

DNE

school of dance

DNE Celtic Company: Welcome to the 21st year of DNE's Celtic Company! Dance is a performing art and we are thrilled to offer an opportunity for dedicated dancers to gain additional training and performance experience. Under the direction of Miss Christine Morrison, the Celtic Company has performed at events such as Chelmsford's Fallfest, UMASS Lowell's Tsongas Arena, the Tyngsboro Block Party, M4TM Cancer Benefit and numerous St. Patrick's Day events!

Company members rehearse weekly and perform throughout the year at various community venues. The Celtic Company offers a Senior Celtic Company, and a Junior Celtic Company.

Audition Information: Participation in the Celtic Company is by audition only. All interested dancers are encouraged to audition, however, auditioning does not guarantee placement in the Company. Final Company placement determined by director.

Auditions will be held Thursday August 27th, 2026

Junior Celtic Company (ages 9 & up/current Jr. Co. members) 4-5pm
Senior Celtic Company (current Sr. Co. members) 5-6pm

Audition Requirements: Dancers must be age 9 or older, with three years experience in Irish Step. Dancers must have completed at least one year of Hard Shoe.

Audition Registration: All interested dancers who meet the course requirements must register ONLINE through their Studio Director account in advance. Please call us at 978.251.1700 or email Miss Christine at christine@dancenewengland.com with any questions. Audition fee: \$35

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Dancers will be evaluated based on technique and stage presence. Audition results will be emailed home the following week. Dancers auditioning should arrive dressed in accordance with DNE dress code and with proper dance shoes. Please bring both soft and hard shoes to audition. Dancers are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to warm-up independently.

Rehearsals: Company rehearsals will be held weekly following auditions until May. Summer rehearsals will run as needed. No rehearsals will be held during DNE's scheduled holiday closings. Rehearsal time will be used to refine technique and learn choreography for upcoming performances. Please note that all dancers will dance in core company pieces, dancers may also be asked to dance in small group, solo, or duo pieces. The Celtic Company rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Thursdays 6-7pm

Performances: The DNE Celtic Company will perform several times throughout the year at various community venues. Dance pieces to be performed will be selected by the director based on stage size, time restrictions, and event. The performance schedule and locations are subject to change. Additional performances may be added.

Performances are mandatory.

2026/2027 Performance Schedule:

- Sept. 26th, 2026 Chelmsford's Fallfest
- Oct. 2026 Mill Trunk or Treat
- Dec. 6, 2026 Mixt Nutz (**Mandatory All Company Rehearsals: Fridays 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 5:30 - 7:30pm Saturday 12/5 TBA**)
- Jan. 16th, 2027 Move 4 the Movement, Andover (6pm)
- 2027 UMASS Lowell, TBA
- March 2027 St. Patrick's Day Events TBA
- Additional Celtic Events to be announced throughout the season

Company Dues: Company dues is payable in 9 installments of \$105 (September -May), regardless of rehearsal schedule. Dancers will be placed on Autopay with a credit/debit card. Dues includes:

**Rehearsal Time
Costume Rentals
Theatre Fees
Company Field Trips**

**Choreographer Costs
Performance Music
Celtic Company Gear**

Fundraising: DNE Celtic Company holds 2-3 fundraisers per season. Company dancers are expected to participate in all company fundraisers.

