

43RD ANNUAL
BUFFALO FEIS 2008

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THE IRISH CULTURAL & FOLK ART ASSOCIATION OF W.N.Y.

FEIS IS REGISTERED, SANCTIONED and will be governed by the rules of An Coimisiun (www.clrg.ie)
And the North American Feis Commission (www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) (Harry Costelloe-President)
www.mid-atlanticregion.com

Galway Crystal and Mullingar Pewter awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Open Championships 14 & Over
Belleek China awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Preliminary Championships 13 & Over

Saturday June 7, 2008

Beginner Competitions, Non - prize winner figure and Kinder Fun will start at 8:30

Followed by Figures and Solo events

Preliminary and Championship events will not start before 9:15 AM

Erie County Agri-Center

South Park Avenue

Hamburg, NY

Facility is Air-Conditioned with AMPLE Free Parking

Doors open at 7:00 AM

Buffalofeischair@adelphia.net

Chairperson: Mary Heneghan 716-662-3868

Asst Co-Chairperson: James Brennan

Entries: Brian Little — No Phone Entries

Buffalofeifs@hotmail.com – No Email Entries ALL ENTRIES to be made through www.feisweb.com

Pre-Registration pickup available Friday, June 6th from 6:30PM – 8PM at **Agri-Center**

Pre- Sale of Admission Wristbands (**\$10.00 US Funds Only**) will also be available then

NO BLANKETS. LARGE COOLERS OR PICNIC SETS

Feis limited to **1250 PAID** entries. If you choose to mail a check and the paid entries via PayPal reach the Cap before the check arrives, you will **Not** be entered in the **Buffalo Feis 2008**.

May 6th is the entry deadline without **Late Fee**. Entry payments received from **May 7th - 12th**,

Will be charged a **\$10.00 Late Fee Per dancer** which must be included with your payment.

No new entries after **May 12th** or when **Paid Cap** is reached whichever comes first.

All fees must be in US dollars. Canadian Entries must send US money orders

NO Canadian personal checks marked “ **US funds** ” can be accepted

Make checks payable to **ICFAA**

The ICFAA or the Erie County Agri- Center or any other organization affiliated with same will not be Responsible for personal injury, Property Loss or Damage.

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

Absolutely No Refunds For Any Reason Of Funds Received

ADJUDICATORS:

Orla Kelly, Ontario, Canada
Eleanor Kelly, Ontario, Canada
Ron Plummer, Ontario Canada
Ann Marie Leonard, Canada
Coleen Mulhern , Illinois
Sean Flynn, NY
Deirdre Penk O'Donnell. Vancouver
Brenda Crossen-Finn, Massachusetts

MUSICIANS:

Niall Mulligan
Tony Rutherford.
Mike Woodgate
Kathleen Lavin
Brian Glynn
Paul LeGrand
David Clark
Silvio Camilleri

Buffalo Feis 2008

Entries Limited To Paid 1250

Entries will only be available via www.feisweb.com—See Entry Details Below:

ALL SOLO COMPETITIONS	\$8.00	Online Entries Only www.feisweb.com
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP SET PIECE	\$7.00	
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	\$25.00	
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	\$28.00	
FIGURE DANCE — EACH DANCER	\$7.00	
MUSIC, LANGUAGE, ART	\$7.00	
MAXIMUM FAMILY FEE:	\$85.00	
Registration fee includes <u>emailing</u> of marks to each dancer. Entry Payments received by <u>May 6, 2008</u> (no additional fee) Entry Payments <u>received from May 7, 2008 until May 12, 2008</u> will incur a Late fee of <u>\$10.00</u> per dancer which must be included with entry. No new entries accepted after <u>May 12, 2008</u> or when paid cap is reached whichever comes first. <u>Entry changes from</u> <u>May 13th until May30th</u> will incur an Additional <u>\$10.00</u> change fee Per dancer.		Make checks payable to: ICFAA All fees in US Dollars. Canadian entries Must send US Money Orders-No personal Checks marked "US Funds" can be Accepted Send Checks to: ICFAA c/o Brian Little 7991 State St. Gasport, N.Y. 14067
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DINGENS ST. (716)896-2900 (Feis Rate of \$84.00 if booked before May 19, 2008)		Absolutely no refunds for any reason of funds received. No changes to Entries after May 30, 2008 nor on Feis day. Entry changes from May13th until May 30th Will Incur An Additional \$10.00 change fee Per Dancer.
HOLIDAY INN CAMP ROAD \$83.00 (716) 649-0500 RED ROOF INN CAMP ROAD (716) 648-7222 ECONO LODGE MILESTRIP ROAD (716) 825-7530		
Feis Will Be Held Rain Or Shine. Food and Beverages Will Be Available. Alcoholic Beverages May Not Be Brought On The Grounds But May Be Purchased There. No Videotaping Allowed!		

Directions To Feis:

(A) From Rochester and points East. Take 90 West to Exit 56 or

(B) From Erie, PA and points West & South Take 90 East to Exit56 or

(C) From Canada Take 190S (or 290E) TO 90W to Exit56.

FROM EXIT56—After exit, turn Right onto Milestrip Road (Rte 179). At the next light turn left onto South Park Ave (Rte 62). Travel Through 4 traffic lights, approx. 3 miles; the AgriCenter will be on your LEFT. There is a :Buffalo Raceway" sign in front of the Build.

NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION

2008 Dancing Awards Venues:

Gerry Campbell Perpetual Belt

"The North American Senior Irish Dance Championship"

Queen City Feis, Cincinnati, Ohio 5/10/2008

Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy

"The North American Junior Irish Dance Championship"

Putnam Feis, Carmel, NY 5/18/2008

George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy

"The North American Minor Irish Dance Championship"

Petri Feis, Uniondale, NY 9/27/2008

VOCAL [\$7.00 per competitor per event]			Music [\$7.00 per competitor per event]						
Songs in Irish or English. Traditional songs only. No Accompaniment				Flute	Tin Whistle	Fiddle	Accordion	Bodhran	Misc
			Beginner:						
	IRISH	ENGLISH	Under 11	801	802	803	804	805	806
BEGINNER	1 Tune		Under 14	807	808	809	810	811	812
Under 11	863	864	14 & Over	813	814	815	816	817	818
Under 14	867	868	Open:						
14 & Over	880	881	Under 11	819	820	821	822	823	824
OPEN SOLO	2 tunes / contrasting tempo		Under 14	844	845	846	847	848	849
Under 11	865	866	14 & Over	850	851	852	853	854	855
Under 14	869	870	CHAMPIONSHIP (ANY INSTRUMENT)						
14 & Over	882	883							
CHAMPIONSHIP	3 tunes / 1 must be slow air		SOLO		DUET		TRIO		
Under 11	884		Under 11	856	Under 12	859	Under 12	861	
Under 14	885		Under 14	857	12 7 Over	860	12 & Over	862	
14 & Over	886		14 & Over	858					

ART- COMPETITIONS (Expo-Center Hall) (\$7.00 Per Entry) Art submitted may be in any medium but must have an Irish Theme. Only 2 entries from each individual. No glass-framed pieces. Name and address of artist should be on the back of each piece. Entries must be submitted at Art Tables between 9AM and 11AM. Results & Rewards will be available at the Art Area after 1:00PM. Entries must be picked up no later than 2PM General Art-Irish Theme.			CEILI BAND—[\$7.00 per competitor] One Traditional Jig and Two Reels in succession. May use any Combination of instruments and age groups. Five (5) Player Minimum Please list names of entrants on entry form		
			800		
Under 12—925	Under 16 — 926	16 & Over 927			

IRISH LANGUAGE COMPETITION:		
(\$7.00) per Competitor (includes all three events)		
Scholastic Under 22		Adult Over 21
871	Recite from memory a passage of prose or poetry of Your choice	872
873	Read a passage of prose or poetry of your choice	874
875	Read a passage of prose or poetry chosen by judges. Each competitor will have three minutes to review Material before reading	876

Irish Bread Competition:	
Bread entered for competition will be in lieu of Entry fee and will be the property of the Feis Committee	
Judging will be between 11AM and 1PM	
White Soda Bread	877
Brown Soda Bread	878
Fancy or Special Bread	879

Figures:

Open Figure Dance [\$7.00] Per Competitor] Choose ONE FIGURE ONLY. Non - Traditional limited to 64 bars			NON PRIZEWINNER FIGURE [\$7.00 per Competitor} UNDER 12, 3 HAND REEL— 828 Those who have never won in Figure Dancing
UNDER 7	3HR — 829	2HR — 830	
UNDER 9	3HR — 831	4HJ — 832	
UNDER 11	4HR — 833	2HR — 834	Kinder fun [\$3.00 per Competitor] — 900 Children age 3 or 4 with no Formal Training
UNDER 13	4HR — 835	2HR — 836	
UNDER 15	3HR — 837	4HJ — 838	SPECIAL CHILD REEL [NO FEE] — 901
15 & OVER	2HR — 839	4HR — 840	

Beginner Group:

Beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September of the previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner in the following year. Beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and Blouse for Girls. Slacks and shirt for Boys. 2 steps — 2 dancers at a time for all age groups.

Beginners [\$8.00] per Competitor per event]					
	Reel	Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig	
Under 5	001	002	003	004	
Under 6	005	006	007	008	
Under7	009	010	011	012	
Under 8	013	014	015	016	
Under 9	017	018	019	020	
Under 10	021	022	023	024	
Under 11	025	026	027	028	
Under12	029	030	031	032	
Under 13	033	034	035	036	
Under14	037	038	039	040	
Under 15	041	042	043	044	
15 & Over	045	046	047	048	

Advanced Beginner Group:

An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the following year on 1/1/08. Advanced beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and blouse for Girls. Slacks and shirt for Boys. 2 steps — 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.

ADVANCED BEGINNERS [8.00] per Competitor per event]										
	REEL	JIG	SLIP JIG	SINGLE JIG	T JIG Speed 92	HP Speed 138				
Under 6	100	101	102	103	104	105				
Under 7	106	107	108	109	110	111				
Under 8	112	113	114	115	116	117				
Under 9	118	119	120	121	122	123				
Under 10	124	125	126	127	128	129				
Under 11	130	131	132	133	134	135				
Under 12	136	137	138	139	140	141				
Under 13	142	143	144	145	146	147				
Under 14	148	149	150	151	152	153				
Under 15	154	155	156	157	158	159				
15 & Over	160	161	162	163	164	165				

Novice Group:

A Novice who wins 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance
 The following year 1 / 1 / 09. Novice dancers must choose either TJ speed 92 or TJ speed 73. This also applies to HP.
 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.
 2 Steps — 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

Novice [\$8.00] Per Competitor Per Event											
	REEL	JIG	SLIP JIG	SINGLE JIG	T JIG Speed 92	T JIG Speed 73	HP Speed 138	HP Speed 113			
Under 7	200	201	202	203	204F	204S	205F	205S			
Under 8	206	207	208	209	210F	210S	211F	211S			
Under 9	212	213	214	215	216F	216S	217F	217S			
Under 10	218	219	220	221	222F	222S	223F	223S			
Under 11	224	225	226	227	228F	228S	229F	229S			
Under 12	230	231	232	233	234F	234S	235F	235S			
Under 13	236	237	238	239	240F	240S	241F	241S			
Under 14	242	243	244	245	246F	246S	247F	247S			
Under 15	248	249	250	251	252F	252S	253F	253S			
15 & Over	254	255	256	257	258F	258S	259F	259S			

Open / Prizewinners Group:

A dancer who does not qualify for Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice Levels.
 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups.
 2 Steps— 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

OPENS / PRIZEWINNER: [\$8.00] per Competitor per event]											
	REEL	SLIP JIG	T JIG Speed 73	HP Speed 113	TRAD SET						
Under 8	300	301	302	303	304						
Under 9	305	306	307	308	309						
Under 10	310	311	312	313	314						
Under 11	315	316	317	318	319						
Under 12	320	321	322	323	324						
Under 13	325	326	327	328	329						
Under 14	330	331	332	333	334						
Under 15	335	336	337	338	339						
15& Over	340	341	342	343	344						

Preliminary Championship: All age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time. All age groups Over 14 will dance 2 at a time. Hard Shoe will be danced first (\$25.00) (Choice of 1 Softshoe and 1 Hardshoe) SEE RULES 13A and 15B	Preliminary Set Piece [\$7.00] per Competitor]
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	REEL/T JIG	REEL/HP	S JIG/TJ	S JIG/HP		
Under 8	401	402	403	404	Under 10	450
Under 9	405	406	407	408		
Under 10	409	410	411	412	Under 12	451
Under 11	413	414	415	416		
Under 12	417	418	419	420	Under 14	452
Under 13	421	422	423	424		
Under 14	425	426	427	428	Under 16	453
Under 15	429	430	431	432	16 & Over	454
Under 16	433	434	435	436		
Under 17	437	438	439	440		
Under 18	441	442	443	444		
18 & Over	445	446	447	448		

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Girls under 9 choose REEL or SJ and TJ or HP and Traditional Set(dancers choice) Boys under 9 choose REEL and TJ or HP and Traditional Set (dancers choice) Girls under 10 and up choose REEL or SJ and TJ or HP and Set (dancers choice) Boys under 10 and up choose REEL and TJ or HP and Set (dancers choice) All competitors will dance soft shoe, hard shoe and set (Solo medals will be awarded for soft and hardshoe rounds) These solo awards will be posted in the Expo-Center not awarded on the presentation stage. All age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time All age groups over 14 will dance 2 at a time Hardshoe will be danced first (\$28.00) SEE RULES 13A and 15B	TREBLE REEL [\$8.00] per Competitor] Under 14 — 826 14 & Over — 827
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GIRLS				BOYS					
REEL/ T JIG SET	REEL/ HP SET	S JIG/ TJ SET	S JIG/ HP SET	AGE GROUP	REEL/TJIG SET	REEL/HP SET			
500	501	502	503	UNDER 9	535	536			
504	505	506	507	UNDER 10	537	538			
508	509	510	511	UNDER 12	539	540			
512	513	514	515	UNDER 14	541	542			
516	517	518	519	UNDER 16	543	544			
520	521	522	523	UNDER 18	545	546			
524	525	526	527	18 & OVER	547	548			

NAFC Dancing Competitions Rules

These rules are effective January 1, 2008

1. In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on 1st January of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purposes of this Rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on 1st January shall be deemed to be under the age attained on that date.
2. Competitions are open to all but those holding a TMRF, TCRG, or ADCRG designation. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.
3. A competitor may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
 - a) Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman.
 - b) Failure to report on time to compete. (Penalty: disqualification from said event)
 - c) Falsification of age or other important facts – i.e., teaching, award winning, competing under another competitor's name or number, etc.

Penalty for a) or c): Competitor will be disqualified from the Feis at which the occurrence happened and from all NAFC – registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.
4. Competitions may be closed if there are no competitors at the assigned stage ready to compete when the competition is scheduled or announced. May not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts.
5. Solo competitors in First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner) competitions:
 - a) Must compete in their own age group.
 - b) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
 - c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.
6. Steel taps or "bubble" heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt and blouse. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing.
7. Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships; use of plastic number covers is discouraged.
8. Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
9. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar fee must be enclosed and presented to the Feis Chairman within one hour of the occurrence. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
10. The Feis Committee and any organization affiliated with same, will not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage. Destruction of Feis property or rental property will be punishable by law.
11. The Feis reserves the right to reject any entry for cause, to cancel all or part of the Feis and to limit competitor's performing time. The decision of the Feis Committee is final in all matters connected with the Feis.
12. Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will result in a rejected entry. Entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of _____ (Determined by the Feis).
13. Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other (Grade) events, but may enter in Figure Dances. Entrants in Championships should specify, on the entry form, their choice of set dance. Entrants cannot change competition or category on the day of the competition.
 - a) **Dancers must qualify for open championship via the method now in place for preliminary championship, i.e. Three 1st place wins.**
 - b) Dancers must compete in the preliminary championship competition in order to qualify for open championship
14. Combining male and female dancers in any category is left to the discretion of each region.
15. Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:
 - a) Have won 1st place in both an open/prizewinner light and heavy shoe competition, and
 - b) Effective 01/01/08 for Mid-Atlantic Region. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship. A dancer who wins **three** first place awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year, or as soon as the **third** win is achieved, in any age category, in the following years. Only in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna (successive days), in which case the **second** win will not change the dancer's status for the **third** Feis. A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men), and a hard shoe dance. A Feis can opt to offer either a) a set dance or b) a jig/hornpipe.

16. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
17. First place winners in the Open Championship category cannot return to a Preliminary or Open (Prizewinner) competition. Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor. If, after dancing for two years in Open, a dancer has not won, he/she may return to preliminary championship status.
18. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
19. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may combine two consecutive age categories into the higher of the two categories within that grade when less than five (5) competitors are entered.

Beginner Grade: A beginner is a competitor who has not yet taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the next year.

Advanced Beginner Grade: An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Competition dances are reel, light jig, slip jig, traditional treble jig and traditional hornpipe, as a minimum requirement.

Novice Grade: A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.

Open Grade (Prizewinner): A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a novice.

Adult Beginner: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

20. Musicians and adjudicators cannot be approached during a competition by anyone except the Feis Committee. No one can approach them while a competitor is performing.
21. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
22. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in the next higher age group; however, a competitor may compete in only one age group.
23. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
24. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
25. First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Adult dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds.
26. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, or commercial film, with or without enhancement is expressly forbidden in competition.
27. No block, en Pointe, toe walking movements, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group. However, after September 1 of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.
28. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advance Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.
29. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same, will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed aids (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this rule.
30. When a Feis hires Adjudicators for their event, one third of their Adjudicators (minimum) must be from outside of the region where the event is being held.
31. Competitors must be in full costume to receive an award on the presentation stage.