



**The O'Connor & Hennigan Irish Dance Academy present**

# **The Hennigan Family Feis 2018**

**20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2018**

**MARK HALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
FIRST AVENUE  
HARLOW, ESSEX  
CM17 9LR**

## **ADJUDICATORS**

<b>Claire Keane</b>	<b>ADCRG</b>	<b>Munster</b>
<b>Dearbhail Bates</b>	<b>ADCRG</b>	<b>Leinster</b>
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<b>Michael McInerney</b>	<b>ADCRG</b>	<b>Wiltshire</b>
<b>Sarah Manning</b>	<b>ADCRG</b>	<b>Hampshire</b>

## **MUSICIANS**

<b>Dean Crouch</b>	<b>TCRG</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>Majella Collins-Brooks</b>	<b>TCRG</b>	<b>Herts</b>
<b>Gerry Conlon</b>		<b>Glasgow</b>

***This Feis is registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha and  
The Southern England Regional Council***

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**The O'Connor & Hennigan Irish Dance Academy are pleased to  
welcome you their feis**

We would all like to welcome you to our feis and also welcome 6 adjudicators and 3 world-class musicians.

We have once again secured the wonderful facilities of Mark Hall Community School in Harlow and thank them for all their support. The school has a large main hall and we will also have 2 other halls for the competitions. There will be an extensive range of food available, both hot & cold and the canteen will open before the first competition on both days.

As is the tradition at our feis we will be running our special U5 ungraded reel competition. This is an opportunity for all youngsters to take part and enjoy their first taste of dancing at an open feis. There are special prizes for all the competitors as well as the usual trophies and medals.

We are also introducing an U7 Boys Championship for the first time which is open boys in to all grades.

**Mandy Hennigan ADCRG BG, Sean Hennigan ADCRG, Angela O'Connor  
TCRG,**

<b><u>PRICES</u></b>	
<b>Championship (inc 2 solos)</b>	<b>£24</b>
<b>Preliminary (inc 2 solos)</b>	<b>£24</b>
<b>Premier Trophy</b>	<b>£8</b>
<b>Trophy Grade Dance</b>	<b>£4 per dance</b>
<b>Ceili/Figure</b>	<b>£3 per dancer</b>
<b>Family Fee (not inc Door Fee)</b>	<b>£56</b>
<b>Maximum entry per dancer</b>	<b>£46</b>
<b>Door Fee payable with entry</b>	<b>£6 per family</b>
<b><u>Cheques to be made payable to Hennigan School</u></b>	
<b><i>Bank Transfers are available upon request from the Feis Secretary</i></b>	

- Closing Date for entries will be Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Entries received between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January will be subject to a £2 late fee
- Entries will be accepted on the day of the feis but will be subject to a £5 administration fee

**Send all entries to:**

**Feis Secretary**  
Sean Hennigan  
24 Osprey Court,  
Osprey Rd  
Waltham Abbey,  
Essex, EN9 3RZ  
Email: [shnngn@aol.com](mailto:shnngn@aol.com)

## FEIS RULES

1. Lodgement of entries implies that you acknowledge and accept all of the Rules of An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha and the Southern England Regional Council plus the additional rules listed below, relating to the Feis.
2. Entries will only be accepted from Schools registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha. Entries with no fee will not be processed or acknowledged.
3. New entries may be taken on the day of the Feis in line with SERC late entry rule.
4. Ages to be taken from **1st January 2018**.
5. All competitors may be required to produce their birth certificate / passport as proof of age.
6. All decisions of the Adjudicators are **FINAL**.
7. Committee members only may approach the Adjudicators.
8. ALL Grade Competitions are OPEN to all Regions.
9. Competitors may only dance each dance in one grade
10. Where there are five or less competitors in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
11. In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
12. A Novice is a dancer who has not gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Novice Grade competition or any medal in a higher grade for that particular dance.
13. The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
14. The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any Age Group.
15. All Novice and Primary dancers may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt & top or simple dress for girls and trousers, shorts and t-shirt or shirt for boys) in competitions up to and including the Under 12 Age Group. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group Worldwide. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification from the competition.
16. The Intermediate Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st place for that particular dance in a particular Age Group, or who has not won a Premier competition, Preliminary Championships or Open Championship.
17. Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
18. If a dancer wins ONE Preliminary Championship from 1st January, they are no longer eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship for the remainder of that year or the following calendar year.
19. A dancer is not eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship if they have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship from 1st January in the previous year or within the current calendar year.  
Once a dancer qualifies for Oireachtas Na Cruinne, they must not enter a Preliminary Championship. They may not compete in Preliminary Championships in the year that they are eligible to dance at Oireachtas Na Cruinne, and the following calendar year.  
Dancers, who qualify for Oireachtas Na Cruinne, are an exception to the rule where they may have automatically qualified due to low entry levels at their Regional Oireachtas. These dancers may remain in the Preliminary grade, if they so wish, until such time they win out of the grade.
20. Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship; they may not compete in both.
21. If a dancer wins a Preliminary Championship where there were 5 or fewer dancers in the competition, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship.
22. The points above apply when a dancer competes from Under 10 & upwards. A dancer, who has been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship in the age groups below Under 10, will be eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships. (Teachers are advised / requested to use their own discretion)
23. A Panel of Three Adjudicators will judge all Championships from Under 7 upwards
24. An Coimisiún has ruled that from 1st January of each year, that 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 1st September.
25. The Feis Organiser will provide Non-Slip flooring for every dance surface; however the Feis Organiser cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst dancing.
  26. 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 apparatus, proof of which may be required, will be exempt from this ruling
  27. In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition might be required to perform the simple exercise of raising arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this due to costume stitching or any arm attachments by the time of their rotation will not be permitted to perform.
  28. Make-up Rules (4.5 in CLRG Rule Book) 4.5.2 Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group (POINT OF CLARIFICATION) For the purposes of this rule the term "Make-up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended
  29. Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and must be in full dance costume and appropriate footwear when receiving awards. No changing allowed in competition areas.
  30. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phone, iPad, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, **is expressly forbidden in ALL competitions.**
  31. Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted, however these must be for your own use and not used for public display purposes, unless permission has been obtained.
  32. Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
  33. All Championship cups are perpetual and recipients will be responsible for any loss or damage and for the safe return in adequate time to be presented to subsequent winners.
  34. Competitions may be combined at the feis organiser's discretion if only one competitor is entered.
  35. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
  36. The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
  - 37. No Smoking is permitted on school premises. There are designated areas outside the school gates.**
  38. Objections against any breach of the above rules must be made in writing, and signed, to the Feis Secretary and accompanied by a fee of £25.00, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld. If parents have any constructive comments to make about any aspect of Feiseanna, these would be welcomed by the council and should be put in writing. It should be noted that anonymous correspondence cannot be dealt with.
  39. Stage Managers will be Sean Hennigan (Snr) MBE, Brian McDermott ADCRG, Sean McNicholas TCRG, Katie Jones TCRG, Adrian Kelly TCRG & Mark Skehill TCRG
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	AGE GROUP	U5	U6	6 & U7	7 & U8	8 & U9	9 & U10	10 & U11	11 & U12	12 & U13	13 & U14	14-16	O16
	YEAR BORN	2013-	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003-2002	2001+
UNGRADED	REEL	X											
NOVICE (Bun)	REEL		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	LIGHT JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	HOP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	SLIP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	HEAVY JIG					X	X	X	X	X			
	HORNPIPE					X	X	X	X	X			
PRIMARY (Tus)	REEL		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	LIGHT JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	HOP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	SLIP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	HEAVY JIG					X	X	X	X	X	X		
	HORNPIPE					X	X	X	X	X	X		
INTER (Mean)	REEL		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	LIGHT JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	HOP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	SLIP JIG		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	HEAVY JIG					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	HORNPIPE					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OPEN (Ard)	REEL		X	X	X								
	LIGHT JIG		X	X	X								
	HOP JIG		X	X	X								
	SLIP JIG		X	X	X								
	HEAVY JIG			X	X								
	HORNPIPE			X	X								
	TSD CUP					X							
	OPEN SET				X								

### Awards

All Championship & Preliminary winners will be awarded a perpetual cup.

Sashes & Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in each Championship & Preliminary competition.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in all Novice, Primary, Intermediate & Open grade competitions.

- \* 2 Medals where 5 or less competitors
- \* 7 Medals where 11-20 competitors
- \* 14 Medals where 31-40 competitors
- \* 1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors
- \* 4 Medals where 6-10 competitors
- \* 10 Medals where 21-30 competitors

<b>PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP DANCES</b>					
		<b>BORN IN</b>	<b>ROUND 1</b>	<b>ROUND 2</b>	
<b>MIXED</b>	<b>U6</b>	2012-2017	REEL	LIGHT JIG	
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP DANCES</b>					
	<b>AGE GP</b>	<b>BORN IN</b>	<b>ROUND 1</b>	<b>ROUND 2</b>	<b>ROUND 3</b>
<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>6 &amp; U7</b>	2011	REEL	HOP JIG	LIGHT OR HEAVY JIG
	<b>7 &amp; U8</b>	2010	REEL	HOP JIG	LIGHT OR HEAVY JIG
	<b>8 &amp; U9</b>	2009	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD
	<b>9 &amp; U10</b>	2008	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD
	<b>10 &amp; U11</b>	2007	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>11 &amp; U12</b>	2006	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>12 &amp; U13</b>	2005	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>13 &amp; U14</b>	2004	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>14 &amp; U15</b>	2003	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>15 &amp; U16</b>	2002	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>16 &amp; U17</b>	2001	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>17 &amp; U19</b>	1999/2000	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
<b>O19</b>	1998+	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET	
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>6 &amp; U7</b>	2011	REEL	HOP JIG	LIGHT OR HEAVY JIG
	<b>7 &amp; U9</b>	2009/2010	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD
	<b>9 &amp; U11</b>	2007/2008	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD OR OPEN SET
	<b>11 &amp; U13</b>	2005/2006	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
	<b>13 &amp; U15</b>	2003/2004	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
	<b>15 &amp; U17</b>	2001/2002	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
	<b>O17</b>	2000+	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
<b>PRELIMINARY DANCES</b>					
	<b>AGE GP</b>	<b>BORN IN</b>	<b>ROUND 1</b>	<b>ROUND 2</b>	<b>ROUND 3</b>
<b>MIXED</b>	<b>8 &amp; U9</b>	2009	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD
	<b>9 &amp; U10</b>	2008	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL	TSD
	<b>10 &amp; U11</b>	2007	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>11 &amp; U12</b>	2006	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>12 &amp; U13</b>	2005	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>13 &amp; U14</b>	2004	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>14 &amp; U15</b>	2003	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>15 &amp; U16</b>	2002	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
	<b>O16</b>	2001+	HEAVY JIG OR H'PIPE	REEL OR SLIP JIG	OPEN SET

### Championship & Prelim Bars

Reel	U6-U9 40 Bars	U10 upwards 48 Bars
Slip Jig		U10 upwards 40 Bars
Light Jig	U6-U8 40 Bars	
Heavy Jig	U6-U9 40 Bars	U10 upwards 40 Bars
Hornpipe	U9 upwards 32 Bars	

### TRANSPORT

Taxis: Elite Cars - **01992 571111**

Nearest Tube: Epping (10 mins) Nearest Rail: Harlow Mill (5 Mins)

Nearest Airport: Stansted Airport – (15 Minutes)

Accommodation: Manor of Groves Hotel  
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