
Ensemble Newsletter 4/26

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Hi Ensemble Dancers and Families!

There is a LOT of information in today's newsletter (trip updates, trip payment timelines, volunteer opportunities, casted rehearsal recap, repertoire evaluation reminder and more). Make sure you read thoroughly and reach out with any questions.

Trip Updates, Travel Plans & More

We know everyone is anxious for travel details so we wanted to provide a reminder of the travel plans for each trip, as well as a few updates. As soon as we have more information, we'll communicate with each cast directly.

IRISH FEST IN THE BARN: Timing of the day is TBD and dependent on our rehearsal and tech schedule prior to the show so please continue holding the entire day for this performance opportunity.

IL dancers will load a bus at Elmhurst and pick up the MKE dancers on the way to the performance location. The Ensemble performance will be 5:00-5:45pm. Dancers will need to carpool home.

BELGIUM FESTIVAL: Once the first trip payment is collected, we will purchase flights.

Tentatively we are planning to leave on 7/5 and will return on either 7/16 or 7/17. Once flights are confirmed, we will send out concrete departure and arrival information.

Performance dates and times are TBD and subject to change by the festival committee.

NORTH CAROLINA Once the first trip payment is collected, we will purchase flights. Tentatively we are planning to leave on 7/26 and will return on either 7/31 or 8/1. Once flights are confirmed, we will send out the final departure and arrival information.

Performance dates and times are TBD and subject to change by the festival committee.

IOWA IRISH FEST: We will bus to the Iowa Irish Festival on Thursday, 8/4 (time TBD but likely late afternoon) and dancers will need to carpool home following the final performance and workshop on Sunday, 8/7.

As of now, Trinity will be performing three 30 minute shows and leading two workshops between Friday, Saturday and Sunday but the schedule is subject to change pending the festival committee.

NAPERVILLE IRISH FEST: Dancers will have practice the morning of the performance (practice times are TBD but please hold the entire day) and everyone will bus from the Elmhurst studio to Naperville Irish Fest. As of now, Trinity will perform from 4:00-4:45pm and 5:45-6:30pm on 8/6 and dancers will need to carpool home.

Please note, performance times are subject to change by the festival committee.

Trip Planning Timeline - A Message from Anne Leonard & TBC

The Booster Club is working with Mackenzie behind the scenes to finalize the details and create the registration links for the Ensemble trips. We anticipate the registration/payment links will be available on April 28th with the first payment due on May 12th. The second payment will be due on June 12th.

The first payment will be higher to cover the flight costs and the second payment will be less. For Belgium, we anticipate the first payment to be around \$2000 (to cover the flights). For North Carolina the first payment will be around \$700.

As a reminder, at the conclusion of the summer, we'll reconcile budgets for potential savings and apply fundraising money in hopes of giving everyone a refund.

BELGIUM and NORTH CAROLINA PAYMENT TIMELINES

Send out link for 1st payment April 28th
First payment due May 12th
Book Flights May 15th
Second payment due June 12th

As of today, all participants in the Belgium festival will have to take a COVID test to return to the US. In the unlikely event of a positive COVID test for a dancer, teacher, chaperone or band member, the festival will work with us to provide accommodations until the positive person can return home. If a dancer tests positive a chaperone will remain with the dancer until they are able to travel to the US. The cost of the COVID tests is included in the budget.

If you have any questions about trip costs, please send them to anne@trinityirishdance.com.

Volunteer for Wisconsin Spring Feis Pre-Feis Workshop

We need Ensemble dancers to run the pre-feis workshop the Friday night before the Wisconsin Spring feis on 5/5 from 5:30-7:30pm so check your schedules and sign up below!

[Pre-Feis Workshop Sign Up](#)

Ensemble Fundraising Opportunities

Everyone should have received an email from Shannan Bunting about Ensemble fundraising opportunities and how you can help. With these amazing performance opportunities comes added the costs of travel. It is our goal to raise as much money as possible through fundraising events to offset some of the travel-related expenses—in years past we have raised enough for dancers to receive \$500-800 back from travel fees. We cannot do this without the help of each Ensemble dancer and Ensemble family.

Please read through Shannan's email for an outline of upcoming fundraisers, volunteer opportunities and ways to come together as a community to support our dancers. We will need to have 100% participation from all Ensemble families to make these efforts a success.

Fill out the form below so we know how you can help!

[Sign up here!](#)

Repertoire Evaluations THIS Friday

Repertoire Rehearsals: There is one repertoire class remaining this season and all dancers will receive a feedback sheet to serve as a check in for how you're doing with the Division material this year. Please see below for the dancers each Division will receive feedback on.

First Ensemble & Division 1: Division 2:

- SS->HS Jig
- HS Johnny
- TJ Ending
- Sevens

- SS->HS Jig
- Black Rose
- Drumming
- Aeris Reel

Division 3:

- Black Rose
 - Drumming
 - Dannans
 - Aeris Reel
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Rehearsal Recap - 4/24

Casted Rehearsals: All dancers are expected to know your spots in the following dances for the next casted rehearsal. Videos of each cast from this weekend have been added to the "Ensemble Rehearsal 4/24" folder in the training drive. **Please study these videos, there is a LOT of work that needs to happen at home by each dancer in order to keep us on track for our summer performances.**

If there is a video missing from the drive or you have a question about your spot, please reach out to your trip teachers!

International Cast:

- Finale
- Black Rose (SS & HS)
- Step About
- Celtic Thunder
- Michael & Michael (whole dance)
- Aeris Reel
- SS->HS Jig
- Sevens (beginning to second HS slot)
- Encore

North Carolina & Irish Fest in the Barn/Iowa:

- Finale
- Black Rose (SS & HS)
- Step About
- Celtic Thunder
- Michael & Michael (whole dance)
- Aeris Reel
- SS->HS Jig
- Encore (review footwork, spots not assigned yet)

Local Cast:

- Step About
- Black Rose HS
- Encore
- Aeris Reel
- Celtic Thunder
- Martha (first 5 steps)

Ensemble Training Drive

Spots Doc

Upcoming Rehearsals

Repertoire Rehearsals:

Friday, April 29th - attend your preferred location

- First Ensemble & D1 6:30-8:00pm
- D2 & D3 8:00-9:00pm

Casted Rehearsals:

Saturday, May 14th 10:00-5:00pm

- International and North American Casts at Elmhurst
- Local Cast at Elm Grove

Sunday, May 15th 12:00-6:00pm

- International and North American Casts at Elmhurst
- Local Cast at Elm Grove

***Friendly reminder, dancers are allowed to miss one Repertoire class and two Casted Rehearsals. Please email MacKenzie (mackenzie@trinityirishdance.com) with any absences for the Repertoire classes. Casted Rehearsal absences will be handled directly with your trip teachers.*

Master Rehearsal Schedule