



The King-Byrne School of Dance

presents

The 40th and LAST

Ballyhaunis Feis 2019

2nd and 3rd March

Claremorris Town Hall.....details to be arranged.

Dear Teachers, Parents, children and all ex pupils and along with all ex competitors, Firstly I really want to thank you ALL for your support throughout these 40 years. Many of you, in fact most of the current Teachers would have been competitors at this, my Feis, during this time. I probably didn't say it at the time but it was a real privilege to have had you in my company. Time moved on and a wonderful and talented group of teachers emerged and along with so many of my own comrade teachers who instilled their knowledge so generously onto their pupils, Irish Dance took on a new "look".

I am so proud that Ballyhaunis Feis survived this transformation. I am also proud to say that we introduced a few changes which eventually were accepted by all bodies. Let me explain... we introduced grades into Connacht in year 1 and also yearly age groups with the added attraction of a medal for each competitor in a light dance. As the years progressed we increased the number of prizes in each solo dance and then finally we brought in the Priomh Comortas into the grades. These changes did not come easily and there were a few battles to be fought but eventually and very gradually they became common.

After 40 years I am sure that many of you will be glad to see the back of me and I don't mean this in a bad way!!!!. I am asking you to come to support me for this last time.

All this would not have been possible without the help of the King Byrne School of Dance and my loyal, so loyal parents and pupils. I would dearly love to see you over the weekend if you are able to come,

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