Marlynes Irish Dancers

Present

Mechelen - Belgium

13 & 14 february 2027

MARLYNES FEIS 2027

VALENTINE'S EDITION

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Venue

Sporthal De Plaon
Eksterstraat 100
Mechelen - Belgium

Adjudicator

Katrina O'Hehir
ADCRG
England

Musician

Kristián Fisl
TCRG
Czech Republic

Organiser

Marlynes Irish Dancers
Lita De Wachter – TCRG

Registered by An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha

Open status for non-CLRG affiliated dancers and schools

Approved by RCCEA: .....

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Marlynes Irish Dancers, we are delighted to welcome you to the first Marlynes Feis in Mechelen, Belgium. Organised by Marlynes Irish Dancers, with more than 25 years of experience in Irish dancing, this event marks an exciting new chapter for our team.

As the feis takes place during Valentine's weekend, dancers can enjoy a number of special themed competitions alongside our regular events, including:

- ♥ Little Hearts
- ♥ Heart to Heart Céilí
- ♥ Valentine's Treble Reel

The feis will be held at Sporthal De Plaon (Eksterstraat 100, 2800 Mechelen, Belgium) in a main hall with one dance floor. Changing facilities will be available for dancers, and food and refreshments can be purchased in the cafeteria.

Mechelen is one of Belgium's most historic and charming cities. Conveniently located just 20 minutes from Brussels Airport, the city is easily accessible by both car and public transport with direct train connections. A wide range of hotels and accommodation options are available in the city centre and close to the venue.

More information: www.marlynes.be/feis

Follow our social media channels for updates and further event information.

We look forward to welcoming dancers, teachers, families, and friends for a memorable weekend of Irish dancing in Belgium.

Best wishes,

Marlynes Irish Dancers

FEIS HOTEL

Holiday-inn Express Mechelen

Veemarkt 37C, 2800 Mechelen

Booking link with discount: www.marlynes.be/feis

Travel times to the venue:

- 15 min by bus
- 20 min on foot
- 6 min by car

GETTING TO MECHELEN

Nearest Airport: Brussels Airport (BRU)

Located approximately 20 minutes from Mechelen by train or car.

More details about train connections, bus planning: www.marlynes.be/feis

THE VENUE

Sporthal De Plaon

Eksterstraat 100
2800 Mechelen, Belgium

Parking is limited. Check our mobility plan via
www.marlynes.be/feis

FEIS DETAILS

Enquiries	info@dansstudiomarlynes.be
Registrations	Open on December 7th 2026 https://www.feisme.net Registrations by teachers only.
Closing date for entries	January 29th 2027 No changes or additions can be made after the closing date. No refunds will be made.
Open status	All non-CLRG affiliated dancers and schools are welcome

FEIS FEES

Fees	
Solo competitions, per dance	€ 6
Heavy/Light trophy and traditional set dance, per dance	€ 7
2/3/4/6/8 Hand Team Competitions, per dancer	€ 5
Premier and adult championship	€ 28
Special valentine's competitions, per dancer	€ 8
RCCEA Feis registration fee, per dancer	€ 1

*Trophies for first places in reel, trophy, traditional set, valentine's specials and top 3 of the allround result of championship.

Admission fees	
Dancers and children under 4 years	Free
Admittance fee for spectators for one day	€ 12
Admittance fee for spectators for two days *attendee must still have previous day's wrist band	€ 20

PAYMENTS

Payments to be made (in EUR) by each school in one payment, cash or bank account

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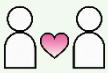
Reference: school's name + Marlynes feis 2027

MARLYNES FEIS RULES

SPECIAL VALENTINE'S COMPETITIONS

Dancers competing in the **Valentine's Treble Reel** will dance 16 bars down the line Free Style. Therefore use of hands and Valentine's-themed outfits are permitted and encouraged.



In the **Heart to heart Céilí**, dancers may share the floor with their loved ones – a partner, parent, sibling, family member, or friend. Valentine's-themed outfits are encouraged. Dancers will dance 32 bars together

The **Little hearts** competition is for young dancers taking their very first steps and not competing in the regular feis. Participants may dance together with an older dancer or teacher. Valentine's-themed outfits are encouraged. 16 bars per performance.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Heavy shoes** are only permitted on the designated practice floor and competition stages. They may not be worn or danced with on the sports hall floor.
2. **Food and drinks** may only be consumed in the designated cafeteria area. Please help us keep the sports hall clean and tidy at all times.
3. We kindly ask everyone to be **calm and quiet** in the dance hall during the competitions, so that dancers and judges can perform at their best.
4. If a dancer, parent, or guardian does not wish **photographs or video recordings** to be taken of themselves or their child, this must be communicated explicitly to the feis organisers in advance, including the dancer's name and competition number.

RCCEA - CLRG FEIS RULES

The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.

GRADE COMPETITION

1. **Beginners Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) in any competition for that particular dance.
2. In **Beginners Grade competitions** only basic steps may be performed.
3. **Primary Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.

4. **Intermediate Grade** competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they advance to the next level for the rest of the calendar year. Teachers can move dancers back at their own discretion at the start of the next calendar year.

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginners	5 or less	0
Beginners	6 to 10	1st & 2nd Place
Beginners	+ 11	1st , 2nd & 3rd Place
Primary	5 or less	0
Primary	6 to 10	1st Place
Primary	11 to 20	1st & 2nd Place
Primary	+ 20	1st , 2nd & 3rd Place
Intermediate	5 or less	0
Intermediate	6 to 10	1st Place
Intermediate	+ 11	1st & 2nd Place

5. For all Beginner, Primary and Intermediate competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method will be applied. Two and three hands are danced to 40 bars of music. Ceíli and figure dances are subject to the rules applied at Oireachtasi. All Open Championship dancers will be required to dance to 48 bars of music in the reel and jig and 40 bars in the slip-jig and hornpipe.

MUSIC SPEEDS

Dance	Beginners	Primary	Intermediate/Open
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Single Jig	124	124	124
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113

TROPHY & PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP

6. **Beginner, Primary and Intermediate Trophy Competitions** will be a choice light and heavy dance. Dancers will dance 16 bars down the line in their chosen dance(s).
7. **Traditional Set Dance competitions**, dancers will have a choice out of 7 traditional dance: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of Fairies, Jockey to the Fair & Three sea Captains. If a dancer wins first place in any traditional set dance competition, that dancer moves on to the next level in all 7 traditional set dances.
8. **Premier Championships** will be judged by one adjudicator. The competition is for Intermediate/ Open dancers, they will be required to dance 48 bars of music for the Reel or Heavy Jig, 40 bars of music for the Slip Jig or Hornpipe, and a MODERN SET.
9. **Adult Championships** are open to dancers of Intermediate and above level who have never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in an Open Championship and are not participating in a full Open Championship at the same feis. Dancers are required to dance to 32 bars of music and will dance a choice of soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig for ladies and Reel for gentlemen), heavy shoe (Heavy Jig or Hornpipe) and a Traditional Set or Modern Set. Please note these Championships have been created for dancers who started Irish Dancing as ADULTS.
10. Where there are 5 or less dancers in any Championship placement will not affect grading.

OFFICIAL CLRG RULES

11. The lodgment of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
12. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 Euro, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. The Adjudicators' decisions are final.
14. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
15. The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2027. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January, he/she shall, for the purposes of the feiseanna, be regarded as under the age attained on that day (whatever age you turn this year 2027 you dance under that age e.g. Date of birth is 29 May 2010, in the year 2012, you dance under 13 all year long). Evidence of age may be requested, therefore dancers should have a valid ID with them in the event of a query as to their age.
16. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.
17. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed. For the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.
18. All Beginners and Primary dancers of all age groups may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt and top/blouse, simple dress for girls and ladies, trousers and t-shirt/shirt for boys and gent). Make-up is not permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.

19. The Costume Rules of An Coimisiún, as amended, also apply in Continental Europe and Asia; it can be found in the “Rules” section on www.clrg.ie for reference. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear tights of a denier not less than 70.
20. Team dances (four hands and upward) must be performed as per the Coimisiún handbook “Ar Rinci Ceili”.
21. By entering in competitions, dancers (or their legal representatives, in case of minors) consent to their names being stated in the feis results and in the public Internet archives or any other feis entry/results system as may replace it.
22. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography and video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during Beginners and Primary competitions and during all award ceremonies. During Intermediate, Preliminary and Open competitions, ONLY the official feis photographer is permitted to take photos. Those who do not wish to be photographed should make themselves known to the Feis Organisers.
23. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.
24. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.
25. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.
26. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.
27. No refunds will be made.

TIMETABLE

SATURDAY – 13/02/2027

APPROX. 08.30 AM - BEGINNERS U15			
NR	**DANCE**	**LEVEL**	**AGE**
1	Easy reel	Beginners	U8
2	Easy reel	Beginners	8-10
3	Easy reel	Beginners	10-15
4	Light Jig	Beginners	U8
5	Light Jig	Beginners	8-10
6	Light Jig	Beginners	10-15
7	Slip Jig	Beginners	U8
8	Slip Jig	Beginners	8-10
9	Slip Jig	Beginners	10-15
10	Single Jig	Beginners	U8
11	Single Jig	Beginners	8-10
12	Single Jig	Beginners	10-15
13	Trophy Light	Beginners	U8
14	Trophy Light	Beginners	8-10
15	Trophy Light	Beginners	10-15
16	Heavy Jig	Beginners	U10
17	Heavy Jig	Beginners	10-15
18	Hornpipe	Beginners	U10
19	Hornpipe	Beginners	10-15
20	Trophy Heavy	Beginners	U10
21	Trophy Heavy	Beginners	10-15
APPROX. 10.30 AM - RESULTS BEGINNERS U15			
APPROX. 11.30 AM - PRIMARY U15			
22	Reel	Primary	U10
23	Reel	Primary	10-15
24	Light Jig	Primary	U10
25	Light Jig	Primary	10-15
26	Slip Jig	Primary	U10
27	Slip Jig	Primary	10-15
28	Single Jig	Primary	U10
29	Single Jig	Primary	10-15
30	Trophy Light	Primary	U10
31	Trophy Light	Primary	10-15
32	Heavy Jig	Primary	U10
33	Heavy Jig	Primary	10-15
34	Hornpipe	Primary	U10

35	Hornpipe	Primary	10-15
36	Trophy Heavy	Primary	U10
37	Trophy Heavy	Primary	10-15
38	Traditional Set	Beg/Prim	U10
39	Traditional Set	Beg/Prim	10-15
APPROX. 12.30 AM - RESULTS PRIMARY U15			
APPROX. 13.30 AM - BREAK			
APPROX. 14.30 AM - CEILI & SPECIALS U15			
40	2 Hand Reel	Any Level	U10
41	2 Hand Reel	Any Level	10-15
42	3 Hand Reel	Any Level	U10
43	3 Hand Reel	Any Level	10-15
44	4 Hand Reel	Any Level	U10
45	4 Hand Reel	Any Level	10-15
46	6/8 Hand Reel	Any Level	U10
47	6/8 Hand Reel	Any Level	10-15
48	Little Hearts	Ungraded	U6
49	Little Hearts	Ungraded	6-12
50	Heart to heart Ceili	Ungraded	All ages
51	Treble Reel	Beg/Prim	U10
52	Treble Reel	Beg/Prim	10-15
53	Treble Reel	Int/Open	U10
54	Treble Reel	Int/Open	10-15
APPROX. 16.30 AM - RESULTS CEILI & SPECIALS U15			
APPROX. 17.30 AM - INTERMEDIATE & OPEN U15			
55	Reel	Intermediate	U10
56	Reel	Intermediate	10-15
57	Slip Jig	Intermediate	U10
58	Slip Jig	Intermediate	10-15
59	Trophy Light	Intermediate	U10
60	Trophy Light	Intermediate	10-15
61	Heavy Jig	Intermediate	U10
62	Heavy Jig	Intermediate	10-15
63	Hornpipe	Intermediate	U10
64	Hornpipe	Intermediate	10-15
65	Trophy Heavy	Intermediate	U10
66	Trophy Heavy	Intermediate	10-15
67	Traditional Set	Int/Open	U10
68	Traditional Set	Int/Open	10-15
69	Championship	Open	U10
70	Championship	Open	10-15
APPROX. 19.00 AM - RESULTS INTERMEDIATE & OPEN U15			

SUNDAY – 14/02/2027

APPROX. 8.30 AM - BEGINNERS O15			
NR	**DANCE**	**LEVEL**	**AGE**
71	Easy reel	Beginners	15-20
72	Easy reel	Beginners	20-30
73	Easy reel	Beginners	O30
74	Light Jig	Beginners	15-20
75	Light Jig	Beginners	20-30
76	Light Jig	Beginners	O30
77	Slip Jig	Beginners	15-20
78	Slip Jig	Beginners	20-30
79	Slip Jig	Beginners	O30
80	Single Jig	Beginners	15-20
81	Single Jig	Beginners	20-30
82	Single Jig	Beginners	O30
83	Trophy Light	Beginners	15-20
84	Trophy Light	Beginners	20-30
85	Trophy Light	Beginners	O30
86	Heavy Jig	Beginners	15-20
87	Heavy Jig	Beginners	20-30
88	Heavy Jig	Beginners	O30
89	Hornpipe	Beginners	15-20
90	Hornpipe	Beginners	20-30
91	Hornpipe	Beginners	O30
92	Trophy Heavy	Beginners	15-20
93	Trophy Heavy	Beginners	20-30
94	Trophy Heavy	Beginners	O30
APPROX. 10.00 AM - RESULTS BEGINNERS O15			
APPROX. 10.30 AM - PRIMARY O15			
95	Reel	Primary	15-20
96	Reel	Primary	20-30
97	Reel	Primary	O30
98	Light Jig	Primary	15-20
99	Light Jig	Primary	20-30
100	Light Jig	Primary	O30
101	Slip Jig	Primary	15-20
102	Slip Jig	Primary	20-30
103	Slip Jig	Primary	O30
104	Single Jig	Primary	15-20
105	Single Jig	Primary	20-30
106	Single Jig	Primary	O30

107	Trophy Light	Primary	15-20
108	Trophy Light	Primary	20-30
109	Trophy Light	Primary	O30
110	Heavy Jig	Primary	15-20
111	Heavy Jig	Primary	20-30
112	Heavy Jig	Primary	O30
113	Hornpipe	Primary	15-20
114	Hornpipe	Primary	20-30
115	Hornpipe	Primary	O30
116	Trophy Heavy	Primary	15-20
117	Trophy Heavy	Primary	20-30
118	Trophy Heavy	Beg/Prim	O30
119	Traditional Set	Beg/Prim	15-20
120	Traditional Set	Beg/Prim	20-30
121	Traditional Set	Beg/Prim	O30
APPROX. 11.30 AM - RESULTS PRIMARY O15			
APPROX. 12.00 AM - BREAK			
APPROX. 13.00 AM - CEILI & SPECIALS O15			
122	2 Hand Reel	Any Level	15-20
123	2 Hand Reel	Any Level	20-30
124	2 Hand Reel	Any Level	O30
125	3 Hand Reel	Any Level	15-20
126	3 Hand Reel	Any Level	20-30
127	3 Hand Reel	Any Level	O30
128	4 Hand Reel	Any Level	15-20
129	4 Hand Reel	Any Level	20-30
130	4 Hand Reel	Any Level	O30
131	6/8 Hand Reel	Any Level	15-20
132	6/8 Hand Reel	Any Level	20-30
133	6/8 Hand Reel	Any Level	O30
134	Heart to heart Ceili	Ungraded	All ages
135	Treble Reel	Beg/Prim	15-20
136	Treble Reel	Beg/Prim	20-30
137	Treble Reel	Beg/Prim	O30
138	Treble Reel	Int/Open	15-20
139	Treble Reel	Int/Open	20-30
140	Treble Reel	Int/Open	O30
APPROX. 14.30 AM - RESULTS CEILI & SPECIALS O15			
APPROX. 15.30 AM - INTERMEDIATE & OPEN O15			
141	Reel	Intermediate	15-20
142	Reel	Intermediate	20-30
143	Reel	Intermediate	O30

144	Slip Jig	Intermediate	15-20
145	Slip Jig	Intermediate	20-30
146	Slip Jig	Intermediate	O30
147	Trophy Light	Intermediate	15-20
148	Trophy Light	Intermediate	20-30
149	Trophy Light	Intermediate	O30
150	Heavy Jig	Intermediate	15-20
151	Heavy Jig	Intermediate	20-30
152	Heavy Jig	Intermediate	O30
153	Hornpipe	Intermediate	15-20
154	Hornpipe	Intermediate	20-30
155	Hornpipe	Intermediate	O30
156	Trophy Heavy	Intermediate	15-20
157	Trophy Heavy	Intermediate	20-30
158	Trophy Heavy	Intermediate	O30
159	Traditional Set	Int/Open	15-20
160	Traditional Set	Int/Open	20-30
161	Traditional Set	Int/Open	O30
162	Championship	Open	15-20
163	Championship	Open	20-25
164	Championship	Open	O25
165	Adult Championship	Open	18-30
166	Adult Championship	Open	O30
APPROX. 18.00 AM - RESULTS INTERMEDIATE & OPEN U15			