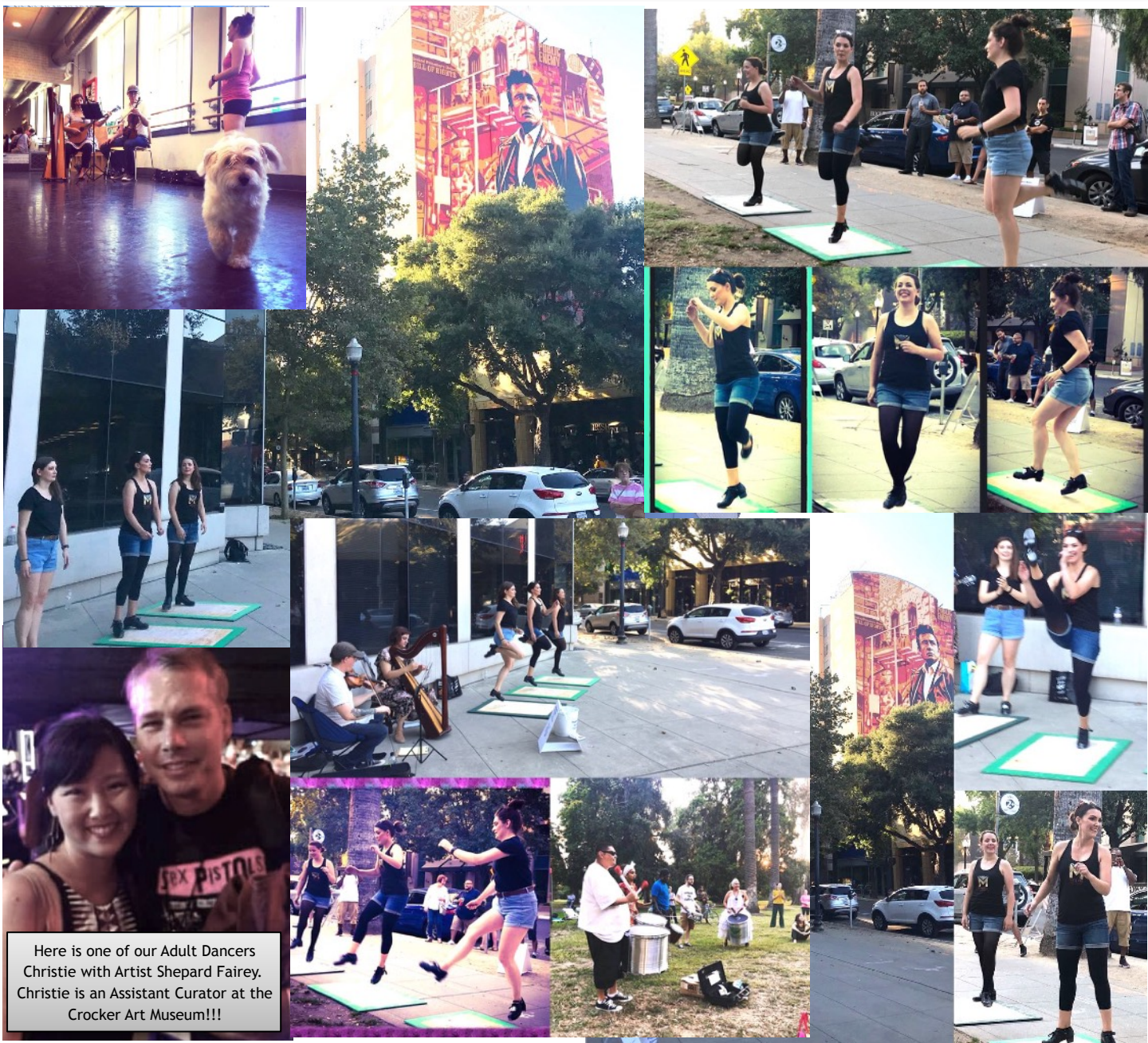


WIDE OPEN WALLS

Another fantastic Arts event in Sacramento this month was the “Wide Open Walls” mural festival which brings world-renowned artists to the city to paint! The two week festival ended with “Busking Sundays”.

Ms. McKeever and dancers Bridget F. and Natalie M. danced in front of the new Johnny Cash mural by Shepard Fairey in downtown. They were accompanied by musicians Liz Ryder (who you might remember from this year’s showcase) and Erik from the band The Pikeys. We ended up doing a surprise collaboration with drummers from our CLARA neighbor’s at the Brazilian Cultural Exchange. Our dancer’s traded taps with their energizing drumming! We would love to collaborate with them in the future!

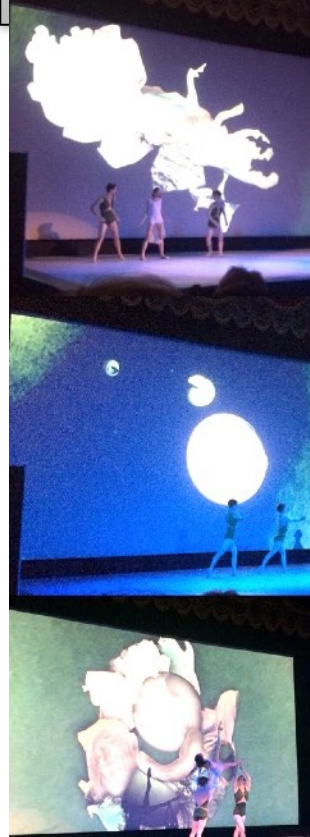


Here is one of our Adult Dancers Christie with Artist Shepard Fairey. Christie is an Assistant Curator at the Crocker Art Museum!!!

Behind the Barre

We got to know our CLARA neighbors at the Sacramento Ballet a little better this summer! Capital Dance Project is a dancer-run company made up of members of the Sac Ballet's Professional Dancers. This year we had artwork by two of our dancers featured in CDP's Behind the Barre show at the Crest Theater.

Dancer Millie K. had her imaginative drawings featured in a number by choreographer Christopher Nachtrab that celebrated the art of Sacramento's youth. Dancer Natalie M. was chosen as an artist collaborator and created an abstract digital animation for choreographer Shania Rasmussen's piece. We are huge admirers of how Capital Dance Project pushes the boundaries of their art form and embraces the spirit of collaboration!



Millie's Artwork shows an Irish Dancer pushing themselves to conquer a fear!

Studio to Stage Camp

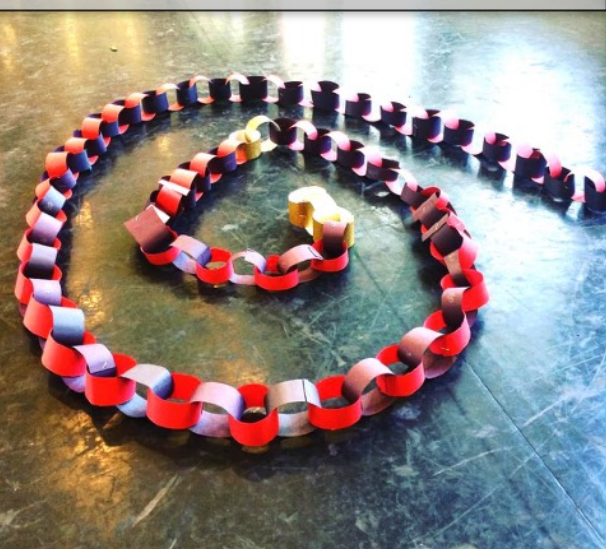
Our Open Champion Dancer Sara S. had the experience of a lifetime this summer dancing with the Studio2Stage camp in New Jersey and NYC. Learning from expert performers and choreographers (and Ms. McKeever's fellow Riverdance alumni!) the camp culminated in a group performance in the heart of Time's Square as well as a major performance on stage! (note: I wasn't sure where the finale show took place?) Great work Sara!



Sarah got to work with leading choreographers and Riverdance stars Andy O'Reilly and Kieran Hardiman who both toured with Miss McKeever!

Oireachtas Training Countdown

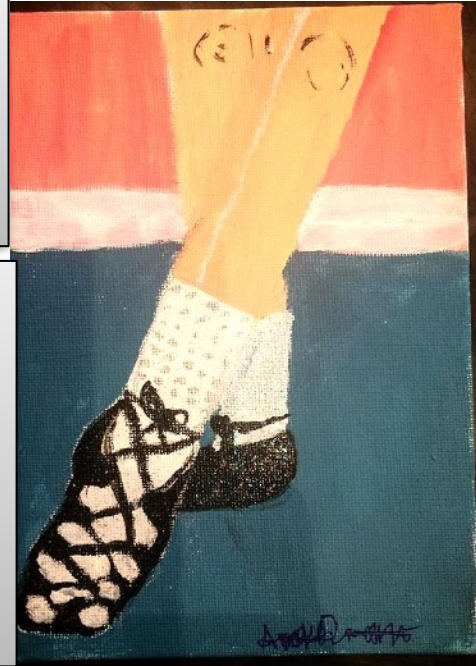
Thanks to dancers Olive and Ruby K. who made us a decorative countdown to the next local feis in San Ramon, as well as the Regional Championships in Portland! It is a great visual reminder of how many days we have to train before the Oireachtas arrives - less than 100 days!



Dancer's Corner

Dancer Avery R. Created this lovely painting for our Studio! Thanks so much Avery!

Three of our dancers headed down to Palm Springs to compete this month! Dancers Megan L., Aurora L., and Noah L., all received awards and are on the way their way to reaching their goals. Megan had her first time competing after injuring herself last fall! Great job dancers and keep it up.



New Gear Order is Here!!

It's that time of year again! The latest gear order is up on our website. This includes new items designed by Natalie McKeever and our Team Sparkle Jackets!

Deadline to order is September 22nd so you can get your gear in time for the October East Bay Feis and The Western Regional Championships. Go to www.McKeeverDance.com and check it out!!



1. Alternative Backstage Vintage 50/50 Tee AA5064
Color: Black
Ladies XS-2XL



2. Alternative Sideline Vintage 50/50 Tee AA5055
Color: Smoke/White
Adult XS-3XL



Front



Back

3. Sport-Tek Posicharge Tough Mesh Full-Button Jersey ST220
Color: Black
Adult XS-4XL



4. Port & Company Core Blend Tee PC55Y/PC55/LPC55
Color: Athletic Heather
Youth XS-XL, S-6XL, Ladies XS-4XL



5. Port & Company Core Blend Tee PC55Y/PC55/LPC55
Color: Jet Black
Youth XS-XL, S-6XL, Ladies XS-4XL



6. Port Authority Garment Washed Caps PWU
Color: Black



7. Port Authority Canvas Cinch Bag B119
Color: Black/Charcoal

Fairytale Town Workshop

This month we had fun teaching and Irish Dance workshop at Fairytale Town in Land Park! Kids enrolled in their Camp got to learn some basics of Irish Dance!! Pictured to the left is Miss Nicole and Miss Natalie at Fairytale town back in 1989 when they were visiting their Aunt and Uncle!!



Our Next Big Show is the KVMR Celtic Festival in Grass Valley! Don't Miss out on this fun one! Sign the Google Doc before the deadline of Sept 29th!



Check out the event at <https://kvmrcelticfestival.org>

SIGN UP HERE

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HSWR-ziBrILSXAgF3-phvzOPL6ltHolldViA3bG6bw/edit>

Open Champion Dancer Marcella M. came to her last dance class before moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane University! We wish you the best on this new chapter!!!



A Celtic Fairytale Performance

Upcoming Important Dates

Fall Competitions:

Sept. 22-23 - St. Ambrose Fall Feis, Los Angeles, CA. - Sign up on QuickFeis

Oct. 13-14 - The Portland Feis/City of Roses Feis, Portland OR

Oct. 20-21 - CIDA Feis, Burbank, CA
Sign up on FeisWorx

Oct. 25-26 - Utah State Championships and Grade Exams (1-10), Sandy, UT
Sign up on FeisWorx

Local Feis! Oct. 26-27 East Bay Feis, San Ramon, CA - Sign up on FeisInfo

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

**NOVEMBER 16-18th
WESTERN REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS / PORTLAND,
OREGON**

World Qualifying Event for Teams and Solos

**LABOR DAY - MONDAY SEPT 3
Classes OFFERED**

**SHOW (This is a fun one!)
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th
KVMR Celticfest
Nevada County Fairgrounds
(No Sunday this year!)**

EVENT

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4th - 1-5pm
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DRESS
REHEARSAL**

Come to the CLARA Auditorium and watch the dancers rehearse in costume for teams and solos! Anyone can come to support!!!

**VETERANS DAY OBSERVED - MONDAY
NOV 12th Classes OFFERED**

**NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break
NOVEMBER 19th - 25th (First class
back Monday November 26th)**



The McKeever dancers put on a great 30 min show at the Midsummer Fairytale Celtic Renaissance Fair. We actually drew a pretty big crowd too! This event took place at the Amador County Fairgrounds and was super fun. Dancers even had the chance to wear their fairy wings and cat ears while dancing!! Congrats to dancers Susan M. Abigail N. And Madilyn B. who all performed for the first time as a McKeever dancer!!! Great job everyone!

Look what McKeever Champion Morgan M. achieved at class on Sunday....that's right, Irish Dance is a workout like no other!!! I've personally never been able to match the intensity level..... max heart rates at 187..... and try to have all that control while flying around the stage, making music with your feet, not moving your upper body, landing every jump on your toes and battling it out with other dancers!

Woah!

