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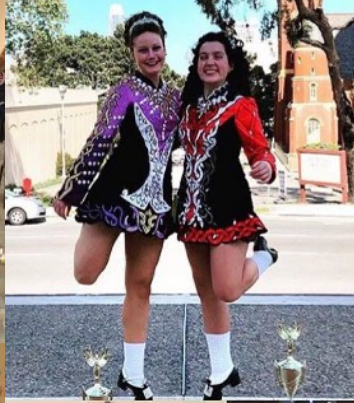


Welcome to
Champs Amy!!!!

McKeever dancers had another great two day feis weekend hosted by the Whelan Academy at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. We had over thirty dancers competing each day! Dancers Ella R. and Shannan O. competed for the first time this weekend, and dancers Eva S., Anja R., and Bella R. made their debuts as Preliminary Champions. Every dancer made their teachers proud and all of the hard work we've been seeing in and out of class was reflected in the results!

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Also a big congratulations to Morgan M. and Bridget M. who placed 1st and 3rd in Open Championships, a great achievement and a record win for both dancers! Preliminary Champion Heather N. secured her second 1st place which puts her one win away from achieving Open Champion. This weekend also saw an outstanding performance by young dancer Amy D. who moved her last dance out of Novice and won three first places in Prizewinner to become our newest Champion dancer at the young age of 7!! We also had Libby P. compete in Las Vegas this month, and Natalie M. representing the McKeever School at a two day feis in Seattle. Keep up the momentum dancers! The next local feis is just around the corner in San Jose the first weekend of June.



Annual Benefit at St. Anthony's

Our dancers performed for the third year in a row at Father John Healy's fundraiser for two ministry outreach projects to benefit homeless suffering from AIDS, and MVP which is a group for at risk youth. Father John is an active member of the Irish Community here in Sacramento and even blessed our studio when we first opened at CLARA. It is a great experience to use our dance to help those in need and we look forward to hopefully performing again next year!



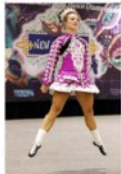
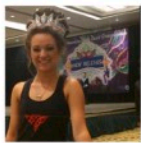
Win An Irish Dance Practice Pad!!!

McKeever School Raffle

Don't miss out on your raffle date and chance to win a pink limited edition Harley practice pad! (worth \$160 and makes it easy to practice anywhere!)



Money made from this raffle go toward Bridget and Morgans' travel expenses and entry fees to participate in the North American Irish Dance Championships on June 30th!



Morgan Martin is 22 years old and an Open Champion. She travels all the way from Reno Nevada to attend classes on the weekend. She is studying to become a doctor one day and balances dance, college, and internships and is always a positive hardworking student. These girls are going to be competing against hundreds of the best dancers from around the world.

Bridget Floyd is 26 years old and a full time Geologist who travels the country and helps to make levees safe. She recently came out of a ten year retirement and is the highest level called Open Champion. Bridget is active in the Irish community and helps out with a folk dance troupe called Sacramento Irish Folk Dancers and is always a helpful role model to her fellow students. It is an honor to have them represent the McKeever school!

Ticket pricing starts at 5 for \$5. You can buy any amount of tickets at that \$1 per ticket rate.

Save the date!!!

Bring money and buy your tickets in the hall during class on the following date only:

Tuesday classes: April 24th
 Wednesday classes: May 2nd
 Thursday classes: May 10th
 Monday classes: May 14th

We have a raffle this month that is being organized by our CLARA intern Elena where you can win your very own Irish Dance Practice Pad. The Practice Pad has been donated to our school by the Fannon family. We will be raffling this off to raise travel funds for our two Open Champions Morgan M. and Bridget F. to compete at the North American National Championships this summer in Orlando. You can buy your tickets in person over the next four weeks. Check out the flyer for more details! Tickets are \$5 and the Practice Pad is valued at \$160, what a deal!

Woodland Celtic Games

The last weekend in April the McKeever Dancers put on two days and five 30 minute performances at the Woodland Celtic Game at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. In years past this was strictly a Scottish Cultural event but now the games include Irish and other Celtic groups. The hope is that next year we can perform and also host grade exams at this event. Grade exams allow a dancer to prove they have passed certain levels in their Irish Dance knowledge and ability. These exams differ from competition but are still adjudicated by an expert. Grade exams also allow a dancer to sit their TCRG or teachers examination once they have passed all 12 levels. Hopefully we can add this to next years event! Thank you to all the dancers who performed and all our dancers who came out to support and cheer on their friends!!



Hollywood Park Learns the Reel and Jig!

Miss McKeever's second session of teaching at Hollywood Park Elementary as part of CLARA's Arts Education Outreach program ended this month. Students in the Hollywood Park Elementary third grade class earned their Jig Ribbon after learning the full dance, as well as learning the first step of the reel, and skips! More importantly they were taught valuable life lessons that an arts education provides such as confidence, physical fitness, and trying hard even though you may make mistakes!



Upcoming Events

MAY 6th 10:00AM - 11:30AM

The Pilates Dancer Workshop

We are so lucky to have Leah Bueno back in our studio for a second workshop next month! Don't miss this opportunity to gain her expertise in injury prevention and technique correction. Many of our dancers have already seen valuable results from her advice!

MAY 12th

Rancho Cordova IFest

(Fun Fact: this was our first show as a school many years ago!)

MAY 19th

Celtic Woman Pre-Show Lobby Performance - Gallo Center For the Arts in Modesto

MAY 26-27

Saint Ambrose Feis in Los Angeles

May 27-28th - Memorial Day Weekend

No Classes

JUNE 1-2

Silicon Valley/Lucky 7's Feis in San Jose

June 9th

Performance at the Motherlode Scottish Games - Yolo County Fairgrounds

JULY 1-21st

Summer Break

JULY 28th

California National Day of Dance - Performance and Workshop

WORKSHOPS!!!

**EMAIL TO REGISTER
ONLY \$10**

Sunday May 13th

****Experience and learn part of an 8 hand Team Dance - One Day Only!****

What does it look like?? [Check out video!](#)

8 Hand Team - Kids Workshop 2:30-3:30 (\$10 per dancer) [SIGN UP HERE](#)

8 Hand Team - Teens and Adults Workshop 3:30-4:30 (\$10 per dancer) [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Sunday May 20th

Parents Workshop - Try Out Irish Dance!! 2:30-3:30 (\$10 per dancer) Are you a parent of a dancer and ever wanted to try a class but don't have the time? Try it out for fun, meet new people and learn a dance! [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Bring a Friend to Dance - 3:30-4:30 (\$10 per dancer, enrolled student gets in free) Are you dancer already enrolled in classes but want to bring your friend to a class? Here is your chance! You get in free and your friend only pays \$10! [SIGN UP HERE](#)