

Feis in the Desert 2010

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Dear Dancers and Families:

We are happy to invite dancers, parents and teachers to our **20th Annual Feis in the Desert**, to be held at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort in Historic Downtown Chandler, Arizona. Come experience our sunny winters in the Desert Southwest, come join us in January — you're in for a treat! Please note: our event this year falls on the three-day Martin Luther King Holiday — plenty of time to travel! Our 2010 theme is **"The Heat is On!"** — celebrating the fabulous weather in the Valley of the Sun!

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 15, 16 & 17, 2010

www.feisinthedesert.org

Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort

One San Marcos Place, Chandler, AZ 85225

1-800-528-8071 • or register through our website

January in Arizona has traditionally offered mild weather in the mid-70s — a wonderful time of year to come out of the snow and cold, visit relatives, and bask under our sunny skies! Dr. A.J. Chandler built the San Marcos Resort in the same year Arizona became the 48th state — 1912, naming it after Friar Marcos DeNiza, who is said to have visited the Chandler area in 1539 while searching for the mythical "Seven Cities of Cibola." His dream is still here — an oasis in the desert, a resort that has tempted the rich and famous from all over the world. Come walk the halls with President Herbert Hoover, Clark Gable, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Jimmy Stewart, Joan Crawford, Errol Flynn!

We have secured a Special Feis Rate of \$120.00 (please ask for "Irish Dance"), or by online registration through our website which will automatically calculate the rate. The Crowne Plaza San Marcos has graciously waived the \$8.00 winter resort fee for our visitors. Super Shuttle (602-225-2225) is available as a ground transportation provider to and from Phoenix International Airport. Amenities include special Golf rates, free shuttle to Chandler Fashion Center, heated pool & on-site Starbucks! On the square in Downtown Chandler are a unique collection of eclectic art galleries, trendy shops and award-winning restaurants, a local brewery and an Arizona winery, the Urban Tea Loft, and Murphy's Law Irish Pub! Also on our weekend, is Chandler's "Multi-Cultural Festival" — a premier Saturday event held Downtown, right across the street!

Entries for dance and non-dance competitions may be made through www.efeis.com, with **registration deadline of December 28, 2009**, with late registration accepted until January 6, 2010. The Order of Events is on the website, with all Preliminary and Open Championship Solos to be held on Saturday.

Are you this year's "Irish Idol" or Irish Top Baker? The cultural event, "Irish Idol" (with the audience as judge!) will be held on Friday evening at Cibola's (the original hotel speakeasy), with accompanying hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. The "Ducts on Parade" duct tape competition entries may be turned in both days - a challenging creation for this year, Project Flip Flops! Irish Baking Competition information is online.

Back by popular demand is the C.E.R.F. Double Jig Special Competition to be held not once but **twice!** — open to all ages/all levels on Saturday **and** Sunday! Enter for one event or **both!** This event benefits the Chandler Emergency Relief Fund established by members of the City of Chandler Fire Department, with all proceeds going to the Fund. Our Chandler firefighters will again be on-hand to present awards — everyone comes away with a gift!

Our Feis Committee will make every effort to ensure an enjoyable Feis weekend. We look forward to hearing from you, and hope to see you in January 2010! Please visit our website for updates, www.feisinthedesert.org.

Regards,

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