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NEW IRISH DANCE SCHOOL OPENS IN DOWNTOWN LAKE FOREST

The [Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance](http://www.fitzpatrickschoolofirishdance.com) is thrilled to bring traditional Irish dance to the Lake Forest community beginning in spring of 2022. Lessons are offered at Collective Dance, an in-town studio located at 295 E. Illinois, with plans to expand locations as the school grows.

Founded by local resident and certified Irish dance instructor Katie Fitzpatrick T.C.R.G., the Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance provides traditional and contemporary styles of Irish dance in all forms, including solos, figures, céilís and choreographies. The program is designed to honor both the art and discipline of Irish dance.

“My goal is to empower dancers with the skills and confidence to bring joy to others through Irish dance,” said Katie. “I am excited and honored to bring this beautiful tradition, one that has been passed down for generations in Ireland, to the Lake Forest community.”

Beginner soft shoe lessons are offered to children ages 3 and up. Advanced lessons, heavy shoe and adult classes will be provided based on student progression and community demand. Spirit wear is available exclusively through Kiddles Sports in Market Square.

In addition to the **Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance**, a supporting non-profit organization is launching in fall of 2022. Internationally inspired and locally minded, the mission of the **FSID Foundation** is to cultivate a deeper appreciation for global culture by expanding educational and recreational opportunities related to Irish music, dance, arts and sport on the North Shore and beyond.

For more information, visit www.fitzpatrickschoolofirishdance.com.

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