

Important Information Regarding Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2018

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

Saturday, 24th March – 1st April 2018

With the 2018 World Championships rapidly approaching, we would like to share the following information.

Dancer Registration Packs

Dancer registration packs will be available at the CLRG desk situated in the ground foyer between 2:00pm and 5:00pm on Friday, 23rd March 2018. On all other days, dancer registration packs can be collected from the CLRG desk between 7am and 6pm. The packs will include dancers' wristband, certificates, patches and numbers.

Admission

Pre-sale door entry will be available on Friday, 23rd March between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. The venue will open each day at 7:00am (8:00am on Easter Sunday) with entry into the competition arenas 15 minutes later. Wristbands (for that day only) can be purchased at the Southern Entry Doors. Pre-sales of wristbands for the following day will be available between 4:00pm and 6:00pm each afternoon. New souvenir wristbands are being introduced this year.

Adults – first day attending	£20.00
Adults – subsequent days	£15.00 (only if wearing a wristband from earlier in week)
Concessions	£10.00
Children 15 and under	Free (only if accompanied by a paying adult - child's wristband will allow access all week)
Competitors	Free (Wristband in registration pack. This must be worn all week to allow access to competition arenas)
Official Programme	£15.00
Results	Available free of charge on the CLRG website post results being announced

As there is a £5.00 discount for attendance for each additional day, there are no weekly passes available. Access to Competition Arenas will be by wristband only. There is **no** need to purchase a wristband if visiting the Vendor Village or Practice areas.

Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the venue for all attendees.

Practice Areas

Dedicated practice space for dancers competing that same day is located on the north Atrium on Floor 1. General practice area will be in the South Atrium on Floor 1. **The general practice area is not to be used for class practices.** Schools should make arrangements off site if they want to conduct such practice sessions. The control of both spaces will be closely monitored by Security and CLRG personnel.

Left Luggage

A complementary left luggage facility is available again on the first floor. Please note that no roll away luggage or large bags will be allowed in competition arenas. Due to health and safety issues, prams cannot be allowed into competition arenas.

Attendees should note that in accordance with general security procedures in all Public Buildings in Scotland, bags may be searched prior to entering the venue. We would ask everyone to co-operate with venue security staff in regards to this matter.

Camping

Camping is strictly prohibited anywhere in the venue. Unattended items will be removed by Security Staff.

Set Dance, Ceili and Live Streaming

Recordings of Set Dances and Ceili performances will be available for purchase. The service this year is being provided by DRC videos and has been partially sponsored by IDTANA. Recordings will be distributed by a secure on-line link that cannot be shared.

Set dance video	£25.00
Ceili Video	£15.00 Individual copy or £80.00 for 8 copies plus 1 free additional copy.

Please visit the CLRG marketing stall to reserve your copies. Please note special conditions regarding the supply of such recordings will apply again this year.

Live Streaming will again be provided by RandomHouze.

Early bird 8-day	£19.00
After 23 rd March 2018	£24.00

For further details any recordings or Live Streaming, please refer to the CLRG website for further information.

Glasgow Airport and transport around the City

There will be a dedicated welcome desk located at Glasgow Airport to assist attendees in onward travel to the city and last minute accommodation requirements.

Glasgow Taxi service is a platinum sponsor of the Championships. On arrival attendees can call **0141 429 7070** to book their taxi from the airport for a flat rate of £18.00. Return trips can also be reserved for the same rate. Bookings can also be made by downloading the Glasgow Taxi App. When booking your taxi, please quote **IDC1** to avail of this special rate. The company has also offered a £1 discount for any travel around the city. Please quote **IDC2** to avail of this discount. On arrival at the airport drivers will meet passengers at the car park collection area immediately opposite the airport terminal. There will also be an official Irish Dancing Taxi operating during the event. Please send any pictures you may take of this taxi to the official CLRG social media page. Please note that the White Taxi Service at the airport is considerably more expensive than the negotiated deal. A regular bus service is also available from the Airport to Buchanan Street Bus Station (immediately opposite Glasgow Royal Concert Hall).

Vendors, Official Merchandise and Official Photographer

Main Vendors will be located in Strathclyde Room. The official photographer, will be located upstairs adjacent to the main vendor's area. The official merchandiser - KB Apparel will be located on the ground floor adjacent to the North entry. A full list of vendors will be updated on the CLRG website.

Stage Sizes

Hall A	Main Auditorium	Stage 22m x 10.5 m
Hall B	SNO	Stage 15m X 7m
Hall C	Ground Floor	Stage 10m x 4.9m

When Hall C is not being used for Set Dances, it will be used as a life size screening room for competitions taking place in the SNO Hall. This is to assist in any possible overcrowding during the event and is an exciting new addition to the Oireachtas.

Please note that in all girl's competitions, the first 2 rounds will be danced in the main auditorium. All dancers will dance in threes for both rounds. All boy's competitions will be danced in the SNO Hall. Boys will dance in twos at a time.

All unmixed Ceilis figure competitions and the Dance Drama competition will be held in the main auditorium. Some mixed Ceili competitions will take place in the SNO Hall

Opening Ceremony

This will take place on Saturday, March 24th at 5:00 on the main stage. Following the opening of the event we will also be celebrating the lifetime dedication to Irish Dancing and CLRG of our 2018 World honorees; Janice Currie-Henderson, SDCRG and Catherine Cosgriff, SDCRG.

Entertainment & Other Activities

The main venue for evening entertainment is Malone's, 57-59 Sauchiehall Lane Glasgow. This is only a short walk from the venue and is open from 12 noon daily. There will be live bands every night. Food and drink will be available. There will also be a band on the Thursday and Friday in the Doubletree Hotel. All are welcome.

Music and language workshops for both beginners and more advanced individuals will be offered on Tuesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 29th between 2pm and 4pm in the teacher's hospitality room. Classes will be conducted by Conradh an Gaeilge and Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Come along and try an instrument or learn a few words in Irish. All are welcome.

The World Ball is currently over-subscribed. Please refer to CLRG website for cancellations and any further updates.

Teachers Specific Information

Teacher Registration

Teacher registration with wristband and program books is available during normal operating hours in the main foyer. Teachers will receive one wristband to cover the full duration of the event. Wristbands **must** be worn to gain access to the competition arenas.

Teacher's Reception

This will take place in the wonderful Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers, George Square Glasgow on Friday, March 23rd at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. It is being hosted by the World Local Committee. Complimentary drinks upon arrival will be offered together with finger food. A cash bar will be available thereafter until 10:30pm with live music from 7:30pm. Attire informal

Teacher's Hospitality

The Hospitality room for teachers is in the same location as the 2016 Championships – the Green Room on the first floor. This will be open daily for complementary refreshments. Please note that due to the special arrangements with the venue, all food and drink **MUST BE CONSUMED IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM**. Please note that this area will be given over to the Traditional Music and Language classes being held on the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Dance Drama

Please note that the Dance drama is not a stand-alone event this year. However it is hoped that the Auditorium will be vacated after the results of the Ladies 18-19 Championship and then reopened for the dance drama competition. It will be open seating.

Graduation Ceremony and Gradam Awards

These will take place on Saturday, March 31st in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, 100 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G2 3DB. Due to the over whelming success of candidates in the 2017 diet of exams, the graduation ceremony has had to be split into two different ceremonies at 2pm and 5pm. Graduates have been informed on an individual basis as to which ceremony to attend and can only be accommodated at this assigned time. Welcome drinks and a finger buffet will be provided on arrival which will be followed by the official ceremonies. Taxis have been advised to be on site immediately following the second graduation to take people to the Ball in the Marriott Hotel. Gradam award recipients and examination graduates attending the Ball will be presented during the course of the evening.

General information

Banners will be on display throughout the city. Schools may apply to the marketing committee post event to acquire a banner for their studios.

Mass will be held on Sunday, April 1st in Hall C at 8:15am.

An Independent Economic Impact survey will be conducted during the Oireachtas to determine the value our event has on the host city. An Coimisiún requests that all patrons participate in this survey fully as this funding stream is vital for the funding of future events.

There will also be an on-line survey post Oireachtas reviewing the 2018 Event. We would ask all teachers to participate in this survey so we can plan for future events.

2019 Oireachtas Rincí na Cruinne - Greensboro, North Carolina. Please refer to the Website and Synopsis of CLRG meetings to keep up to date on the required changes to the syllabus and judging systems that have to be adopted to make the event run smoothly in future years.

2020 Oireachtas Rinci na Cruinne Dublin, Ireland – the Oireachtas committee is seeking ideas on how to celebrate the golden anniversary of the World Championships. Please forward any suggestions to oireachtas@clrg.ie

We wish everyone safe and trouble free travel to the Championships and look forward to extending a Hale and Hearty Céad Milé Fáilte to each and every one as we gather in Glasgow to celebrate the 48th Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne.

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Chairman

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