

Colin Dunne

The internationally renowned choreographer and dancer from "Riverdance - The Show" and "Dancing on Dangerous Ground" returns in May 2012 for a workshop in Germany! The nine-times World Champion, described by the "Irish Post" as "the greatest Irish Dancer of all time", has already taught masterclass workshops all over the world. We are extremely proud to welcome him to Wiesbaden for the fourth time.

For his solo show 'Out of Time' Colin was nominated for a UK Critics Circle National Dance Award (Best Male Dancer), and a UK Laurence Olivier Award (Outstanding Achievement in Dance). You can find more information about Colin Dunne on his website: www.colindunne.com

Colin's masterclasses are very intensive workshops, mostly because Colin pays a great deal of attention to detail and basic technique. So it is quite possible that your old, familiar steps could suddenly look very different after a weekend with this master dancer.

Masterclass

Colin Dunne offers his six hour masterclasses in 2 levels (up to primary / intermediate & higher). Each masterclass takes place over two workshop days. This time, Colin will also be teaching an additional two hour class in improvisation for Irish dancers:

Saturday, 26th May 2012:

Level 1: 3.00-6.15 pm 3 hours softshoe (up to primary)

Sunday, 27th May 2012:

Level 1: 10 am-1.15 pm 3 hours hardshoe (up to primary)

Level 2: 2.00-5.15 pm 3 hours softshoe (intermediate and higher)

Monday (Whitsun), 28th May 2012:

Level 2: 10 am-1.15 pm 3 hours harshoe (intermediate and higher)

Improv.: 2.00-4.00 pm 2 hours improvisation for Irish dancers

Colin Dunne: "All the material taught will be appropriate to the level at which students are, with the main focus being on technique and an overall sense of dance, fun, and good old hard work!"

Please contact us for advice if you are having difficulty deciding which level is the most appropriate for you, or if you would like further information about what the level descriptions mean. However, the intensive work on basic technique involved in the masterclass means that even less practiced dancers will be able to follow Colin's workshop.

Up to Primary Dancers are expected to have at least basic knowledge of Irish dancing (basic rhythms, timing, foot placement, basic steps ...).
In this workshop, Colin will concentrate on basic softshoe and hardshoe technique with a focus on precision of rhythm and the relationship of the dance to the music. Naturally, Colin will also teach new steps both for softshoe and hardshoe.

Intermediate / Higher As well as a basic knowledge of Irish dancing, participants are expected to have further dancing experience.
In this workshop, Colin will focus more on the softshoe and hardshoe techniques required for more advanced steps. Here, too, Colin places a strong emphasis on rhythmic precision and the relationship of the dance to the music. You will improve your technique and also learn new steps and rhythms.

Improvisation This class, which has been developed by Colin with students in Irish step dance at the University of Limerick, will serve as an introduction to rhythmical improvisation in hardshoe. This requires that students are already comfortable and competent in hardshoe technique, and are open to exploring their creative side. We will be working with very simple Irish dance vocabulary so that students will be able to focus on the practice of improvising in real time with that material.

Colin starts all classes with an extensive and thorough warm-up!

You can find information about Colin's past workshops under "archive of past events" at:

www.irish-dancing.de/events/event_allevents.html