



## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Feis in the Desert

Sponsored by Damhsa Irish Dance Company in association  
with the Bracken School of Irish Dance

Come join us in the Arizona Sunshine!

Feis: Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Grade Exams (Grades 1 to 10): January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the evening and  
January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning (schedules will not conflict).

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Feis Website: [www.feisinthedesert.org](http://www.feisinthedesert.org)

Register Online at <http://www.feisworx.com>

Registration Opens November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Registration Closes December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Late Registration: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016-January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Changes to existing Registrations-\$20 (if changed after 12/30/2016)

New registrations allowed with a \$30 late fee (if after 12/30/2016) Feis Cap: None

### Social Media:

Picture Sharing & Updates on all of our Social Media:

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FeisInTheDesert/>

Instagram page <https://instagram.com/feisinthedesert/>.

Live Tweeting via Twitter during the Feis <https://twitter.com/FeisInTheDesert>

View our live feed on your **Periscope! App!** See live broadcasts leading up to and during the event!

Be sure to download the app and follow us @FeisInTheDesert

Note: Feis in the Desert is a Member of The North American Feis Commission, President – Patricia Watkins and a Member of An Coimisiun,  
Dublin, Ireland, President - Eamonn DéBhál

Syllabus is in compliance as required by IDTANA & NAFC

# V e n u e

Carefree Conference Resort, <http://www.carefree-resort.com/>

20 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377

204 guest rooms envelope you in architectural elements that celebrate the Sonoran Desert and the Resort's lush setting.

## Reservations:

Call 480-488-5300 option 1, and ask for "Feis in the Desert" rate or on-line at

<http://www.carefree-resort.com/> Group Attendee Code 011317DAMH Feis Room Rate: **\$139**—available 1/11 through 1/18/17. Reservations must be made by 5:00 pm on December 20th, 2016 and "Feis in the Desert" room rate must be requested

## Weekend Overview

Be a part of feis history! Join us for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Feis in the Desert (FITD), and the first-ever Dancing in the Dust Feis (DITD). Both events will be held in the charming town of Carefree, AZ, just north of Scottsdale, over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, January 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, at the [Carefree Resort and Conference Center](#). The property was recently remodeled and offers a pool, spa, fitness center, free parking and more. We have an amazing room rate of \$139 per night (includes resort fee) for a limited block of rooms – don't hesitate, book this rate before they are gone! The rate is available 3 days before/after should you wish to arrive early and stay late to enjoy the warm Arizona sunshine! Call or go online and ask for Damhsa – feis rate.

Our weekend of events begins with Grade Exams starting Friday evening and running through the weekend. Saturday night, everyone is invited to join us for a **Traditional Irish Ceile**, complete with Irish music, cash bar and loads of fun. Dinner will be available for purchase and can be prepaid at a special rate when registering on Feisworx. Sunday will be the inaugural DITD Feis and both events will feature a recall list for champ-level dancers, 50% placement at all levels, fun specials and unique trophies crafted by local artisans.

When not participating in our scheduled activities, enjoy golf, shopping in the "old west", and playing tourist in the towns of Carefree and Cave Creek. Free hotel shuttle is available to and from town.

If joining us from out of town, please fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor. If you need transportation from the airport to the resort, there are lots of options available to you. Depending on the number of people in your party and your itinerary for the long holiday weekend, we recommend comparing Super Shuttle, services such as Uber/Lyft, and renting a car given the free parking at the resort.

## Musicians:

Pat King                      Sean O'brien

## Adjudicators:

Bernadette Gavin              John Heinzmann

Coleen Mulhern Malloy      Eileen Mulhern O'Kane      Kate O'Connor Rea      +2 to be determined

## Feis Schedule:

Preliminary Champs in the morning, then Open Champs which may carry into the afternoon, followed by Adults (approximately mid-day) Grades, and Ceile (subject to change, firm schedule to follow). Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Grade Exams for those that are attending both.

## Feis Fees:

<i>Championship</i>	\$50.00	Flat fee-3 rounds
<i>Light Shoe</i>	\$20.00	Flat fee
<i>Hard Shoe</i>	\$15.00	Flat fee
<i>Figures (beginner/open/adult)</i> (All team members must register & pay competition and Registration Fees. Top gent/Team captain competitor # used to ID team.)	\$10.00	Flat fee per person
<i>Specials</i>	\$10.00	Per dancer per special
<i>Registration Fee</i>	\$25.00	Per Family (includes on-line results)
<i>Feisworx Registration Fee</i>	\$ 5.00	Per Family
<i>Family Maximum</i>	\$150.00	Excludes Specials, Late & Reg. Fees
<i>Add/Change After 12/30/16</i>	\$20.00	Per competition
<i>New Registrations after 12/30/16</i>	\$30.00	In addition to other fees
<i>Day of Feis Late Entry Fee</i>	\$50.00	In addition to other fees

**Family Ceile Night-Dinner & Live Entertainment on 1/14** \$15/Child, \$20/Adult (includes Pasta, Salad, soft drink). Join us at the venue for an exciting night of Live Music, Dancing, and FUN!

Advance Purchase Discount-order on Feisworx when you register. Pasta dinner will be prepared to order by the chef at an action station with choice of Marinara, Bolognese or Alfredo Sauce, Salad, and iced tea or lemonade. Prepay now at the reduced rate of: \$15/child (U12), \$20/adult (You will receive your wristband at registration when you pick up your number). Cash bar will be available throughout the evening. (Not ready to commit? Walk-ups welcome at the rate of \$17.50/child (U12), \$22.50/adult)

## Payments

Registration payments will be accepted on-line only via credit card at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com).

Late registrations on the day of the Feis are payable by cash, check (payable to "Damhsa Irish Dance Co."), or charge at Feis in the Desert Registration (late registration fee will apply). Absolutely No Refunds. NSF checks--\$25 fee.

# Rules

[http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/uploads/DANCING\\_COMPETITION\\_RULES\\_final.pdf](http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/uploads/DANCING_COMPETITION_RULES_final.pdf)

- Rules 1-35 adopted by North American Feis Commission effective 1/1/2016) are included by reference.
- All competition times are approximate. **Please be ready to dance one hour before your scheduled time.** The Feis Committee will call a missing entrant three times maximum. Competitors who fail to appear when called will forfeit their right to participate in that particular competition. We will not delay a competition for any reason.
- Competitions will be combined if the numbers warrant that decision.
- Awards will be posted in a timely manner.
- We wish to remind you Rule 29: In consideration of safety and in fairness to dancer performing at a Feis, photography of any kind which has the capacity of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden.
- When awards are announced from the stage, competitors must be in costume, including dance shoes, to receive their awards.
- The Bracken School of Irish Dance, Damsha Irish Dance Company, Inc., Carefree Resort & Spa, the Feis Committee and anyone associated with the Committee in putting on the Feis, shall not be held responsible or liable for any personal injury, property loss, or damage incurred before, during or after the Feis, by any participants, or by anyone attending the event.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Feis in the Desert Competitions

<b>FIRST FEIS</b>				
Open only to those dancers entered in their very first feis. Dancers can enter those dances not offered in First Feis category in Beginner 1, but cannot repeat first feis dances in higher category.				
	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>11 &amp; O</b>
Reel	015	029	043	057
Light Jig	016	030	044	058

<b>BEGINNER I</b>					
Beginner I competitions are open to those who have not placed 1st in the dance entered when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>13 &amp; O</b>
Reel	101	115	129	143	157
Light Jig	102	116	130	144	158
Slip Jig	103	117	131	145	159
Single Jig	104	118	132	146	160
Treble Jig		119	133	147	161
Hornpipe		120	134	148	162
Traditional Set		121	135	149	163

<b>BEGINNER II</b>					
A dancer moves into Beginner II as a result of placing 1 <sup>st</sup> when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>13 &amp; O</b>
Reel	201	215	229	243	257
Light Jig	202	216	230	244	258
Slip Jig	203	217	231	245	259
Single Jig	204	218	232	246	260
Treble Jig	205	219	233	247	261
Hornpipe	206	220	234	248	262
Traditional Set	207	221	235	249	263

<b>Novice</b>					
A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1 <sup>st</sup> when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors. Novice competitions are open to those dancers who have not placed 1st in Novice in the dance entered when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>13 &amp; O</b>
Reel	301	315	329	343	357
Light Jig	302	316	330	344	358
Slip Jig	303	317	331	345	359
Single Jig	304	318	332	346	360
Treble Jig	305	319	333	347	361
Hornpipe	306	320	334	348	362
Traditional Set	307	321	335	349	363

## PRIZEWINNER

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1<sup>st</sup> Place in a Novice dance when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.

	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	401	415	429	443	457	471
Light Jig	402	416	430	444	458	472
Slip Jig	403	417	431	445	459	473
Single Jig	404	418	432	446	460	474
Treble Jig	405	419	433	447	461	475
Hornpipe	406	420	434	448	462	476
Traditional Set	407	421	435	449	463	477

## PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Open to any dancer who has not placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an Open Championship within the previous 2 years and has not placed 1st in three Preliminaries. Requirements: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance. U9 must dance Traditional Set.

	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
<b>GIRLS &amp; BOYS</b>	700	702	704	706	708

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Requirements: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance. U9 must dance Traditional Set.

	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	17 & O
<b>GIRLS &amp; BOYS</b>	750	752	754	756	758	759

## ADULT \*Hardshoe may be done at fast or slow speeds.

A dancer over the age of 18 who has not danced in the above described competitions for a period of five years. Dancers who are in the Adult categories cannot enter any competition other than Adult specified competitions. A dancer who wishes to return to any category other than Adult **must** remain out of Adult competitions for five consecutive years before returning.

	BEGINNER	NOVICE	PRIZEWINNER	ADULT FIGURES	
Reel	608	615	622	2-Hand Reel	651
Light Jig	609	616	623	3-Hand Reel	652
Slip Jig	610	617	624	4-Hand Dance *	653
Single Jig	611	618	625	6-Hand Dance *	654
Treble Jig	612	619	626	8-Hand Dance *	655
Hornpipe	613	620	627	Parent/Child 2-Hand	660
Traditional Set	614	621	628	* Must be book dances.	

## SPECIALS

					Grades- All Ages	Champs- All Ages
Slip Jig Special	Open to all ages / all levels – one step of a Slip Jig danced down the line				931	939
PANDA Charity Treble Reel Special*	Open to all ages / all levels- one step of a slow speed Treble Reel danced down the line.				952	953

## FIGURES

\* Must be book dances.

	Beginner				Open				
	Beginner figures open only to teams where ALL team members are in beginner for at least one solo dance.				Open figure dancing is open to anyone.				
	U7	U9	U13	13&O	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
2-Hand Reel	815	820	825	830	855	860	865	870	875
3-Hand Reel	816	821	826	831	856	861	866	871	876
4-Hand Dance *					857	862	867	872	877
6-Hand Dance *					858	863	868	873	878
8-Hand Dance *					859	864	869	874	879

Charity Special Organizations Info:

**\*PANDA** stands for "People Acting Now Discover Answers." It is the nickname for the Phoenix Women's Board of the Steele Children's Research Center at the University of Arizona. PANDA is committed to raising funds to improve treatments and develop cures for devastating childhood diseases. PANDA is proud to fund and recruit internationally recognized physician-scientists investigating a wide range of pediatric disorders. The Steele Children's Research Center at the U of A is the only pediatric research hospital in the state of Arizona, and is one of the U of A's 15 Centers of Excellence. The 2017 event proceeds will help fund the **PANDA Personalized Pediatric Medicine Project** and endowment. The objective of this project is to conduct pilot studies and establish an integrated system for personalized medical approaches to treat children suffering from complex diseases including cancer. A customized treatment approach will enable researchers to identify markers in a child's genetic sequence that influence why certain treatments work and others fail. Identifying precise genomic signatures will help provide a more direct route from diagnosis to successful treatment for each patient. This research is on the cutting edge of medical science, and PANDA looks forward to funding a project with such far-reaching potential! Thank you for your support. PANDA is a 501 ©3non-profit organization.

The following applies to all Feis in the Desert social media profiles:

*Our public online presences are intended to keep supporters, sponsors, dancers and family members informed of the happenings and updates of all Feis in the Desert events and the events hosted by our organization.*

*Feis in the Desert is a family-friendly page that promotes sportsmanship and upholding the art of Irish Dance. Feel free to "like" "share" and "re-Tweet" postings as well as post comments, messages, links, pictures, video, etc. but understand that we do not allow graphic, obscene, explicit or racial comments or submissions nor do we allow comments that are abusive, hateful or intended to defame anyone or any organization. We will not allow our posts to be used to solicit, advertise or promote any other organization unless specifically posted by Feis in the Desert ([www.feisinthedesert.org](http://www.feisinthedesert.org)) or permissions have been given by our organization.*

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