

April 2008

# MULLANE HEALY O'BRIEN newsletter

## Wow - What a Month ....

March was an amazingly busy month for MHOB. Between participating in six different parades and over 45 different St. Patrick's Day performances, along with a truly remarkable solo and team result at the World Championships, and not to forget our Pick 3 fundraiser - all the parents and dancers should be extremely proud of what was accomplished together.

The next few months will be busy as well with the **MHOB Feis, the Academy's Family Feis and Fun weekend**, and the Academy's 1st recital at Navy Pier - "Dancin' on the Pier". We would like to stress that ALL the upcoming events are open to ALL the MHOB dancers - regardless of location. We strongly encourage all of our dancers to participate in these events.

The Academy holds these events so that the dancers can perform the various dances that they learn and practice in class on a weekly basis. If you have any questions regarding any of the upcoming events, please feel free to email the teaching staff through the web site and we will do our best to answer your questions timely.

## *The MHOB Teaching Staff*

## 2008 MHOB FEIS

As you know, The Mullane-Healy-O'Brien feis will be held again at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL on May 3-4. Complete information about the feis can be found at [www.mullanehealyobrien.com](http://www.mullanehealyobrien.com) - select "2008 MHOB Feis" for all the details and then complete your registration at [www.efeis.com](http://www.efeis.com).

**The teaching staff strongly encourages all enrolled dancers to register NOW - for those of you with beginners that have not yet taken your child to a feis - we offer first feis competitions.**

This is the best opportunity to introduce them to a feis and we will provide you and your beginner with all the "How-to's" in advance of the feis. Each first feis/beginner stage also has the help of an advanced dancer to help the children at the stage.

This Feis has been known as the "Best in the Midwest" solely because of the cooperative parent volunteers. We

are asking all families that have registered for the Feis to sign up for at least one shift. All other families are encouraged to help out as well.

The sign-up sheet is attached but can also be completely and sent back to the volunteer coordinator from the link on the MHOB Feis page on our website. Please complete and email the form back as soon as possible.

Also, if you wish to take an ad or wish your dancer luck - the forms are attached for the MHOB program book. Your support is appreciated.

For further information on the 2008 MHOB Feis, please visit: <http://mullanehealyobrien.com>





# World Championships

## MHoB WORLD MEDALS BELFAST, 2008



### 82 MEDALS FOR MHoB Solo World, Team World, and Recall

- Tara Stone - Girls Under 12 - 3rd Place
- Maggie Frumkin - Girls Under 12 - 34th Place
- Patricia Dumke - Girls Under 14 - 12th Place
- Trinity Dent - Girls Under 14 - 26th Place
- Megan Cahill - Girls Under 14 - 37th Place
- Colleen Dumke - Girls Under 16 - 22nd Place
- Hayley Mayers - Girls Under 17 - 34th Place
- Nathan Dale - Boys Under 11 - 3rd Place
- Brendan Mullane - Boys Under 16 - 13th Place
- John Godley - Boys Under 17 - 6th Place

- Girls Ceili Under 13 Team A - 18th Place
- Girls Ceili Under 13 Team B - 22nd Place
- Senior Girls Ceili Over 16 - 21st Place

- Mixed Ceili Under 16 - 4th Place
- Senior Mixed Ceili Over 16 - 9th Place

- Figure Choreography Under 13 - 4th Place
- Figure Choreography Over 16 - 5th Place

## World Championships

What a Week in Belfast !!!!

Congratulations to all the soloists, and team dancers that participated in the 2008 World Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It was an amazing week of competition, and it wasn't unusual to see MHoB up in the results in most of the competitions. The Academy returned back with 82 Solo World, Team World, and recall medals - quite a haul.



The solo dancers from the Academy showed that they could perform with the best in the World. 10 of our soloist recalled in the Championships with half of them placing in the top 15 of their competition.

The teams were equally impressive. The Academy brought 8 different teams to the World Championships - and 7 of the teams recalled and placed. Both Figure Choreographies made it through to the medals, along with 5 of the Academy's ceili teams.

Without the dedication of the dancers, parents and teachers - and the support of the entire Academy - none of this would have been possible. There were many from the Academy that followed the results online and sent well wishes to the dancers from back home. Thank you.

The World Championships in 2009 will be held at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, PA beginning Palm Sunday and concluding on Easter Sunday. It will be the first time that the World Championships will be held in the United States and with some hard work and practice - we look forward to taking that next step up the podium.

Congratulations again to all the dancers.

# Academy's Family Feis Fun Weekend

For many of our MHOB parents, the **MHOB Academy's Family Feis Fun Weekend** is a new event that we hope you find to be a great event for you and your dancer. The weekend offers something for everyone - with the goal of having Fun while gaining some valuable experience that will help the dancers in the future.

This year we will be returning back to the RiverCenter in Davenport, IA - across from the Rhythm City Casino - on May 16-18, 2008.

For our new beginner parents, a Feis is a dance competition where the dancer performs the steps that they have learned throughout the year. The dancer performs against other dancers in their age group and dance level. For many of you, we hope that you have registered for the MHOB Feis on May 3-4, but for those that didn't register or couldn't due to previous commitments - we strongly encourage you to participate in the MHOB Family Fun Feis weekend.

What separates this competition from others, is that all dancers at the MHOB Family Feis are winners. The dancers work hard all year long and should be rewarded for their efforts, therefore, each dancer entered will receive medals and ribbons. In addition to the medals and ribbons, the top dancer in each category will receive a High Point Irish Crystal Trophy Award.

Additionally, the MHOB Family Feis Weekend is more than dancing. It is about friendship and doing your best and showing your school spirit.

The teaching staff has a great weekend planned, which will include:

## Friday Evening

- **Parent Reception**
- **Advanced Registration**
- **Hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres**

## Saturday Feis

- **Special Beginner and Tot Workshop, Competition, and Award Ceremony**
- **Medals for Everyone and Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> Place**
- **End of the Day Treble Reel Competition with Crystal Awards**

- **High Point Trophies and Presentation**
- **Irish Store Vendors and MullaneWare**
- **Golf Outing for Dads**

## Saturday Evening After Feis Party

- **Free Family Party for all dancers, siblings, and parents**
- **Fun Games for younger siblings**
- **NEW "American Idol – Mullane Style" Karaoke Sing-off**
- **NEW "Simon Says" Dance Competition**
- **Parent Child Dance Competition**
- **Slide and Video Show of the Weekend**
- **High Point Trophies and Presentation**

Information on the School Feis - including Entry Information, Hotel Information, and Timetable of events will be up on the MHOB web site on 4/8/2008. Feis packets can also be picked up at any of the studio location as well. If you have any question, please let a teacher know, or visit the website. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at this great event.

The two host hotels for the weekend are listed below:

### ***Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel***

111 E 2nd Street  
Davenport, IA 52801  
(563) 322-2200

### ***The Holiday Inn and Suites***

909 Middle Road  
Bettendorf, IA 52722  
(563) 355-4761

**Syllabus and all Feis Information will be available at class and on the website.**

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## 1st Annual Academy Dance Recital



MHOB is

“Dancin’ on the Pier”

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW

Tuesday  
June 10, 2008

Navy Pier - Skyline Stage  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

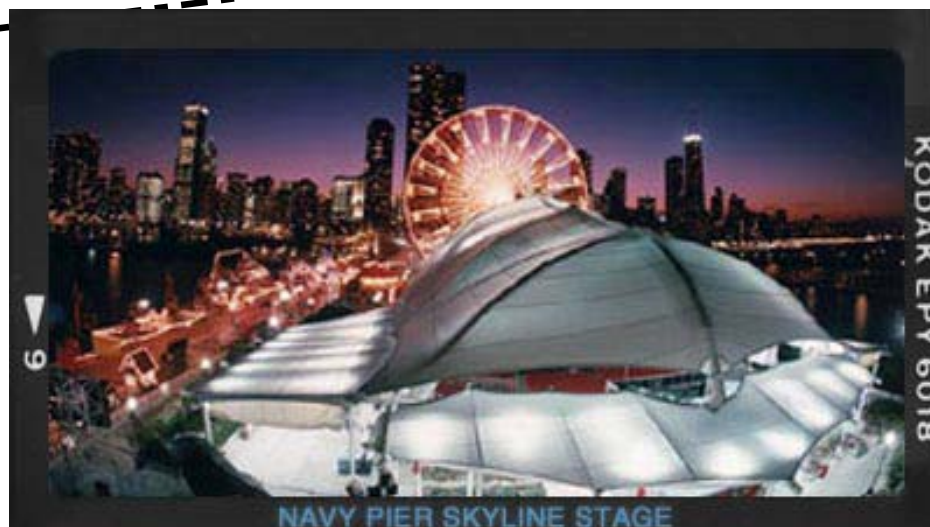
The Academy will be presenting our 1st Annual Performance Recital – “Dancin’ on the Pier”.

Our goal for the performance is to include all the dancers, from our Tot and Beginners through our World Champion dancers. The recital is open to all dancers in the Academy and we encourage each and every dancer to participate.

Mark your calendar now as the recital will be held on Tuesday evening, June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Skyline Stage at Chicago’s Navy Pier**. We have selected a date that we hope does not conflict with graduations and other weekend events so that more dancers can participate in this fun performance.

Information on tickets and details will be sent home with your dancers shortly - however, we want you to set aside this night for a fun filled evening of Irish dance, music and song.

If you have any questions, feel free to email the Academy and we will respond as soon as we can.





The MHOB Feis has been known as the "Best in the Midwest" solely because of the cooperative parent volunteers. We are asking all MHOB families that have registered for the Feis to sign up for at least one volunteer shift. All other families are encouraged to help out as well. The sign-up sheet is attached but can also be completed and emailed back to the volunteer coordinator from the [link on the MHOB Feis page on our web site](#). We ask that you complete and email the form back as soon as possible.

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The payouts from the Pick 3 will be paid shortly. We would like to thank all of you for your support in the Pick 3 Game and congratulations to all the winners.

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Registration for the Elmhurst Summer Session has been distributed and registration is due no later than May 1. Information on the Summer Session for Edison Park and Gaelic Park is still being finalized and as soon as available this will be distributed at these locations.

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Please find below the dates for the MHOB Summer Workshop. The workshops will be open to ALL dancers at ALL locations. Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice and Prizewinner dancers are strongly encouraged to participate. Championship dancers and Oireachtas qualifiers must participate. The exact times and price will be published closer the time.

Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 Workshop: 7/30 - 8/1

Novice and Open Prizewinner Workshop: 7/30 - 08/3

Preliminary and Open Championship Workshop: 8/2 - 8/8

Figure Choreographies: 8/8/- 8/10

Quad City Workshop will be or all grades and levels from 7/30 - 8/1

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The Edison Park Studio will be moving. Although an exact date hasn't been set yet, we are moving down Touhy Avenue to a larger facility (Schaul's Catering). They are currently finishing up the construction on the new studios. The studios will be state of the art with raised flooring and full length mirrors. As soon as a definite date has been set - we'll let you know.

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**May 3 and May 4, 2008**

Benedictine University - Rice Center Arena, Lisle, IL.

## **Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities**

This event draws over 2500 people from the western suburbs, Chicago and throughout the mid-west. Your support will help your assist in encouraging the interest and participation of children and young adults in Irish dance and culture and promote their ongoing participation in this healthy and fun activity in your community.

### **Opportunities: (check one)**

- 1. Gold Level Event Sponsor - \$300**  
**Vendors will receive:**
- Full page ad in Feis Event Program (8.5" x 11") – Premium Placement
  - Stage Sponsorship Sign
  - MHOB Dancers at the event of your choice in 2008
- 2. Silver Level Event Sponsor – \$120**  
• Full Page Ad in Feis Event Program (8.5"x11")
- 3. Bronze Level Event Sponsor - \$70**  
• ½ Page Ad in Feis Event Program– (8.5" x 5.5")
- 4. Participating Advertiser - \$45**  
• ¼ Page Ad – (5.5" x 4.25")

### **What you need to do:**

- 1. Email your commitment** and level to [kgleason@jpald.com](mailto:kgleason@jpald.com)
- 2. Mail check made out Mullane Healy O'Brien Feis to:**  
MHOB Feis  
c/o Theresa Frumkin  
830 S. Kenilworth Ave.  
Oak Park, IL 60304
- 3. Submit your artwork:**  
Artwork specifications: Electronic files only. Can accept PDF files, JPEG mages, native files). 300 dpi requested for all files. Please allow ¼ inch border on all sides. Artwork can be emailed to: [kgleason@jpald.com](mailto:kgleason@jpald.com), or [tgfrumkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgfrumkin@comcast.net), OR mailed to address above.

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Gleason @ 630-832-5228 or [kgleason@jpald.com](mailto:kgleason@jpald.com).

**Deadline for artwork and payment is April 18, 2008.  
Thank you for your support!!**





**Mark Your  
Calendar Now**

**Date: June 10 2008**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**1st Annual  
Academy Recital**

The recital is open to all dancers in the Academy, from our Tots 2 to our Champion dancers. All dancers are encouraged to participate. A signup sheet with a practice schedule and ticket information will be sent home shortly with your dancer.

**MIHOB is  
“DANCING ON  
THE PIER”**

**Navy Pier**

**Skyline Stage**

**Mullane Healy O'Brien  
MIHOB  
Dance Academy**

Recital will begin at 7:30 p.m.  
After the recital, you are invited to  
stay for the spectacular Navy Pier  
Fireworks display.

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## Booster Club Enrollment

### Booster Club Charter

The Booster Club, which has been organized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois and within the definition of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall have the following purpose:

#### ■ Promote

To establish and maintain an organization that utilizes the talents and abilities of its members to support the social, educational and competitive dance experiences of the students of the Mullane- Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy and their families.

#### ■ Communications

To maximize communication between and among its members and the Mullane- Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy.

#### ■ Financial Assistance

To provide financial assistance to its members for expenditures, such as, but not limited to competition entry fees, transportation, lodging and workshops.

#### ■ Support

To aid the Mullane- Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy through the receipt and distribution of supplies, goods, services and money via fundraising for the foregoing purposes.

The Mullane Healy O'Brien Booster Club was established to support the dancers within the Academy in many different ways.

Proceeds from hosting the annual Mullane Healy O'Brien Feis (page 1), the Halloween Feis, the Night of Shenanigans, and other fundraising events are used for the sole purpose of providing for our dancers and promoting school unity. Just look at some of the financial assistance and events that the Booster Club provides and will be providing for the dancers in the Academy:

**Annual Christmas Party**  
**St. Patrick's Day Parades**  
**School Parties**  
**Beginner Assistance at Feises**

**End of the Year Pool Party**  
**Performances**  
**Picnics**  
**Travel Stipends**

This year we are asking all families to join the Booster Club. The annual dues for a family is \$25.00 which is remarkably less than many other Irish Dance Academies that are the same size and stature of MHoB. It is important that the Booster Club includes the support of all the families of the Academy not only through your dues but also through your participation in helping create great memories and friendships for our dancers. Please complete the following information and forward payment as indicated below:

### Booster Club Enrollment

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING  
SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DANCERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Elmhurst:** Return to Kathy Dale's folder

**Edison Park:** Return to Mailbox or to Kelly Murphy

**Gaelic Park:** Return to Erin McClintock

**Quad Cities:** Return to Shannon Maloney

In order to take part in any Booster Club organized activity or receive a travel stipend, your Booster Club dues must be current.

# mullane-healy-o'brien 2008 feis volunteer commitment reply

Please complete the attached and email this to Peggy Ostojic at [ostojic725@aim.com](mailto:ostojic725@aim.com) by April 20th, 2008 or [complete the form on-line](#).

## VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFO

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Studio Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SHIFT REQUEST

Please consult the volunteer sign-up schedule at [www.mullanehealyobrien.com](http://www.mullanehealyobrien.com) to see what shifts remain available and then complete below. The schedule will be updated daily.

1<sup>st</sup> choice : \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As you evaluate what shift works best for you, please keep in mind the following approximate start times when your dancer may be scheduled to dance.

### Saturday:

Beginner – 8:30      Beginner 2 – 9:15      Novice – 11:00      Open/Prizewinner – 1:30

### Sunday:

PC/Champ all day – beginning with PC first

Confirmation of your scheduled shift time will be sent via the email address sent above and will be updated on the website. Please review all instructions sent regarding your shift.

**NOTE:** Pizza will be provided to all Friday night volunteers. Those volunteers working full day shifts on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and May 4, will be provided lunch.

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Thank you again for your help with our 4<sup>th</sup> annual feis. Our great volunteers have built our reputation for offering the finest feis in the Mid-West!

Mike Mullane and Gary Healy  
2008 Feis Co-chairs