

# The Children of Aniar



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## *Irish Dance Production Showcases Local Talent*

Laguna Niguel, California, May 1, 2003 - The Aniar Academy of Irish Dance is proud to present its musical and dance production, *The Children of Aniar, A Celebration of Irish Dance*. This musical event will feature the award-winning Irish step dancers of the Aniar (pronounced A-near) Academy. The dancers will be accompanied by the live music of Orange County's traditional Irish and pub-rock band, The American Wake ([www.theamericanwake.com](http://www.theamericanwake.com)), as well as the "eclectic Celtic" sounds of Tintangel (<http://www.otheroom.com/tintangel/>).

Entertaining for audiences of all ages, *The Children of Aniar* incorporates the show-stopping excitement of Irish Celtic dance with the mystique of Irish legend, music, and song. The cast features the award-winning dancers of the Aniar Academy, accompanied by intoxicating music, spectacular costumes, and stunning choreography that makes this production a memorable event.

Theresa Thomas LaBlanc and Christine Byrne, co-directors of the Aniar Academy, are credited with bringing Irish dance to South Orange County. Established in 1995, the school has grown to over 150 students and boasts numerous championship dancers. "The Children of Aniar" is our chance to share with the community the passion we have for Irish dance, and to showcase our many talented dancers", comments LaBlanc. The production is choreographed, produced, and presented entirely by the directors and dancers of the Aniar Academy.

The show will be held on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. and again at 4:00 p.m. at St. Anne School, 32451 Bear Brand Road in Laguna Niguel. General admission tickets are selling for \$10 each and may be purchased at the door or by calling the ticket hotline at 949/348-8468.

The Aniar Academy is an Irish dance school located in Laguna Niguel. "Aniar" is a Gaelic word meaning "from the West" and is the school's way of letting everyone know that Irish culture is alive and well in Sunny California. For additional information on Aniar Academy or the show, please contact Debbie Foster at 949/496-6832.

