

Charlene Adzima - Irish Dance and Music



Ohio native and Reno resident **Charlene Adzima** has studied Irish dancing since 1996 under Ann Richens and 1993 Senior Men's World Champion John Timm in Columbus, Ohio. She has competed and performed all over the midwestern United States in many feiseanna, including the regional competition, the Oireachtas. Additionally, Charlene has been playing Irish fiddle for over 15 years and has competed and performed all over the world, winning the 2005 Midwest Senior Irish Fiddle Championship and twice qualified to compete in Ireland at the Fleadh Cheoil na h Eireann for the World Championship. She has always been interested in combining the best Irish dancing with the best Irish music, marrying the two so the performance reaches the highest peaks of the Irish tradition and modern entertainment. Charlene believes firmly that all musicians should understand the dances they play for, as well as all dancers should understand the music they dance to. All dance students should expect to learn simple tunes on the Irish whistle, the traditional introductory instrument in Irish music and the better understanding of Irish dance.