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# THE TRINITY TIMES

September 2024

*"Craic" (/kræk/ KRACK), is a term for news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation, particularly prominent in Ireland. So, what's the craic this month at Trinity?*

**In this issue: Welcome, Pat Roche Feis (Trinity Sponsored), Ensemble Pre Feis Workshop, Winter Weekend, Touch of Ireland Location Visits and much more.**

**\*Did you know? ★** It's that time of year to double-check your [class calendars](#), and save the dates below!! Questions? Your teachers and Location Mentors are excellent sources of information and guidance!

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## Save the Date

9/20 Black Dress Rental Fee Deadline  
9/28/24 Milwaukee Feis  
10/4 Ensemble Pre-Feis Workshop  
10/5 Trinity's Pat Roche Feis  
10/12-13 Beglan Feis (WI Teams)  
10/17-20 Great Britain Championship  
10/26-27 Camp Lake (Teams)  
11/2 Dillon Gavin Feis (IL Teams)  
1/25-27 Winter Weekend



## Welcome to the 2024/2025 Dance Year!

We are officially back in the studio and couldn't be happier! This time of year families receive a lot of communication from school and sports, so here are some **Trinity Quick Links** for your reference.

[Trinity Parent Page](#) - PW: CELEBRATE40

- Class Calendars
- Who to Contact
- Trinity History
- Class/Competition Qualifications
- *And so much more!*



## Pat Roche Feis 2024

This year, we will be holding a one-day Feis honoring Pat Roche. Since 2002, Trinity Irish Dance has hosted the Pat Roche Feis, honoring the man who dedicated his legendary life to promoting Irish dance in Chicago through his own school and the creation of the first Chicago feis.

To learn more about the amazing life of Pat Roche, please watch this video: [“Meet Pat Roche”](#)

**What:** Trinity’s own Pat Roche Feis

**When:** October 5th, 2024

**Where:** Canlan, Lake Barrington, IL

Map: [Canlan Sports Complex](#)

*Ensemble Pre-Feis Workshop:*

- Open to all levels; dancers have a chance to practice on the actual Pat Roche Feis stages!
- Get tips and tricks from some of Trinity's top dancers and performers.
- Make sure your dancers feel confident and ready to take the stage this weekend!

\$20 at the door, no registration necessary.

**Times:** 4:30-5:30pm, 5:30-6:30pm & 6:30-7:30pm - choose the time slot that works best for you!



**Follow the Feis on Social Media!**



**Q:** *My dancer is not competing yet, so why should we come to the feis?*

**A:** Beginner families are invited to come and observe, cheer on our Trinity dancers, and mingle with our Trinity parent volunteers! Trinity parents build the competition stages, and hold positions as runners, award distributors, stage monitors, and more!



# PAT ROCHE FEIS

## PRE-FEIS WORKSHOP!

HOSTED BY THE TRINITY IRISH DANCE ENSEMBLE!

### YOU'RE INVITED!

**DATE:** Friday, October 4th

**TIME:** 4:30-5:30pm, 5:30-  
6:30pm OR 6:30-7:30pm

*Choose the time slot that works best for you!*

**LOCATION:** Canlan Sports,  
Lake Barrington



Get ready for the Pat Roche Feis as you dance on the feis stages and get valuable feedback from some of your favorite Ensemble role models!

**No registration required. \$20 suggested donation!** All proceeds go directly towards the Ensemble program's summer performance trips.



## Volunteer Sign Ups – Pat Roche Feis

Putting on a Feis is a major undertaking. Our own Feis will take place on October 5th at the Canlan Center in Lake Barrington, IL. Whether you are a seasoned Feis attendee or a first timer, there are volunteer positions for you. Some available jobs are listed below:

- Feis Set Up
- Registration Assistance
- Stage Monitor
- Runner - Move the results from the comp stages to the tabulations area
- Venue Tear Down and Clean Up

As a volunteer, you will receive:

- Volunteer Points for every hour of service
- A lot of fun and appreciation from the organizers and attendees

The sign up link is below:

[Pat Roche Feis Volunteer Sign up](#)

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm! See you at the Pat Roche Feis!

**\*\*PSA! Don't forget to log your volunteer hours on Track It Forward.**

*Please use the link below:*

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/trinity-booster-club>





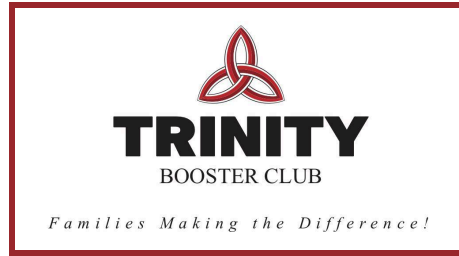
## Winter Weekend Save The Date! January 24th - 26th, 2025

Trinity's annual Winter Weekend event will be held at The Grand Geneva on scenic Geneva Lake. For those families new to Trinity, *Winter Weekend*, hosted by the Trinity Booster Club, is a fun-filled, productive, informative weekend of activities where ALL Trinity families get together, outside of competitions. You'll meet families from all of our locations, learn a lot about Trinity and Irish dance, and have a whole lotta fun! There is something for everyone, from seasoned families to our brand-new families and everyone in between!

A few highlights of the weekend are:

- Friday night: fun events for the kids while our parents have a meet-and-greet social. Grade Exams will also be offered on Friday night for those dancers pursuing that path.
- Saturday: dancers attend different breakout sessions with dancers at their same level. Here they will learn new skills, work together as a team, all while having a ton of fun!
- Parents, don't feel left out - there are sessions for you too that cater to the different stages of your Trinity journey.
- Does your dancer need to be outfitted for the St. Patrick's Day season? The Winter Weekend marketplace has all your Trinity wear, dance attire, socks, shoes and more!
- Saturday night is the ever-popular Trinity Ceili, where everyone comes together at the end of the day for a Trinity party like no other! Dinner, dancing, performances by some of our very own Trinity dancers and the Men of Trinity, a DJ and dancing, silent auction, and more dancing!
- Of course, we have a special Trinity rate for rooms at The Grand Geneva. More information to come soon!

There is SO MUCH MORE to this weekend - You won't want to miss this!



## Touch of Ireland Visits

Whether you need your first pair, outgrew your pair, or just wore them out dancing, the Trinity Booster Club is here to help! Touch of Ireland is our official shoe vendor and offers exceptional service to Trinity families. For your convenience, they will be visiting Trinity locations with not only shoes but other items as well.

The visit schedule is below:

- **Illinois:**
  - Chicago IAHC (IAHC and Lakeview) – Monday, Sept. 16th – 4-8:30 pm
  - Palatine – Thursday, Sept. 19th – 4:30-8:00 pm
  - Western Springs – Tuesday, Sept. 24th – 4-8:00 pm
- **Wisconsin:**
  - Madison/Waunakee – Sunday, Sept. 22nd – 11:00 am-3:00 pm
  - Elm Grove – Monday, Oct. 7th – 4-7:00 pm

Touch of Ireland will also be at the *Pat Roche Feis*! They will be open Friday, Oct. 5th for sales.

If you are unable to attend one of these shoe fittings, you can visit Touch of Ireland's walk-in location:

Address: 6761 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street Oak Lawn, IL

Telephone number: 708-237-3473

Or visit them online at <http://www.touchofireland.co>



## Thank You!!!

Our Location mentors play a special role in providing information to their location families and working to create a sense of community at their location. The Shoe Bin coordinators are an important part of keeping everyone dancing by organizing and fitting pre-owned shoes.

Hospitality speaks for itself - every location needs a party.

Our volunteers are such an important part of who we are. Thank you to all who help to make their location work.

### **Elmhurst**

Location Mentor - Sunday - Rebecca VanDeCastele [vandy05@gmail.com](mailto:vandy05@gmail.com)

Location Mentor - Tuesday - Alexandra O'Donnell [aclark415@gmail.com](mailto:aclark415@gmail.com)

Young Families Mentor- Sunday - Catherine Moffo [cmoffo2015@gmail.com](mailto:cmoffo2015@gmail.com)

Young Families Mentor - Tuesday - Meghan Collins [mcollins0502@gmail.com](mailto:mcollins0502@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Mary Catherine Buckner [mchenry1979@yahoo.com](mailto:mchenry1979@yahoo.com)

*Hospitality - OPEN*

### **IAHC**

Location Mentor - Whitney Orlow [whit.orlow@gmail.com](mailto:whit.orlow@gmail.com)

Young Family Mentor - Katie Krupa [katiemkrupa@gmail.com](mailto:katiemkrupa@gmail.com) Erika Tate [tate.erika@gmail.com](mailto:tate.erika@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Meghan Ochoa [megk515@yahoo.com](mailto:megk515@yahoo.com)

*Hospitality - OPEN*

### **Lakeview**

Location Mentor - Karolynn Earl [karolynn\\_earl@email.com](mailto:karolynn_earl@email.com)



Young Families Mentor - Meaghan Daly Stallkamp [daly.meg@gmail.com](mailto:daly.meg@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Carolyn Caponigri Newlin [carolynmcaponigri@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynmcaponigri@yahoo.com)

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### **Palatine**

Location Mentor - Denise Baker [snarf1477@yahoo.com](mailto:snarf1477@yahoo.com)

Young Family Mentor - Stacy Golden [sbogle@gmail.com](mailto:sbogle@gmail.com) & Mary Johnston  
[danmaryjohnston.203@gmail.com](mailto:danmaryjohnston.203@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Carie Lukes [carielukes@gmail.com](mailto:carielukes@gmail.com)

Hospitality - Carie Lukes

### **Western Springs**

Location Mentor - Neive Hanak [neive.hanak@gmail.com](mailto:neive.hanak@gmail.com)

Young Families Mentor - Caitlin Laga [laga.caitlin@gmail.com](mailto:laga.caitlin@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Megan Darcy [mascobey@gmail.com](mailto:mascobey@gmail.com)

Hospitality - Maria Cotter [cotter.parents1027@gmail.com](mailto:cotter.parents1027@gmail.com)

### **Milwaukee: Elm Grove**

Location Mentor - Terri Maloney [teresa.maloney00@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.maloney00@gmail.com)

Young Family Mentor - Sunday- Jackie Ruhge [jackie.ruhge@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.ruhge@gmail.com)

Erin Griffith - Monday- [erinkoller@hotmail.com](mailto:erinkoller@hotmail.com)

Shoe bin - Megan Krell [trinitymegankrell@gmail.com](mailto:trinitymegankrell@gmail.com)

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### **Madison: Waunakee**

Co-Mentors: Annie Kelly [ichiban.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:ichiban.kelly@gmail.com)

Kate Dougherty [cdougherty1@edgewood.edu](mailto:cdougherty1@edgewood.edu)

Carrie Bresette [Bresettefamily@outlook.com](mailto:Bresettefamily@outlook.com)

Katie Port [katieport2018@gmail.com](mailto:katieport2018@gmail.com)

Shoe bin - Maia Ouderkirk [ouderkirkm@gmail.com](mailto:ouderkirkm@gmail.com)

Costume Liaison - Dori Christenson [purplespeck3@yahoo.com](mailto:purplespeck3@yahoo.com)

Young Families Mentor - Carrie Bresette

Hospitality - Carrie Bresette, Katie Port, Tricia Conohan [tricia.conohan@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.conohan@gmail.com)

*\*\* If anyone is interested in taking on a leadership role at their location, please reach out to Anne Leonard ([anne@trinityirishdance.com](mailto:anne@trinityirishdance.com)).*

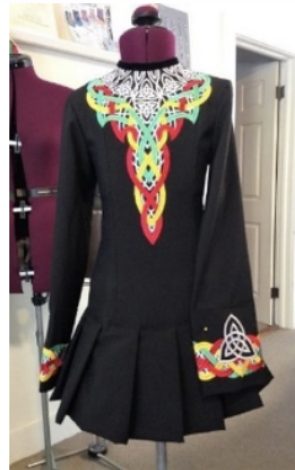


## Black Dress Rental Fees

All dancers who are part of the black dress rental program are required to pay a rental fee each dance year. The fee for the 2024/2025 dance year is \$150.

***The deadline to pay the fee is 9/20***, so if you have not already, please use the link below to pay:

[Black Dress Rental Fee payment link](#)



## 2024 Booster Club Membership Renewals

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership to the Booster Club. Membership renewals were due on September 1st. Please check your membership level and make sure it matches with your highest level dancer.

To learn more about the Booster Club, refer to our *\*updated\** membership letter:

**NOTE:** *We listened to your feedback and have made additional adjustments to the volunteer points program.*



## Upcoming Feiseanna Conflicts

*Upcoming Feiseanna Trinity dancers should enter:*

9/28/24 Milwaukee Feis

9/29/24 Glencastle Feis

10/5/24 Pat Roche Feis

10/12&13/24 Beglan Feis

11/2/24 Dillon Gavin Championships

11/3/24 Chicago Autumn Feis (if not on Oireachtas teams)

*Feis Conflicts Trinity dancers cannot enter:*

9/29/24	Mulcahy Irish Arts Feis	Hartford, CT.
10/5&6/24	East Coast Feis	Nova Scotia, Canada
10/12/24	Kotelnicki School Feis 2024	Robbinsville, NJ
10/13/24	McInerney Feis	Worcester, MA
10/19/24	Fairfield County Championships	New Canaan, CT
10/20/24	Scoil Rince Riordan Feis	Montvale, NJ
11/03/24	Lenihan Feis	Stratford, CT
11/16/24	Minnesota State Championships	Minneapolis, MN

11/17/24	St. Paul Autumn Feis	Minneapolis, MN
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## September 2024 County Updates

As the summer days begin to fade, we're thrilled to welcome you back to a new and exciting Irish dance season! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break, filled with laughter and cherished memories.

This season promises to be full of energy, growth, and of course, lots of dancing! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're excited to see familiar faces and meet new friends. Our classes are designed to nurture the skills of every dancer, from our tiniest tots to our seasoned competitors. We'll be focusing on refining technique, building confidence, and celebrating the joy of Irish dance together.

Don't forget to sign up for a second night of dancing this Fall! Click [HERE](#) for more information on Skills & Drills (Donegal & up).

Important Save the Dates and class schedules can be found [HERE](#).

*Welcome back—we're so glad you're here!*



## Team Trinity September 2024

Our 2024 Minor & Junior Worlds Teams had a fantastic finale at Milwaukee's Irish Fest this past August! Celebrating a dream of a year together the only way to say goodbye was to dance

The Dawn together one last time. We're so proud of these girls and how they represented Trinity and their country throughout their journey together. You can see their "last dance" [HERE](#).

Our Fall Team Season is off and running! We are preparing for our 2024 Oireachtas Team debut at the Chicago Pat Roche Feis on October 5th and cannot wait to see all our new teams shine on stage in their first go! We have 25 eight hand ceilis and 14 four hand ceilis who will compete at the Pat Roche Feis...that's 255 dancers in all!

Ranging in age from 6 years old to 18 years old, all of our dedicated team dancers have made a commitment to improve their own dancing and work hard for their teammates and the Pat Roche Feis is the first step of many towards that end goal. Most of all, we hope for a fun and productive year of growth for all. Let's go Team Trinity!

If your dancer is not participating in team dancing yet, come see what all the talk is about—all our teams will compete first thing at 8:00am at the Pat Roche Feis, we would love to have fans in the crowd to cheer them on! And if you want to know more about team dancing, stay tuned for updates and get ready for our Teams 101 presentation at Winter Weekend.



## **Province Updates and 2024 Great Britain Championships**

Welcome Back! The train has left the building for Fall training. All core and OTC classes are off to a great start. We are so excited to be training and competing this fall in preparation for the Mid America Oireachtas (championship) being held in Schaumburg, IL over the Thanksgiving weekend. Consistent hard work in and out of the studio will build your dancers confidence so they can relax and enjoy their competition day rather than be nervous. So let's all jump on board and support these dancers over the next few months.

***Next month in October, Eleven of our very own Trinity dancers will travel to London to compete in the 2024 Great Britain Championships!*** These dancers have been training all summer and launched into the Fall with such strength and determination. We are so proud of them and want to wish them the best of luck in London!!!

Congratulations to Eden, Keira, Tessa, Eliana, Sophia G, Madison, Maija, Aubrey, Kaitlyn, Connor, and Noelle!



## **St. Patrick's Day 2025**

**We're halfway to St. Patrick's Day 2025!**

Information about the Trinity Performance Troupe (TPT) Program will be sent out in early October including important dates, information about each TPT level, class schedules, how to register and more.





## Ensemble Updates September 2024

Congratulations to all of our Ensemble dancers on a successful summer season of performances in Germany, Iowa, Chicago, Madison, Montana and Milwaukee! We are so proud of all of these dancer's hard work and growth over the last year.

Information about the 2025 Ensemble Program will be sent out in October.

Dancers who will be eligible to audition for Ensemble include:

1. Dancers must be born in 2011 (U14 as of January 1, 2025) or older AND be enrolled in the Waterford/Wexford/Wicklow class OR the Province Program.
2. Dancers must be enrolled and participate in TPT as a Trinity Gold dancer for the upcoming performance season.

**\*\*\* Save The Date – the Ensemble audition will be January 18th, 2025! \*\*\***



## Trinity Wear Pre-Order

Is your dancer geared-up for the season? Our pre-order window closes on September 20th!

[Place your order here for backpacks, duffels, and more; bundle with a t-shirt, shorts, and socks, and save!](#) Orders close on **9/20 at MIDNIGHT**, and will be delivered to your home locations approximately 3 weeks later.

Don't forget, [Trinity Wear](#) is always open for additional practice gear, laces, socks, and more!

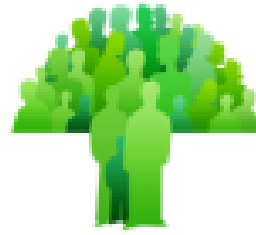


## Volunteer Hours – Track It Forward

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Please use the following link:

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