COMPETITIONS

Tir na nOg	
Reel to be danced Restricted to age under 6 dancers who have never competed in any grade level	
2019 OR LATER	T6R

SPECIAL CHILD	
Non-Competitive dance Any dance allowed Mobility devices permitted	
ANY AGE	SC19

**No make-up or wigs are permitted. No Costume or dancing shoes are required
NO FAMILY FEE IF NO OTHER DANCERS IN FAMILY ARE BEING REGISTERED
ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE AWARDS**

FIGURE DANCING			
AGE	2 HAND REEL	3 HAND REEL	4* HAND REEL OR JIG
UNDER 10	F10-2	F10-3	F10-4
UNDER 12	F12-2	F12-3	F12-4
UNDER 15	F15-2	F15-3	F15-4
15 & OVER	F99-2	F99-3	F99-4
ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DANCERS :*4 HAND DANCE MUST BE FROM An Rince Ceili ; 2-hand/3-hand length - 8 bar intro, plus 48 bars			

ADULT COMPETITIONS

ADULT GRADES – Please refer to dancing rules D7, D8, and E7						
ADULT BEGINNER/ ADVANCED BEGINNER						
REEL 122	LIGHT JIG 115	SLIP JIG 122	SINGLE JIG 124	TREBLE JIG 92/73	HORNSPIPE 138/113	ST.PATRICKS DAY 94
M99R	M99L	M99S	M99X	M99T	M99H	M99P
ADULT NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER						
Reel 113	Light 115	Slip Jig 113	Single Jig 124	Treble Jig 73/92	Hornpipe 138/113	Traditional Set 94
M99R-2	M99L-2	M99S-2	M99X-2	M99T-2	M99H-2	M99D-2

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS – Open to all adult dancers 18 and over. Three rounds judged by 3 adjudicators. Multiple rounds are combined into one overall score. Please refer to dancing rules D7, D8, and E.	
Adult championships	
Reel or Slip Jig (113), Treble Jig(73) or Hornpipe (113) and Traditional Set Dance	M99C
Advanced Adult Championships	
Reel or Slip Jig (113), Treble Jig(73) or Hornpipe (113) and Set Dance of Choice	M99A

GRADES COMPETITIONS

BEGINNERS COMPETITIONS				
Girls & Boys Combined - AGE GROUPS NOT COMBINED				
A Beginner is a competitor who has not yet taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons from a Registered Teacher				
Dancers must wear skirt (trousers) and Shirt or School Costume only				
AGE	REEL (122bpm)	LIGHT JIG (115bpm)	SLIP JIG (122bpm)	SINGLE JIG (124bpm)
UNDER 5	B5R	B5L	B5S	B5X
UNDER 6	B6R	B6L	B6S	B6X
UNDER 7	B7R	B7L	B7S	B7X
UNDER 8	B8R	B8L	B8S	B8X
UNDER 9	B9R	B9L	B9S	B9X
UNDER 10	B10R	B10L	B10S	B10X
UNDER 11	B11R	B11L	B11S	B11X
UNDER 12	B12R	B12L	B12S	B12X
12 & OVER	B99R	B99L	B99S	B99X

ADVANCED BEGINNER COMPETITIONS

Girls & Boys Combined – To dance 2 steps

Dancers must wear a skirt (trousers) and blouse (shirt) or school costume only

Competitions with 15 or more entries will be split to single age groups

AGE	REEL (122)	LIGHT JIG (115)	SLIP JIG (122)	SINGLE JIG (124)	TREBLE JIG (92)	HORN PIPE (138)	ST PATRICKS DAY (94)
UNDER 7	A7R	A7L	A7S	A7X	A7T	A7H	A7P
UNDER 9	A9R	A9L	A9S	A9X	A9T	A9H	A9P
UNDER 11	A11R	A11L	A11S	A11X	A11T	A11H	A11P
UNDER 13	A13R	A13L	A13S	A13X	A13T	A13H	A13P
13 & OVER	A99R	A99L	A99S	A99X	A99T	A99H	A99P

NOVICE COMPETITIONS

Girls & Boys Combined

Competitions with 15 or more entries will be split to single age groups

AGE	REEL (113bpm)	LIGHT JIG (115bpm)	SLIP JIG (113bpm)	TREBLE JIG (92/73bpm)	HORN PIPE (138/113bpm)	TRADITIONAL SET *
UNDER 7	N7R	N7L	N7S	N7T	N7H	N7D
UNDER 9	N9R	N9L	N9S	N9T	N9H	N9D
UNDER 11	N11R	N11L	N11S	N11T	N11H	N11D
UNDER 13	N13R	N13L	N13S	N13T	N13H	N13D
13 & OVER	N99R	N99L	N99S	N99T	N99H	N99D

*SPEEDS: ST PATRICK'S DAY (94), JOB OF JOURNEYWORK (138), JOCKEY TO THE FAIR (90), THREE SEA CAPTAINS (96) BLACKBIRD (144), KING OF THE FAIRIES (130), GARDEN OF DAISIES (138)

PRIZEWINNER COMPETITIONS

GIRLS & BOYS COMBINED

Competitions with 15 or more entries will be split to single age groups

	REEL (113bpm)	SLIP JIG (113bpm)	TREBLE JIG (92/73bpm)	HORN PIPE (138/113bpm)	TRADITIONAL SET*
UNDER 9	P9R	P9S	P9T	P9H	P9D
UNDER 11	P11R	P11S	P11T	P11H	P11D
UNDER 13	P13R	P13S	P13T	P13H	P13D
13 & OVER	P99R	P99S	P99T	P99H	P99D

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LEGENDS OF IRISH DANCE - SPECIAL TROPHY DANCE Perpetual trophy and sash awarded to first place Prizes for 2 nd and 3 rd			
Dancer must compete in the same grade dance as they are entering into for the special trophy dance.			
LEVEL		U10	10& OVER
ADVANCED BEGINNER	REEL	STRA	STRB
NOVICE	TREBLE JIG	STJA	STJB
PRIZEWINNER	HORNSPIPE	STHA	STHB

SPECIAL TREBLE REEL PERPETUAL TROPHY AND SASH AWARDED TO FIRST PLACE			
	UNDER 12	UNDER 15	15 & OVER
NOVICE/ PRIZEWINNER	TR12	TR15	TR99

CHAMPIONSHIP DANCES

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP HARDSHOE/SOFTSHOE BOYS AND GIRLS COMBINED - 2 ROUNDS	
UNDER 9	PC9
UNDER 11	PC11
UNDER 13	PC13
UNDER 15	PC15
UNDER 17	PC17
17 & OVER	PC99

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
Girls & Boys Combined	
3 Rounds - Hard shoe/ Soft Shoe and Set	
UNDER 9*	C9
UNDER 11	C11
UNDER 13	C13
UNDER 15	C15
UNDER 17	C17
UNDER 19	C19
UNDER 22	C22
22&OVER	C99

TREBLE REEL FOR PRELIMINARY/OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 1ST PLACE PERPETUAL TROPHY & SASH AWARDED	
UNDER 12	TRC12
UNDER 15	TRC15
15 & OVER	TRC99

PRELIMINARY SECOND CHANCE CHAMPIONSHIP Sashes will be awarded for 1st , 2nd and 3rd places. Reel (113 bpm)/Slip Jig (113 bpm) and Treble Jig (73 bpm)/Hornpipe (113 bpm).	
UNDER 9	PC9-2
UNDER 11	PC11-2
UNDER 13	PC13-2
UNDER 15	PC15-2
UNDER 17	PC17-2
UNDER 19	PC19-2
17 & OVER	PC99-2

The Mae and Paddy Butler Feis operates this Feis under the IDTACe rules available on our website www.maeandpaddybutlerfeis.com/syllabus or at IDTACe rules at <https://www.idtac-er.com/regional-syllabus>