

# Irish Club of Regina



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## Irish Club of Regina - Executive 2019-20

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\*\* Ruby Hunter

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\* Term ends at 2021 AGM

\*\* Term ends at 2020 AGM

### About us:

The Irish Club of Regina is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and supporting Irish culture within Regina and area. We currently support an Irish Dance group, a Gaelic Athletic Association football team, send out a quarterly newsletter, maintain a website, host a Mosaic Pavilion and organize or support other events, workshops and activities. To become a member, please contact us! Membership rates are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, emails about upcoming events and allows you to take part in our events.

### Why become a member of the Irish Club of Regina?

If you enjoy Irish culture in any of its many forms, the Irish Club is the place to find it. Music, dance, literature, ceilis, sport, cooking and traditional Irish handwork are all workshops that we hope to be able to offer. We need interested active members in order to provide these events.



# Executive Report and Annual General Meeting

## Irish Club of Regina Executive Virtual Meeting August 26/20

As an Executive, we hope that all our members are doing well in this very difficult time. This year the Executive has decided to waive the annual membership fee for those that were members during the 2019 - 2020 year and to extend these memberships for another year. Any new memberships will be subject to the annual fee on the application of \$20 for family & \$15 for a single.

The AGM this year will be held during the week of November 16th, We are in the process of confirming an exact date and location. If any of the members know of a cost effective location please advise us. The positions that will be available for nomination at this year's AGM are: Vice President, Treasurer and Members at Large. If you interested in putting your name forward for any of these positions please email [irishclubofregina@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubofregina@gmail.com).

An email confirming the date & time of the AGM will be sent out as soon as we can secure a location.

The Irish Club of Regina Executive



## **Interesting Books and Films related to Ireland**

### ***Irish novels to look out for in 2020***

**Threshold** by Rob Doyle.

**Grown Ups** by Marian Keyes.

**A Thousand Moons** by Sebastian Barry.

**Strange Hotel** by Eimear McBride.

**Apeirogon: A Novel** by Colum McCann.

**Terry Frankin Has A Gun** by Malachi O'Doherty.

**Big Girl Small Town** by Michelle Gallen.

**Our Little Cruelties** by Liz Nugent.

**Actress** by Anne Enright

**Exciting Times** by Naoise Dolan

**We Are Not In The World** by Conor O'Callaghan

**The Dirty South** by John Connolly

**The Truth Must Dazzle Gradually** by Helen Cullen

**Snow** by John Banville

*These titles were found with a google search for Irish authors - Best books for 2020. They all get fairly good ratings on the Goodreads site. For a description of each book - I recommend going to Goodreads and reading what each is about.*

# Ireland on Screen

From website "Tourism Ireland"  
'Ireland on Screen' Quiz



<https://www.ireland.com/en-ca/articles/whats-available/ireland-on-screen/ireland-on-screen-quiz/?>

## 1. Who is/was the youngest Irish Actor to be nominated for an Academy Award?

- Caitriona Balfe
- Domhnall Gleeson
- Colin Farrell
- Saoirse Ronan

## 2. In which county in Ireland was Marley and Me filmed?

- Galway
- Limerick
- Down
- Waterford

## 3. What famous novel involving a whale was adapted to film by director John Huston in County Cork in 1956?

- Free Will
- Moby Dick
- In the Heart of the Sea
- Namu, the killer Whale

## 4. Which Northern Ireland castle was the setting of Winterfell in the HBO's hit-series, Game of Thrones?

- Bangor Castle, County Down
- Castle Ward, County Down
- Carrickfergus Castle, County Antrim
- Tully Castle, County Fermanagh

## 5. In which of the Harry Potter films do the iconic Cliffs of Moher appear?

- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

**6. On what monastic island was much of Star Wars: The Last Jedi filmed on?**

- Caher Island, County Mayo
- Inishmurray Island, County Sligo
- Devenish Island, County Fermanagh
- Skellig Michael, County Kerry

**7. What Irish lake lends its unusual appearance to the TV series Vikings? Hint: It's associated with two of Ireland's favourite brews!**

- Lough Erne, County Fermanagh
- Lough Tay, County Wicklow
- Lough Ree, County Westmeath
- Muckross Lake, County Kerry

**8. The Irish historical biopic, Michael Collins, was filmed in many iconic Dublin locations, but which key landmark had a full-scaled replica built just for the filming?**

- Dublin Castle
- General Post Office (GPO)
- The Four Courts
- Trinity College

*(Find the Answers to this quiz further down in the newsletter)*

Since we are not going to be doing much traveling for awhile ..... let's take a Virtual trip to Ireland and see these interesting links to Ireland On Screen and movie locations in Ireland - click on these links:

<https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/15870876980001357f2929b2d/raw>

<https://www.ireland.com/en-ca/articles/regions/island-of-ireland/fill-your-heart-with-ireland-tv-movies/>

# Blakey School of Irish Dance

The last few months have simply flown by, and they were filled with summer classes at Blakey! In June, we were able to begin distanced outdoor classes in various parks around Regina, as well as a sidewalk class for new beginners. The dancers were also able to do an impromptu performance for July 1st in Victoria Park. As restrictions were lifted further, we have been able to transition to classes in the studio.



We are so thankful to be back in our studio, and cannot wait to kickoff our fall schedule in September! For more information about class times or registration please email [regina@blakeyschool.com](mailto:regina@blakeyschool.com). Both competitive and non-competitive classes are available, as well as a new 8 week “Try Irish Dance” program!

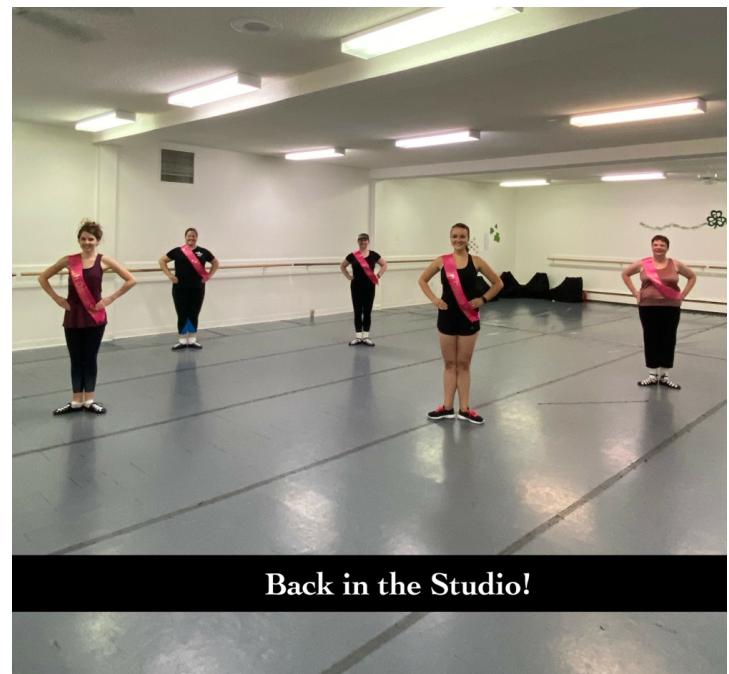
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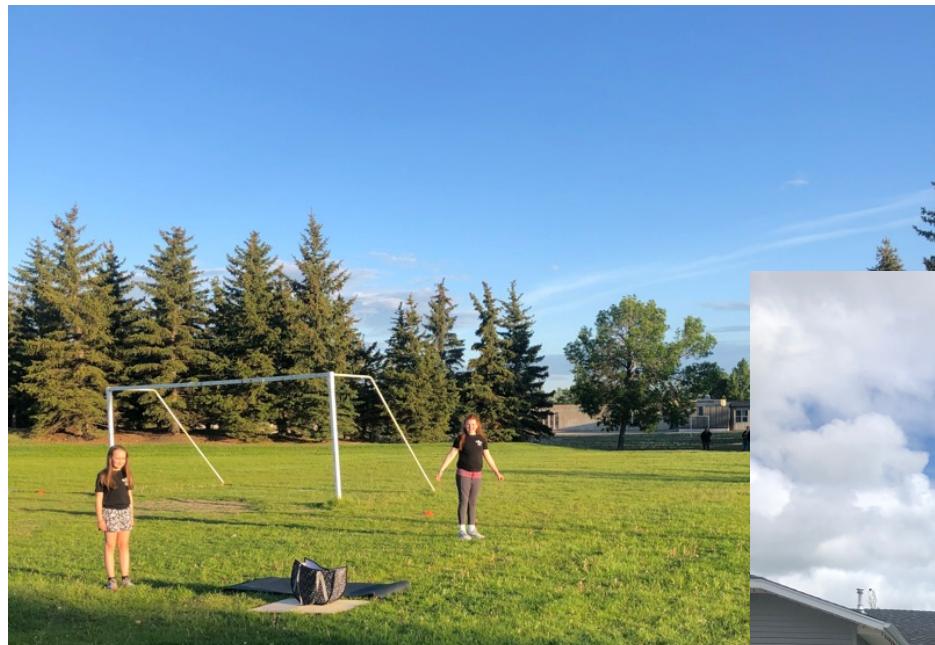
Submitted by Amy Hepting



Summer Classes Back in the Studio!



Back in the Studio!



July Classes in W.F. Ready Park



Beginner Sidewalk Class



Canada Day Performance in Victoria Park



# Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



Prairie Gael School  
of Irish Dance

Prairie Gael has been keeping busy since lockdown in March!

We continued classes on Zoom until we got the go ahead for outdoor lessons, and have since been meeting in the park for workouts, and outside at the studio for dance practice!

We've also taken on a traditional set challenge, and have been working hard all summer to learn all 7 traditional set dances, plus the Molyneaux versions of St. Patrick's Day and the Blackbird!

We also had a blast learning how to do our stage makeup via Zoom sessions with a professional makeup artist, and enjoyed a very informative injury prevention workshop over Zoom with the one and only Mr. Tyler Schwartz.

We're looking forward to continuing our training as safely as possible!

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*Practices outside the studio*



*Workouts in the Park*

## *Answers to the Ireland On Screen Quiz:*

1. Saoirse Ronan - was just thirteen when she was nominated for her part in Atonement.
2. Galway - Jennifer Anniston and Owen Wilson journeyed to beautiful Connemara to shoot part of the movie.
3. Moby Dick - this star-studded film adaptation was filmed around three seaside town of Youghal.
4. Castle Ward, County Down - Castle Ward is home to the resilient Stark Family on the hugely successful TV show.
5. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince - They were the back drop to Harry's dramatic quest with Professor Dumbledore. The pair were searching for Slytherin's locket containing one of Voldemort's horcruxes
6. Skellig Michael, County Kerry - Skellig Michaels's otherworldly appearance was the perfect setting for Luke Skywalker's Jedi retreat.
7. Lough Tay, County Wicklow - The dark peaty waters of the lake are edged with white sand imported by the Guiness family, which makes it look like a pint of 'the black stuff'.
8. General Post Office - It took over four months for a full-screen replica of the GPO to be built

*May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!*

# **Regina Irish Set Dancers**

We are sad to say that our 2020 - 21 dance season will be non-existent. (Hard to social distance when you are set dancing) Our group has been keeping in touch and I try to send out a link to a youtube video of some Set dancing in Non Pandemic times. It is fun to watch the dancing and tap your toe to the music and dream of a day when we can try it again.

For now .... we just hope that everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying a different way to spend our time while we patiently move towards the new “normal” - what ever that may look like.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

Contact Laura Popoff @ [lpopoff@sasktel.net](mailto:lpopoff@sasktel.net)

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or visit our facebook page to see a few videos of us dancing

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/192728960882181/>



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If you are a **Facebook** user, please ‘LIKE’ our club’s page at

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If you have an interesting bit that you would like included in the newsletter, send submissions to:

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Other links and interesting  
facebook groups and websites:



- \* Irish in Regina
- \* Regina Irish Set dancers
- \* Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance
- \* Blakey Irish Dance
- \* Bushwakker Brewing Company
- \* Shannons Pub and Grill
- \* Discover Ireland Ca

Blakey School of Irish dance

<http://www.blakeyschool.com/Saskatchewan>

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<http://www.prairiegaeldance.com>

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