



Fellow Scottish Teachers and friends,

Plans are well underway for the 2011 All Scotland Championships in Irish Dancing which will take place in the prestigious Glasgow Royal Concert Hall between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. This is the venue that hosted the 2010 World Championships.

In conjunction with the Championships the Scottish Regional Council are promoting the first ever grade exams to be held in Scotland which will take place in the Royal Concert Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. These grade exams are open to all dancers resident in Scotland. A copy of the syllabus for the exams is attached.

The Grade Exams are an excellent vehicle for providing a structured record of improvement in a dancer's career. All in all there are 12 levels. Should a dancer progress through all the grades and achieve the requisite standard at each grade, then on passing level 12, an exemption will be given for the dancing section of the TCRG and ADCRG exam. All dancers have to start at Grade 1 and can only progress to the next level when a satisfactory pass has been achieved at the previous level. A maximum of three grades can be attempted at any one diet of exams.

The exams are non competitive, with each dancer being given an extensive written critique of their performance. Candidates progress at their own pace. No costumes are worn with candidates wearing regular dance practise outfits.

As the All Scotland Championships are primarily for more advanced competitors, by hosting the Grade Exams on the same weekend and in the same venue as the Championships will allow the grade candidates the opportunity to see top class dancers from all over the World compete. It is hoped that agreement can be reached between the Championships and the Grade exams for a greatly discounted door fee to be given to any parents attending the Grade Exams with their children. This will allow them into the competition arena at a fraction of the regular door fee.

60% of the profit from the Grade Exams will be retained in Scotland and will be used to improve the Scottish Regional Qualifying Championships which are taking place in November. This is an excellent way to raise funds for this event.

All teachers are strongly urged to consider carefully this excellent opportunity for all of their dancers.

The grade exams are being co-ordinated by

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The Council would be obliged if you could contact Pauline prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> as to the level of interest that there is in your class so that further arrangements can be made. A deadline for candidate names and fees will then be decided upon but is expected to be early September.