

PRESENTS



BUSTO FEIS

FEBRUARY 28TH 2026
BUSTO ARSIZIO - ITALY
IX EDITION

& Grade Exams

NEW IN 2026

AT
"MUSEO DEL TESSILE"

VIA GALVANI

15 MINUTES FROM MALPENSA AIRPORT,
40 MINUTES FROM MILAN
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Dear teachers and colleagues,

We are delighted to return with the **9th Edition of Busto Feis on Saturday, 28th February 2026!**

What began as a small adventure nine years ago has now grown into a wonderful tradition we are proud to carry on!

We are honored to welcome **KEVIN McCARRON – ADCRG (Birmingham, England)** and **JUSTINE WARD MALLINSON – ADCRG (Manchester, England)** as our adjudicators, together with the brilliant **Kristian Fišl and Doina Bora** as musicians.

Following the great success of last year's edition, we are pleased to offer once again everything that dancers and families appreciated most: the Feis will once again take place at the **Museo del Tessile (Textile Museum), Via Alessandro Volta 6, Busto Arsizio**, a venue we are particularly proud of, with its unique industrial-heritage atmosphere.

This venue is also home to our long-running folk festival **Bustofolk**, where for 16 years we have celebrated Irish and Celtic culture with artists from all over the world. In the same spirit, we will once again bring a touch of Bustofolk to Busto Feis: a small **Celtic handicraft market** and an Irish music performance in the evening. We are indeed delighted to announce a **Ceili Night with live music on Saturday evening**, open to all dancers and their families — a chance to celebrate together in true Irish style.

For the first time this year, we are also introducing **two special competitions inspired by Ys**, the legendary Breton city, swallowed by the sea, that gives our school its name.

There will be a **Reel (light or heavy) for Gents**, dedicated to the king of Ys – **Gradlon** – and a **Slip Jig for Ladies**, dedicated to the princess of Ys – **Dahut**. These themed specials celebrate our school's heritage and offer dancers a unique opportunity to compete free-style.

We are also happy to confirm that our popular **Treble Reel competitions** are back again this year, with the theme:

"Time Travel: the decades of the 1900s"! From the Roaring '20s to the Swinging '60s and all the way to the vibrant '80s, we are sure you will bring the evolution of fashion to life on stage!

We are also pleased to announce that on **Sunday, 1st March**, we will host **Grade Exams from Grade 1 to 10**, examined by **Kevin McCarron, ADCRG**, at our dance studio in Busto Arsizio. The studio is conveniently located just an **8-minute walk** from the Textile Museum, making it easy for dancers and families to attend both the Feis and the exams during the same weekend. Registrations must be submitted by email to info@gensdys.it no later than **20th December**.

The venue is conveniently located near **Busto Arsizio FN train station**, with frequent trains from both Milan and Malpensa Airport. By car, the trip takes approximately 40 minutes from Milan and 15 minutes from Malpensa.

We are pleased to confirm that **Tower Hotel**, a 4-star hotel in Busto Arsizio city centre within walking distance of both the venue and the railway station, is once again offering **special rates** for dancers and their families. All travel and accommodation information is available on our website: <https://www.gensdys.it/busto-feis/>

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Italy!

Kind regards,

Cristina Pini ADCRG

Umberto Crespi, Roberta Farè & the staff of Gens d'Ys - Accademia Danze Irlandesi



Busto Feis 2026

Syllabus Saturday/Sabato 28 February 2026

Start at 8:00

Beginner	Comp. No	Stage 1	Comp. No	Stage 2
Reel	1/1a	U 9 & U 12	1b	U 17
Light Jig	2/2a	U 9 & U 12	2b	U 17
Single Jig	3/3a	U 9 & U 12	3b	U 17
Slip Jig	4/4a	U 9 & U 12	4b	U 17
Trophy Light Competition	5	U 12	5a	U 17
Heavy Jig	6	U 12	6a	U 17
Hornpipe	7	U 12	7a	U 17
Trophy Heavy Competition	8	U 12	8a	U 17

Results/premiazioni U9 - U12 - U17 Beginner (in the Results Room)

Reel	9/9c	U 22 & O38	9a/9b	U 28 & U38
Light Jig	10/10c	U 22 & O38	10a/10b	U 28 & U38
Single Jig	11/11c	U 22 & O38	11a/11b	U 28 & U38
Slip Jig	12/12c	U 22 & O38	12a/12b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Light Competition	13/13c	U 22 & O38	13a/13b	U 28 & U38
Heavy Jig	14/14c	U 22 & O38	14a/14b	U 28 & U38
Hornpipe	15/15c	U 22 & O38	15a/15b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Heavy Competition	16/16c	U 22 & O38	16a/16b	U 28 & U38

Results/premiazioni U22 - U28 - U38 - O38 Beginner (in the Results Room)

10:30

Primary	Comp. No	Stage 1	Comp. No	Stage 2
Reel	17	U 12	17a	U 17
Light Jig	18	U 12	18a	U 17
Single Jig	19	U 12	19a	U 17
Slip Jig	20	U 12	20a	U 17
Trophy Light Competition	21	U 12	21a	U 17
Heavy Jig	22	U 12	22a	U 17
Hornpipe	23	U 12	23a	U 17
Trophy Heavy Competition	24	U 12	24a	U 17
Traditional Set	25	U 12	25a	U 17
Treble Reel Beg/Prim "Time Travel"	26	U 12	26a	U 17

Results/premiazioni U12 - U17 Primary (in the Results Room)

Reel	27/27c	U 22 & O38	27a/27b	U 28 & U38
Light Jig	28/28c	U 22 & O38	28a/28b	U 28 & U38
Single Jig	29/29c	U 22 & O38	29a/29b	U 28 & U38
Slip Jig	30/30c	U 22 & O38	30a/30b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Light Competition	31/31c	U 22 & O38	31a/31b	U 28 & U38
Heavy Jig	32/32c	U 22 & O38	32a/32b	U 28 & U38
Hornpipe	33/33c	U 22 & O38	33a/33b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Heavy Competition	34/34c	U 22 & O38	34a/34b	U 28 & U38
Traditional Set	35/35c	U 22 & O38	35a/35b	U 28 & U38
Treble Reel Beg/Prim "Time Travel"	36	U 38	36a	O 38

Results/premiazioni U22 - U28 - U38 - O38 Primary (in the Results Room)

Lunch break 12:30-13:30

13:30

Ceili	Comp. No	Stage 1	Comp. No	Stage 2
2 Hand	53/53c	U 16 & O30	53a/53b	U 22 & U30
3 Hand	54/54b	U 18 & O30	54a	U 30
4 Hand	55/55b	U 18 & O30	55a	U 30
6/8 Hand	56/56b	U 18 & O30	56a	U 30
Ceili Club	57	All ages		

Results/premiazioni Ceili Competitions (in the Results Room)

14:30

Intermediate/Open	Comp. No	Stage 1	Comp. No	Stage 2
Reel	37	U 12	37a	U 17
Slip Jig	38	U 12	38a	U 17
Trophy Light Competition	39	U 12	39a	U 17
Heavy Jig	40	U 12	40a	U 17
Hornpipe	41	U 12	41a	U 17
Trophy Heavy Competition	42	U 12	42a	U 17
Traditional Set	43	U 12	43a	U 17
Treble Reel Int. "Time Travel"	44	U 12	44a	U 17

Results/premiazioni U12 - U17 Intermediate (in the Results Room)

Reel	45/45c	U 22 & O38	45a/45b	U 28 & U38
Slip Jig	46/46c	U 22 & O38	46a/46b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Light Competition	47/47c	U 22 & O38	47a/47b	U 28 & U38
Heavy Jig	48/48c	U 22 & O38	48a/48b	U 28 & U38
Hornpipe	49/49c	U 22 & O38	49a/49b	U 28 & U38
Trophy Heavy Competition	50/50c	U 22 & O38	50a/50b	U 28 & U38
Traditional Set	51/51c	U 22 & O38	51a/51b	U 28 & U38
Treble Reel Int. "Time Travel"	52	U 38	52a	O 38
Gradlon Gents' Trophy	60	U 18	61	O 18
Dahut Ladies' Trophy	62	U 18	63	O 18

Results/premiazioni U22 - U28 - U38 - O38 Intermediate (in the Results Room)

16:30

Premier Championships	Comp. No	Stage 1	Comp. No	Stage 2
	100	U 14	101	U 18
	102	U 22	103	O 22
Adult Championships	104	U 30	105	U 40
	106	O 40		

Results/premiazioni Championships (in the Results Room)

Syllabus approved by Rosalie Wagenaar TCRG (feis registrar)



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Rules of the Competition

- The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of **An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha**.
- Entries will only be accepted from persons currently registered with CLRG.

GRADE COMPETITION RULES

1. **Beginners Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) in any competition for that particular dance.
2. In **Beginners Grade** competitions only basic steps may be performed.
3. **Primary Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.
4. **Intermediate Grade** competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they advance to the next level for the rest of the calendar year. Teachers can move dancers back at their own discretion at the start of the next calendar year.

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginner	5 or less	0
Beginner	6 to 10	1st & 2nd Place
Beginner	+ 11	1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Primary	5 or less	0
Primary	6 to 10	1st Place
Primary	11 to 20	1st & 2nd Place
Primary	+ 20	1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Intermediate	5 or less	0
Intermediate	6 to 10	1st Place
Intermediate	+ 11	1st & 2nd Place

5. For all **Beginner, Primary and Intermediate** competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32-bar method will be applied.

Two and three hands are danced to 40 bars of music.

Ceíli and figure dances are subject to the rules applied at Oireachtasi.

All Premier Championship dancers will be required to dance to 48 bars of music in the reel and heavy jig and 40 bars in the slip jig and hornpipe.

MUSIC SPEEDS

Dance	Beginner	Primary	Intermediate/Open
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Single Jig	124	124	124
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113

TROPHY & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

6. **Beginner, Primary and Intermediate Trophy Competitions**, will be a choice of light and heavy dance. Dancers will dance 16 bars down the line in their chosen dance(s).
7. **Traditional Set Dance competitions**, dancers will have a choice out of 7 traditional dances: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of Fairies, Jockey to the Fair & Three Sea Captains. If a dancer wins a first place in any traditional set dance competition, that dancer moves on the next level in all 7 traditional set dances.
8. **Premier Championships Comp. 100, 101, 102 & 103** will be judged by one adjudicator, as two solos and then an overall result. Dancers will be required to dance 48 bars of music for the Reel & Heavy Jig, and 40 for Slip Jig & Hornpipe, plus a Modern Set in the third round. If there are more than 10 in the competition, there may be a recall for the Modern Set round.
9. **Adult Championships Comp. 104, 105 & 106** will be judged by one adjudicator. Dancers are required to dance to 32 bars of music and will dance a choice of soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig for ladies and Reel for gentlemen), heavy shoe (Heavy Jig or Hornpipe) and a Traditional Set. The competitions are open to dancers of Intermediate and above level who have never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in an Open Championship and are not participating in a full Open Championship at the same Feis.
10. Where there are five or less dancers in any Championship placement will not affect grading.

OFFICIAL CLRG RULES

11. The lodgment of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
12. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 Euro, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. The Adjudicators' decisions are final.
14. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
15. Age will be taken as on 1st January 2026 (whatever age you turn this year, in 2026, you dance under that age all year long, e.g. if a dancer's date of birth is 29 May 2002, he/she dances under 10 in the year

2012). Evidence of age may be requested, therefore dancers should have a valid ID with them in the event of a query as to their age.

16. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.

17. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed. For the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.

18. All **Beginners** and **Primary** dancers of all age groups may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt and top/blouse, simple dress for girls and ladies, trousers and t-shirt/shirt for boys and gents. Make-up is not permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.

19. The Costume Rules of An Coimisiún, as amended, also apply in Continental Europe and Asia; it can be found in the “Rules” section on www.clrg.ie for reference. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear tights of a denier not less than 70.

20. Team dances (four hands and upward) must be performed as per the Coimisiún handbook “Ar Rinci Ceili”.

21. By entering in competitions, dancers (or their legal representatives, in case of minors) consent to their names being stated in the feis results and in the public Internet archives or any other feis entry/results system as may replace it.

22. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography and video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during **Beginners and Primary** competitions and during **all** award ceremonies.

During **Intermediate and Premier** competitions, ONLY the official feis photographer is permitted to take photos.

Those who do not wish to be photographed should make themselves known to the Feis Organisers.

23. An Coimisiún has ruled that from 1st January each year, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.

24. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.

25. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.

26. The Feis Organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.

27. No refunds will be made.

EXTRA FEIS RULES

28. Dancers competing in the **Treble Reel** Competitions will dance 16 bars down the line Free Style. Therefore, the use of hands and non-traditional dance wear are permitted.

29. **Treble Reel** Competitions nr. **26, 26a, 36, 36a, 44, 44a, 52, 52a** will have the theme “**Time Travel: decades of the 1900s**”. However, it is not mandatory to wear a themed costume.

30. Dancers competing in the **Gradlon and Dahut Trophy** Competitions will dance 16 bars down the line Free Style. Therefore, use of hands and non-traditional dance wear are permitted

- **Gradlon Gents’ Trophy** Competitions nr. **60-61** will be a dance in Reel time and a choice between light or heavy shoes. It is a competition for gents of all levels, in freestyle. The speed of the Reel will be 113.
- **Dahut Ladies’ Trophy** Competitions nr. **62-63** will be a dance in Slip Jig time with light shoes. It is a competition for ladies of all levels, in freestyle. The speed of the Slip Jig will be 113.

31. **Ceili Club competition 57** is a choice of any of the dances included in the An Coimisiún handbook “Ar Rinci Foirne”. The Competition is open to all ages and to all dancers who DO NOT participate in Solo competitions. However, as a special concession two persons per team who participate in Solo competitions may be included in the Ceili Club Team (after informing the Feis Organiser).

32. Only the first seven dancers participating in each competition will be awarded, except for the Reel competitions of each level as well as the Trophy, Traditional Set and Treble Reel competitions.



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Fees - Costi Gare

Solo competitions € 6.00

Team competitions € 5.00 per dancer

Special Trophies* € 7.00

Premier & Adult Championships € 25.00

Plus "RCCEA Feis Fee" of €1 per dancer

*Beginners & Primary Trophies, Traditional Set, Treble Reel

Admission fee for spectators: 8.00 €

Admission fee for Gens d'Ys members: 5.00 €

Dancers and children under 12: free.

Entries to be registered on <https://www.feismaster.eu> by teachers only

ONLINE REGISTRATION BY TEACHERS

Registration can be done by using the registration system on www.feismaster.eu (an internet based application to register dancers online).

For any issue regarding registrations, contact feismaster@feismaster.eu

Entries to be received no later than 21th February 2026.

Changes and additions to entries can be made on the day.

It is preferable for us to receive payments via bank transfer or PayPal (to use PayPal, you must add 4% to the amount you wish to transfer to info@gensdys.it); if you wish to pay in cash we kindly ask you to gather all in one envelope, to be handed in at the entrance.

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