



For our 50th Celebration The Marie Duffy Foundation has sponsored an amazing suite of music entitled 'An Astrail 50 years a growing'.

A special souvenir CD of this piece of music will be available for purchase at the Australian Championships in Adelaide following the Opening Celebration and throughout the event. All monies raised will be sent to the MDF.

In addition, at the Australian Championships, AIDA Inc will be supporting the MDF with a Shoe Bank 'Shoes for Shining Stars'.

The Shoe bank helps young aspiring dancers in new developing areas where resources are scarce and children can only dream of having a pair of their very own dance shoes to practise their new found passion of Irish dance. It aims to assist at the grass roots of Irish Dance where dancers have to share shoes and maybe only get to use them every third or fourth week in class. Such is the demand and sadly the inequity on our planet.

We are therefore appealing to the extended family in Irish Dance to make donations of good quality second hand shoes to the Shoe Bank. The shoes will then be sorted and sent out all over the World to places where a pair of shoes may be equivalent to two to three months wages. These shoes will be gratefully received by the *Shining Stars* in these areas.

The shoe bank will be located in the vendor's area in Adelaide. Please go along and visit the Shoe Bank and write a little message to accompany your donation and support to dancers less fortunate than yourself.

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