

# Feis at the Falls

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Feis will start at 8:30 AM with Figures Doors open at 7:00am Cap limited to the first 1150 entries

# The Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

www.niagarafalls-cc.com

(Located directly across the street from the Seneca-Niagara Casino and within walking distance to the Falls.)

\*\*Please Note: <u>No outside food or beverages will be allowed in the building</u>.\*\* This will be strictly enforced. Thanks for your cooperation! Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE-NO COMPETITOR LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEIS IF YOU'D LIKE ONE, PLEASE PRINT ONE FROM THE WEBSITE

Adjudicators:

Jen Nagle-McGovern, NJ\* Eleanor Kelly, Can\* Dierdre Penk-O'Donnell, CAN Patrick O'Donnel, CAN\* Myra Watters, FI\* Jimmy Early, NY\* Patsy McLoughlin, NJ Stephen McAteer, CAN\* Orla Kelly, CAN Thomas Bracken, AZ, Karry Broderick, NJ

Musicians:

Brian Bonner\* \* Ena O'Brien\* Tony Rutherford\* Alexis Kerr\* Kay Proffitt Niall Mulligan\* Kathlenn Lavin\* Des O'Leary\* Brian Glynn

Co-Chairpersons

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

<u>ALL ENTRIES</u> to be made through <u>www.feisweb.com and paid with PAYPAL ONLY</u> Entry Registrar Brian Little <u>Feisatthefalls@gmail.com</u> <u>No Phone Entries- No Email Entries- No Mail-in Entries</u>

## NEW in 2011: GATE FEE—\$15.00 per family —must be paid with entry

Pre-Registration pickup

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM at The Conference Center Niagara Falls July 26th is the <u>payment</u> deadline without <u>late fee.</u> July 27th - Aug 3 rd entries accepted only with \$10.00 Late Fee per dancer. Changes made to entry from <u>8/04 – 8/6</u> \$10.00 per dancer. No changes after <u>8/6</u>

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Entries Limited To Paid 1150 Entries will only be available via <u>www.feisweb.com</u>—See Entry Details Below:

ALL SOLO COMPETITIONS	\$8.00	Online Entries Only
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP SET PIECE	\$7.00	www.feisweb.com Paypal is only form of payment accepted
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	\$28.00	
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	\$32.00	Directions: FROM THE AIPORT Buffalo-Niagara International
FIGURE DANCE — EACH DANCER	\$7.00	Airport (BUF) Turn slight left onto NY33 W. Merg on I-90 E/New York State Trwy E toward I-290/
MUSIC, LANGUAGE, ART	\$7.00	Niagara Falls/Albany. Merge onto I-290 W/ Youngman Exwy via exit number 50 toward Niaga
MAXIMUM FAMILY FEE: (Does not include Late or Entry Fees)	\$95.00	Falls. Merge onto New York State Trwy/I-190 N to ward Niagara Falls (Portions Tolls). Take the R.
Gate Fee: Payable with entry can not be included in family cap	\$15.00	Moses Pkwy exit- exit number 21 toward Niagara Reservation/State Park. Merge onto Robert Mose State Pkwy N. Take exit "City Traffic". At the 2nd
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Sheraton At The Falls		
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The Seneca Niagara Casino offers complimentary parking to their guests only. Neither the Conference Center nor the Feis Committee is responsible for the consequences should you choose to park in the Casino lots.

> NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION Gerry Campbell Perpetual Belt Celtic Fling Feis in Harrisburg, PA on June 25,2011

Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy Montreal Feis in Quebec, Canada on May 21, 2011

George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy Feis at the Falls in Niagara Falls, NY on August 13, 2011

NAFC under 15 Music Scholarship Competition Peach State Feis in Georgia on May 7, 2011

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### **Figures:**

Choo	re Dance [\$7.00] Per Com ose ONE FIGURE ONLY. Traditional limited to 64 ba	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
UNDER 13	4HR — 835	2HR — 836	Children age 3 or 4 with no Formal Training
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 / Speed 118	Jig	Slip Jig Speed 118	Single Jig Speed 118						
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 Speed 118	JIG	SLIP JIG Speed 118	SINGLE JIG	T JIG Speed 92	HP Speed 138	St. Patrick's Day				
Under 6	100	101	102	103	104	105	106				
Under 7	107	108	109	110	111	112	113				
Under 8	114	115	116	117	118	119	120				
Under 9	121	122	123	124	125	126	127				
Under 10	128	129	130	131	132	133	134				
Under 11	135	136	137	138	139	140	141				
Under 12	142	143	144	145	146	147	148				
Under 13	149	150	151	152	153	154	155				
Under 14	156	157	158	159	160	161	162				
Under 15	163	164	165	166	167	168	169				
15 & Over	170	171	172	173	174	175	176				

Treble Reel [\$7.00]									
Under 14 — 826 14 & Over — 827									
	<u>Slip Jig Trophy Special</u> —Trophies for 1st, 2nd , 3rd Places—\$7.00 Open to advanced beginner, novice and prizewinner <u>ONLY !</u>								
Under 12 Comp	Under 12 Comp # 904 12 & Over comp # 905								

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# 904 12 & Over comp. # 905

## **Novice Group:**

A Novice who wins 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance the following year 1 / 1 / 08. Novice dancers must choose either TJ speed <u>92</u> or TJ speed <u>73</u>. This also applies to HP\*. 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.

	Novice [\$8.00] Per Competitor Per Event											
	REEL	ЛG	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	2058				
Under 8	206	207	208	209	210F	210S	211F	2118				
Under 9	212	213	214	215	216F	216S	217F	2178				
Under 10	218	219	220	221	222F	222S	223F	2238				
Under 11	224	225	226	227	228F	228S	229F	2298				
Under 12	230	231	232	233	234F	234S	235F	2358				
Under 13	236	237	238	239	240F	240S	241F	2418				
Under 14	242	243	244	245	246F	246S	247F	2478				
Under 15	248	249	250	251	252F	252S	253F	2538				
15 & Over	254	255	256	257	258F	258S	259F	2598				

## **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.

	<b>OPENS / PRIZEWINNER:</b> [\$8.00] per Competitor per event]										
	REEL	SLIP JIG	T JIG Speed 92	Treble Jig Speed 73	Horn Pipe Speed 138	Horn Pipe Speed 113	Traditional Set				
Under 8	300	301	302F	302S	303F	303S	304				
Under 9	305	306	307F	307S	308F	3088	309				
Under 10	310	311	312F	312S	313F	3138	314				
Under 11	315	316	317F	3175	318F	3185	319				
Under 12	320	321	322F	3228	323F	3238	324				
Under 13	325	326	327F	3278	328F	3288	329				
Under 14	330	331	332F	3328	333F	3338	334				
Under 15	335	336	337F	3378	338F	3388	339				
15& Over	340	341	342F	3428	343F	3438	344				

	Preliminary All age groups under All age groups Over Hard Shoe will (\$28 (Choice of 1 Softs)		ary Set Piece r Competitor]			
	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 all rounds) These solo awards will be posted <u>not awarded</u> 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

(30.00) See Rules 13A and 15B

#### **George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy**

Open to U13 Open Championship dancers who have a First Place in an Open Championship Competition from August 14, 2010 until August 14, 2011. Boys and Girls will dance together. One prize will be awarded. See Rules 31 – 38. Competitors are requested to email the feis (feisatthefallschair@gmail.com) with the date and location of their first place award.

Under 13

800MT

See page 8 of the Syllabus for Memorial Trophy rules

	G	IRLS			BOYS		
REEL/ T JIG SET	REEL/ HP SET	S JIG/ TJ SET	S JIG/ HP SET	AGE GROUP	REEL/TJIG SET	REEL/HP SET	The Berney Ryan Memorial Award <u>Comp 571</u>
500	501	502	503	UNDER 9	535	536	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place winners of Open Champion-
504	505	506	507	UNDER 10	537	538	ships Dancers will dance a treble reel.
508	509	510	511	UNDER 12	539	540	Dance off (one step down the line right and left foot)
512	513	514	515	UNDER 14	541	542	Dances will be at the end of the day
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, 2011

- In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 expressively 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. Competitors must be in full costume to receive an award on the presentation stag

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**31.** Competitor's age will be calculated as of Jan. 1.

**32.** Competitors who qualify for each Championship category must have placed **FIRST** in that category in any NAFC Sanctioned Feis, within one year prior to the date the Championship is held, (This includes the "Day Of") or from the previous time the Championship was held in that category.

33. Competitors must pay the "Championship Fee" if not entered in the Host "Day of the Feis Qualifying Rounds."

**34.** Competitors must dance a total of 3 dances: a choice of soft shoe, a choice of hard shoe and a contrasting set to the hard shoe chosen. **35.** Both males and females compete together in a NAFC Championship.

36. There will be no second or third place awards in a NAFC Championship.

**37.** Any interference by teachers or the audience on behalf of a competitor or competitors will mean immediate disqualification of the competitor or competitors.

38. Competitors must report to the assigned stage, ready to compete when the Championship is announced. Under no circumstances will the Championship be delayed because a competitor is not present or refuses to dance when a Stage Manager calls his or her number. Any infraction of this rule will mean immediate disqualification of the competitor.