The American Company of Irish Dance
CLRG Grade Examinations
Saturday, December 12
Examiner: Allison Weber Erickson, ADCRG BG

Marquette University
Varsity Theater
1326 W Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Registration: www.feisworx.com
Closing date: Friday, December 4
Cap: 100 Grades

Official Grade Exam Syllabus

General Information:
Grade exams are a progressive system of non-competitive evaluation. They are intended to offer the dancer a thorough assessment of their knowledge and technique at each level of their dance education.

Tentative Schedule - *Final schedule to be published no later than Monday, December 7.*		
Saturday, December 13	Morning	Grades 1 - 3
	Mid-day	Grades 4 - 6
	Afternoon	Grades 7 - 10
Candidates for Grades 1 - 10 will spend approximately 30 minutes completing each grade.		

Exam Fees							
Grade 1	$25.00	Grade 4	$35.00	Grade 7	$50.00	Grade 9	$50.00
Grade 2	$25.00	Grade 5	$35.00	Grade 8	$50.00	Grade 10	$50.00
Grade 3	$25.00	Grade 6	$35.00			Preliminary*	$15.00
No refunds will be provided for any reason.							
**Preliminary Grade not required.*							

What to wear:
No costumes. Generic practice attire or all-black ensemble. No school logos, insignias, or other identifiers. No wigs or hair accessories.

What to dance:
Dancers should be prepared to perform steps appropriate to the Grade level …
Beginner steps for 'Easy' dances
Traditional steps for 'Basic' dances
Novice steps for 'Primary' dances
Prizewinner or Championship steps for 'Advanced' dances
PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR TCRG REGARDING APPROPRIATE STEPS.

Eligibility:

Grades 1 through 10

- Dancers attempting Grade 2 or higher must present official certificates from past Grade Exams as proof of eligibility. Please upload in advance here: https://www.dropbox.com/request/zkq20dhl7sca01hhqiwl
- Dancers registered for multiple Grade Exams (i.e.: Grades 1, 2 and 3) will be required to successfully pass each initial grade before attempting the next.
- Dancers should request permission from their TCRG before registering as a candidate.

Spectators are not allowed in the examination room.

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The American Company of Irish Dance is an *independent,* nonprofit professional dance company whose mission is to increase awareness and appreciation of traditional and progressive Irish dance, to continue to elevate Irish dance as an art form, and to educate the public about the cultural value of Irish dance.

Grades and Required Dances

(Céilí dances are in bold)

Grád/Grade	Rincí/Dances	Luas/Speed
Prelim	**Ríl Easca nó Port Eadtrom** Easy Reel or Light Jig	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116
1	**Bun Ríl agus Bun Port Eadtrom** Easy Reel and Light Jig **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116 Oral Irish (Ireland)
2	**Bun Port Luascach agus Bun Port Singil** Easy Slip Jig and Easy Single Jig **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Basic Slip 124 Basic Single 124 Oral Irish (Ireland)
3	**Tús Ríl agus Bun Port Trom** Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Primary Reel 116-118 Basic Heavy Jig 96 Oral Irish (Ireland)
4	**Tús Port Luascach agus Lá Féile Phádraig** Primary Slip Jig and St. Patrick's Day (Traditional) **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Primary Slip 120 St. Patrick's (trad) 94 Oral Irish (Ireland)
5	**Ríl Cruaidh, Bun Cornphíopa agus Ballaí Luimní** Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Advanced/Open) Basic (Trad) Hornpipe Walls of Limerick **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Advanced Reel 113 Basic HP 144 Walls of Limerick Oral Irish (Ireland)
6	**Port Luascach Cruaidh, An Londubh agus Ionsaí na hInse** Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/Primary/Open) Blackbird (Traditional) Siege of Ennis **Scrúdú Béil Gaeilge (Éire)**	Advanced Slip 113 Blackbird (trad) 144 Siege of Ennis Oral Irish (Ireland)
7	**Port Trom Cruaidh, Gáirdíní na Nóiníní agus An Ríl Ceathrair** Advanced Heavy Jig Garden of Daisies (Traditional) Four-Hand Reel	Advanced Heavy 73 Garden of Daisies (trad) 138 Four-Hand Reel
8	**Cornphíopa Cruaidh, Greas Giúrnála agus Pléaracha naBandain** Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork (Traditional) Humours of Bandon	Advanced HP 113 Job of Journeywork (trad) 138 Humours of Bandon
9	**Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (Nach Rincí traidisiúnta iad) agus Caip an Chúil Aird**	Two modern sets, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time, and High Cauled Cap
10	**Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (nach rincí traidisiúnta iad) (éagsúil ó iad i nGrád 9) agus an Port Ochtair.**	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9), and The 8 Hand Jig

Note: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional manner. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes. Music speeds as per CLRG rules.