Rekordlang Riverdance linje fejres i Dublin i denne weekend!

Søndag den 21. juli kl 12.00 vil Riverdance entusiaster i Dublin gøre en helhjertet indsats på at slå alle tidligere forsøg på at danne den længste Riverdance linje og dermed komme i den berømte 'Guinness Book of Records'. Alt dette sker som et led i 'the Gathering Ireland 2013' som er et helt års fejring af alt, hvad der er irsk – folket, den unikke kultur og den rige historie.

Det forventes at over 2300 mennesker vil dukke op og hjælpe til med at gøre linjedans eventen til en 'record-breaker'! Danseglade mennesker fra 44 lande har allerede tilmeldt sig og de vil blive sikkert ledt igennem strabadserne af den berømte Riverdance danserinde, Jean Butler. Jean Butler er en danser fra New York med irske rødder, som tog verden med storm for 19 år siden, da det aller første Riverdance show løb af stablen ved Eurovision finalen i Dublin i 1994.

Det er langt fra alle deltagere der er professionelle dansere, men alle forventes at mestre de basale Riverdance trin, som de blandt andet har modtaget hjælp til via online tutorials. Linjen vil strække sig over en kilometer langs floden Liffey i Dublins centrum og forbi nogle af byens mest ikoniske monumenter såsom 'Convention Centre Dublin', 'Custom House' og på tværs af den smukke 'Samuel Beckett Bridge' opkaldt efter den irske nobelpris vindende forfatter af samme navn.

Linjedans rekord forsøget er en del af 'Riverdance – the Gathering' som er en enestående event i anledningen af The Gathering Ireland 2013, som lægger navn til over 4000 arrangementer, store som små, over hele Irland i 2013.

Vidste du det?

Det første Riverdance show løb af stablen d. 30 april 1994, som en del af det internationale melodi grand prix i Dublin. Omkring 30 millioner seere verden over så showet.

12,000 kostumer og 14,000 sko er blevet slidt op af de knap 1500 dansere.

Der er noteret 39 ægteskaber blandt medlemmerne af truppen.

Since Riverdance began performances in Dublin 1995, the show has…

- Played 10,000 performances
- Been seen live by over 23 million people in over 350 venues world-wide, throughout 45 countries across 6 continents
- Travelled 600,000 miles (or to the moon and back!)
- Played to a global television audience of 2 billion people
- Sold over 3 million copies of the Grammy Award-winning CD
- Sold 10 million Riverdance videos & DVDs
- Performed recently to America's first family: Michelle, Sasha and Malia Obama at the Gaiety Theatre. First Lady, Michelle Obama was first on her feet leading the standing ovation at the end of the show.

And there have been...

- 1,500 Irish Dancers
- 14,000 Dance shoes used
- 12,000 Costumes worn
- 200,000 Gallons of water consumed
- 60,000 Gallons of Gatorade consumed
- 1,650,000 Show programmes sold
- 60 Marriages between company members including the gorgeous Niamh O'Connor and Padraic Moyles who are here with us today!
- 20,000 Cumulative years of study in step-dancing by Irish Dancers
- 45,000 Rolls of self-grip tape used by company physiotherapists
- 15,000 Hours of rehearsals on tour
- 5,500,000 Pounds of dry ice used on stage
- 60,000 Pounds of chocolate consumed (for energy!) by the cast

Riverdance Director John McColgan said "Through music and dance, Riverdance tells the story of the emigrant's departure from Ireland, striking-out into a new world overseas all the while keeping their Irish heritage and traditions alive. This is a beautifully poetic fit with the central themes of the Gathering and we are really looking forward to bringing it back to Dublin. I think there will be a real *"where were you?"* moment- when people see and hear those sights and sounds that have become so much a part of how Ireland is now known overseas"

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