

Peelo School dances to new, permanent home in Celbridge

by Kim Mullahey

THE Peelo School of Dance officially opened doors to a new and permanent home on Saturday evening, 27th March at the M4 Business Park in Celbridge.

The move is the fruition of a dream long held by proprietor, Celbridge native Deirdre Brennan and her mother, Antoinette Peelo

Brennan, who founded the school 30 years ago.

"We were in school halls before this and we still are in a few," said Deirdre at the opening of her new premises, "but this has been a dream of mine.

"I finally have the space I have wanted and it's very exciting.

Although rooted in the ballet, the school operating

nationally offers hip-hop, Salsa, tap and other dance disciplines to children and adults.

The Peelo School has spawned competitive dancers over three decades, some of them locally.

"My two girls have been dancing for more than 20 years," said Moira Baxter, Maynooth.

"Sarah has gone on to London to study acting, and Ciara is going back to college.

The school has also led to life-long links with former students who had gone on to further their education only to return to teach a new generation of young dancers.

"My daughter has been with Deirdre (Brennan) since she was three years old," said Lila Flynn, Old Carton, Maynooth.

"Rebecca was in Austria and Romania for ballet school for one and a-half years and is back to teach with Deirdre.

"She is also a teacher at Maynooth Boys School."

The new first-floor permanent premises provide the school with more space for a variety of dance disciplines and storage for costumes.

"We have instructors coming over from England all the time," said Deirdre, a Fellow of the International Dance Teachers Association, "so now we have the space and I am so delighted."

Contact the Peelo School of Dance at (01) 627 5570, or email info@peelodance.ie.

The school website is at www.peelodance.ie with links to Facebook, Bebo and Twitter.



Paula Durkan, Caroline Brady, Caroline Johnston and Ruth Nelligan.



Shirley Finn and Seamus and Catherine Mulryan.



Triona Mulryan, Aimie and Assumpta Daignan.



Deirdre Brennan pictured in her new dance studio.



Padraig Madden, Fiona and Aisling Gobi and Aoife O'Neill.

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