

IMDA DECADE OF DANCE AWARD

IMDA's Decade of Dance Award recognizes the significant commitment that some students make to Irish Dance. The dancers who receive this award have studied Irish dance for at least 10 years; for most it represents the major portion of their young lives. They have shared a very special element of Irish culture with audiences in all kinds of settings from community festivals and concert halls to nursing homes and schools. Along the way, they delight audiences, make friends, and serve as delightful and engaging ambassadors for Irish culture to the greater community.

The awards are presented at IMDA's Day of Irish Dance at Landmark Center. The dancers receive a personalized certificate and a special Decade of Dance medal.

An Irish dancer interested in receiving IMDA's Decade of Dance Award must submit an application to be reviewed and approved by IMDA's Decade of Dance Award Committee.

The dancer must meet all of the following criteria:

- Participated in Irish Dance for 10 full years. Dancers applying for the award to be presented in March 2017 must have started studying Irish dance in the Fall of 2006 or before.
- A full year begins in the Fall and ends in the Spring (Summers are optional)
- A minimum of one (1) full year must be with a Twin Cities Irish dance school or performance group.
- Performed at least once at IMDA's St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration or IMDA Day of Irish Dance
- Injured dancers are still required to have attended classes during their recovery.
- Be recommended by an Irish Dance Instructor or Director from the Twin Cities.

The application deadline for 2017 is Dec. 1, 2016. Applications may be submitted electronically to DecadeofDance@IrishMusicandDanceAssociation.org or by U S mail to Jan Casey, 400 Macalester St., St. Paul, MN 55105. Applications will be reviewed by the committee to ensure each applicant meets the criteria guidelines above, and confirmation will be provided by February 1, 2017.

Applications are available on the Irish Music and Dance Association website - <http://www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/decadeofdanceaward.html> or by contacting Jan Casey at Jan.Casey@IrishMusicandDanceAssociation.org.