

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

In regard to performances, a dancer must know an entire dance up to standard by a scheduled placement rehearsal in order to be considered for inclusion in that dance for that performance. To be eligible for participation in groups 1 & 2 in our opening dance, teacher-assigned solo reels must be danced confidently on both right and left feet.

Please remember that, as a team, each company member and their part in a dance is significant no matter how seemingly small. Placement requests are welcome, however final decisions will be based on the needs of the team as a whole and performance needs. Therefore, dancers are expected to learn and perform their assigned parts to the best of their ability during the year.



Code of Conduct

To facilitate cohesiveness as a team and a positive experience for each dancer, it is essential that all PC members follow the following guidelines in addition to the general rules of our studio:

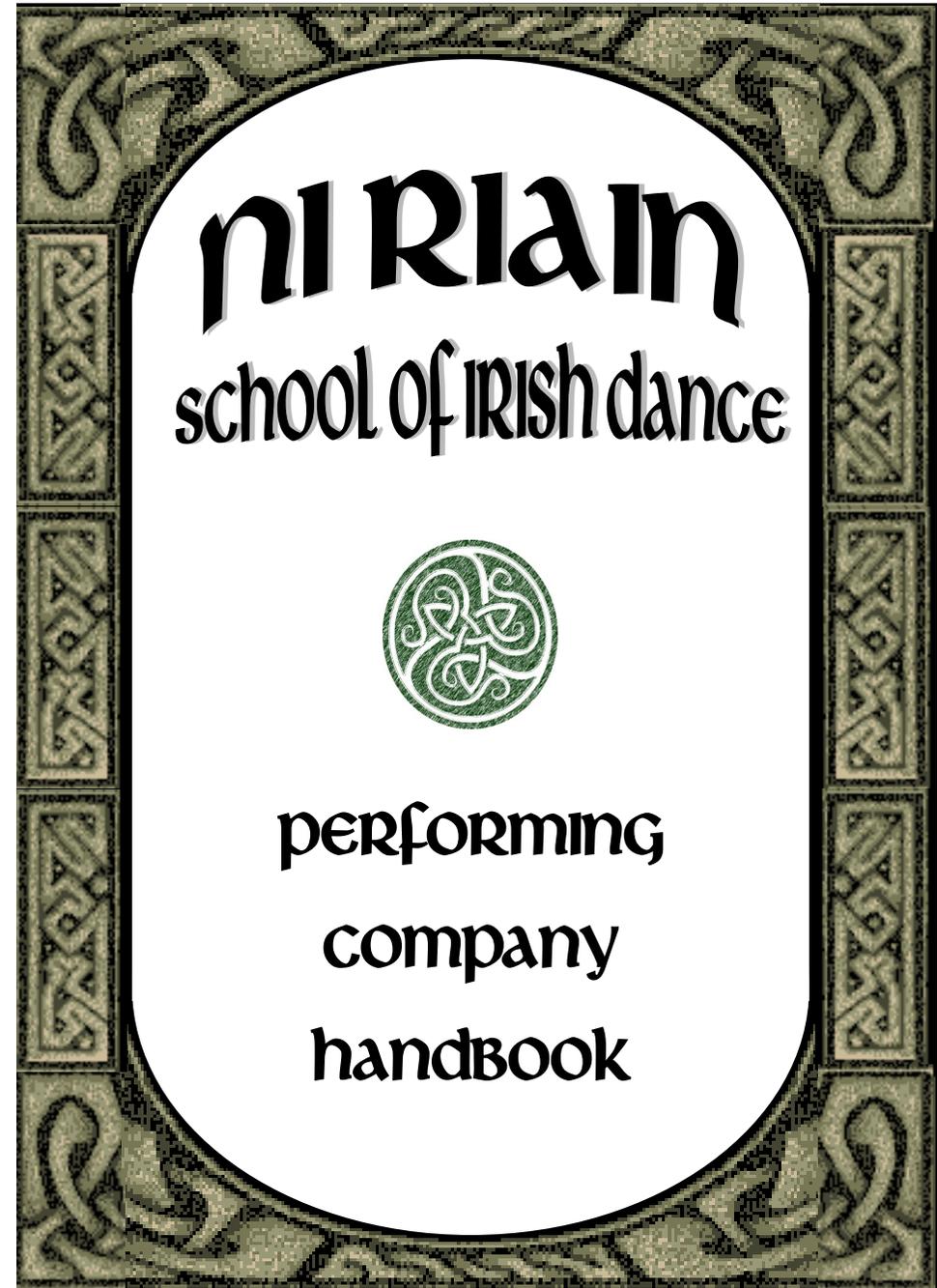
Members must make every effort to...

- include, encourage, and help other members (regardless of age, level of dance, and experience in PC). Older members are especially expected to set this example for all,
- remain positive and not exhibit negativity towards others at any time, whether in person or otherwise,
- be respectful of practice and performance areas, keeping our space neat and clean both during and after use,
- be pleasant and friendly towards audiences, volunteers, dancers from other schools, and the community in general when representing our school.

Negativity in any form, especially towards others, will **not** be tolerated. If you or another dancer are experiencing difficulties on any level, please see Holly directly as soon as possible.



Thank you in advance for your assistance in maintaining a positive, inclusive and encouraging environment for all!



Performing Company provides students with the opportunity to develop performance skills and personal confidence in varied and enriching environments. Participation enables students to experience creative choreography throughout the year and develop the skills necessary to work as part of a team.

Membership in PC is by invitation only for students dancing at the Ullmhuchan level and above.

Practices

PC practices will be held on a per dance basis and will average about 4 hours a month. Members will be assigned to a number of dances within our repertoire and will be expected to attend practices for those particular dances.

If a dancer misses a practice s/he is responsible for learning missed choreography **prior** to the next PC practice for that dance either through a private lesson or by meeting with a teammate.

Placement Rehearsals

A placement rehearsal will be held prior to each performance during which students will receive final placement and show lineup for that performance. Placement rehearsals are mandatory for participation in the accompanying performance.

Dancers will be asked to confirm availability for the placement rehearsal and the performance prior to the established deadline. Dancers will then be expected to honor that commitment to allow for effective planning and to maintain team morale.

Performance Schedule

Due to the nature of our industry, many performance dates and times are not scheduled very far in advance. Notification of performance details will be communicated as soon as the information is made available to our school.

Performance Line-Ups

Based on the specific needs of a performance/venue, including time onstage, dance space and audience makeup, dances will be selected from our repertoire and members will be assigned to places within certain dances. Dancers may or may not be placed in all dances that they have learned or positions they prefer.

Special circumstances may require a limited number of participating dancers and/or participation of non-performing company members. Please keep in mind that many factors contribute to placement decisions and do not reflect on a dancer's ability or status within the company.

Costumes

PC members are required to have:

- ponytail wig,
- champion length poodle socks,
- soft shoes and hard shoes,
- white, black, or nude camisole to wear under costumes.

School dresses are preferred (original or new design). If a student does not own a school dress, a red school skirt and a white long-sleeved buttoned-up shirt with a Peter Pan collar can be worn. Occasionally, solo dresses and/or alternate costumes will be allowed and/or required. **Light** makeup is allowed.

Member Responsibilities

Performing Company members are responsible for reviewing and knowing choreography that has been taught. Students who must miss a practice or are in need of assistance can meet with another PC member for help, or schedule a private lesson, **prior** to the next PC practice. This ensures that practices remain productive for attending students.

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