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# Local Irish dancers compete with the world's best

Three Georgetown Irish Dancers with the Butler Fearon O'Connor School of Irish Dance brought home award medals from the World Championships at Dublin Ireland.

Competing for the first time at the World Championships level, 11-year-old Claire Gormley made it through to the finals. Claire's competition had 147 dancers. After dancing two rounds— one hard shoe dance and one soft shoe dance— the judges selected 50 girls to compete in the finals. Claire met her personal goal of recalling into the finals and was thrilled to come home with a finalist medal for doing so.

Claire has been the Eastern Canadian Irish Dance Champion for the last two years. She is a Grade 6 student at St Francis of Assisi School in Georgetown and has been Irish dancing since she was just seven years old.

Anderson brothers Nicholas, 20, and Patrick, 17, also both made it into the finals in their respective competitions. Nicholas placed eighth overall against 40 young men from all over the globe and brought home a world place medal which gives him an automatic bye into next year's world championships in Belfast.

Patrick scored 13th overall, slightly lower than his ninth placing last year but an outstanding achievement given that he missed nine weeks of training between Christmas and the end



Nicholas Anderson, Claire Gormley, and Patrick Anderson travelled to Ireland this spring to compete in the World Irish Dancing Championship.

of February when he was down with mononucleosis.

"I really didn't think Pat would be able to make it to the World's this year," said Kathy Irvine, their teacher and former World Champion. "When Patrick returned to classes in late February after being so sick he had lost all his muscle mass and stamina and could only dance a few steps before having to sit down from exhaustion. His determination and commitment to get back in shape for the Worlds is so admirable and to pull off a 13th placing is just outstanding."

Stamina and muscle strength are two critical contributors to success for both male and female Irish dance competitors. The intricate foot tapping (or trebling as it is referred to in Irish dance), high kicks and jumps— all executed while keeping the upper body and arms absolutely still

requires a level of conditioning that would surpass athletes in many other disciplines. On top of all this the dancers must have excellent musical timing, stage presence and an ability to think on their feet.

Irish dancers compete dancing to live musicians and with several dancers on the stage at the same time. Each dancer does his or her own choreography moving about the stage so they must adjust their own dancing pattern 'on the fly' to avoid a collision and to ensure they have room for their own kicks and jumps and can always be seen by the judging panel. It's a lot to execute all at once, said Irvine.

"Claire shows wonderful natural talent and dedication at such a young age I expect she will continue to move up her placing in the world. I must also say how much I respect the older students like Nicholas who juggle attending university with training and competing at a world level," adds Irvine.

University exams fell in the same time period as the World Championships this year for the second-year Ryerson University student.

"I had been training hard all winter but didn't know if I would be able to attend," said Nicholas. "I wrote a couple of exams before I left, finished one essay on my flight over to Ireland and emailed it back to my professor, then studied for the last exam on the flight home. I'm sure my classmates think I'm crazy but doing as well as I did made it all worthwhile."

The Butler Fearon O'Connor School of Irish Dance in Canada which is headed by Rose Fearon ADCRG of Toronto sent 22 dancers to compete at the World Championships. The school had the best results of any North American school including two World Champions, Emily Penner, 22 of Caledon and Michaela Hinds, 16, of Brampton.

For more information contact Kathy Irvine, 905-693-0765.



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Reporting to the Manager of Development Review, this contract position provides administrative support for those Planning staff directly involved in the processing of development applications.

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- Serves as back-up for Development and Policy Administrative Assistants.
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### Salary Range:

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Qualified candidates may submit a detailed resume in confidence to the undersigned by **4:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2011**. Please quote Posting No. 201120 on your resume.

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