

The Bernadette Short School of Irish Dancing

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St. Valentine's School Competition

The Bernadette Short School of Irish Dancing is pleased to announce that the 6th Annual St. Valentine's School Competition will be held on **Sunday, 14th February, 2010.**

The St. Valentine's Day School Competition is open to all students in the NDG and West Island classes, as well as those in Chateauguy (QC), Shannon (QC), and Champlain Valley (NY). Dancers who have reached the Preliminary Championship or Open Championship levels will not compete, but will be asked to volunteer their expertise in other areas of the Feis.

Beginners and Advanced Beginners will compete in the morning. All first-year Beginners will compete in at least one dance, and up to three. Bernadette or Marie will let the children know which dances they will do. Novice and Open (Prizewinner) competitions will be held in the afternoon. These dancers will enter in their usual Feis dance categories.

VENUE: Queen of Angels Academy, 100 Bouchard Boul. Dorval, Quebec.

From the East: Highway 20 West to 55th Avenue. Go south to Victoria/Bouchard. Turn right to 100. From the West: Highway 20 East to Dorval Avenue. Follow Bouchard Boul. Continue to 100.

COSTUMES: Dancers should have already received a costume prior to the Christmas Recitals. If you did not receive one, please advise Marie or Bernadette. Dancers in Novice and Prizewinner are permitted to wear a solo dress if they have one.

NEW COMPETITION: "Dance-Off for Haiti"

Please help us show our support to the hundreds of thousands of victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Each category will have a "dance off" competition where all age groups in that category participate in an additional competition. Dancers in Beginner will dance the Reel, Advanced Beginner will dance the Slip Jig, Novice will dance the Treble Jig and Open will dance the Hornpipe. If a dancer has dances in two different categories, he or she should enter the dance-off competition in the **higher** category. The cost to enter this competition is **\$10** and all proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross towards the Haiti relief effort.

ADMISSION: \$5 per adult. Dancers and children under 16 are free.

A Feis Café will be open and this will be an area where you can enjoy a coffee and a treat while waiting for results and awards.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

Morning: To start at 9:00a.m.

BEGINNER: Any dancer who started dancing in September 2009.

ADVANCED BEGINNER: Any dancer who started dancing before September 2009, but has not placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that particular dance in Advanced Beginner Category.

Afternoon: To start at 12:00 noon

NOVICE: Any dancer who has placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that particular dance in Advanced Beginner, but has not placed 1st in Novice.

PRIZEWINNER: Any dancer who has placed 1st in that particular dance in Novice.

Please refer to www.irishdancemontreal.com/School_Feis.html for any updates regarding the Valentine's School Competition and other school information.