



# McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER APRIL - MAY 2017

## Feis-tastic Results!

The start of the month was a two day feis in San Francisco at the beautiful Saint Mary's Cathedral! With over 20 dancers from the McKeever School participating it was a really great weekend. All our dancers represented themselves well on stage, many receiving awards, and one of our dancers Mila, age 10, became a champion! We are very grateful to have such a great event within driving distance so that our dancers can continue to achieve their competitive goals! Thanks to the Whelan Academy for hosting.



Four of our dancers went up to Seattle at the end of April to compete! Our Youngest champion Mila learned all her new steps in a month and bravely got up there to compete as a champion for the first time! Dancer Anja earned another prizewinner first getting her one more step closer to becoming a champion. Dancers Isa and Ana both earned two fourths, a second and third in their championships! Great job girls and keep working hard!





## Some Great Performances

This month we had two really fun shows with great dancer participation! Dia de los Ninos in Woodland and SactoMofa10 at the Sacramento Railyards! The first event had some hiccups when our speaker failed to work, but luckily we played our music from a large van that was near the stage! It worked as well as it could have and our dancers did an amazing job! All our dancers were given a free book of their choice since this was an event to promote children's literacy!

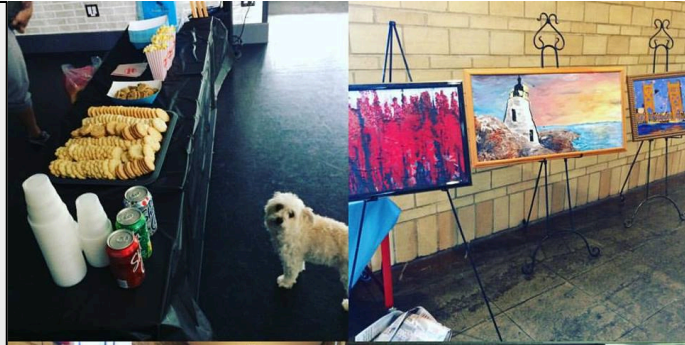
The next day we performed at SactoMofa10 at the Sacramento Railyards! It was another event that had speaker problems, but once a new generator was brought to the site our dancers were ready to go and had the crowd cheering! The sun was shining and a bevy of amazing food trucks were on hand to feed our hardworking dancers after the show! Thanks to all who took part!! Congrats to dancers Sam O. and Lorelei B. on their first Irish Dance Performance!





# A Busy Month!

- This month has flown by with many events helping our community! April started off with Miss McKeever being nominated for Sacramento's Most Eligible Bachelorette! The event this year helped to raise over \$25K for WEAVE helping women escape violence. Thank you for supporting her! She will be participating in WEAVE's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on May 6<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for the donations!
- The artists of Southside Arts Center came to our studio to premiere their video works and sell their art! This event was well attended, fun, and raised over \$300 for the excited and proud artists! Three of them pictured here shared their creativity with us while Tumbleweed cleaned the floor of all the dropped popcorn! It was so easy to turn our space into a movie theater we need to have some special events like this for dancers sometime this Summer!
- Miss McKeever got to Judge the UC Davis Dance Revolution competition this month and it was so fun! A Filipino dance troupe and a Hip Hop Crew took the prizes for first place earning \$1000!
- As many of you know as a tenant of CLARA its our job to give back to the students of the Sacramento City Unified School District. We have a Free Summer Camp in June, we are giving out two scholarships and Miss McKeever has recently been teaching Irish Dance for two weeks at McClatchy HS as part of CLARA's Visiting Artist Outreach.
- We have scoped out a great feis venue at Sac State's Student Union! It has stages, spacious ballrooms a food court and a great price! I am trying to book it for the fall of 2018 so we can host our own feis! Sometime in the summer they will have a definite schedule and we can hopefully book a feis! Say a prayer or two and keep your fingers crossed.
- If you haven't done so already please visit the GoFund Me to help one of wonderful dancers Megan L who lost her father this month. <https://www.gofundme.com/help-for-dede-lehmkuhl?r=32642>



Thank you dancer Bella for creating this beautiful McKeever Logo work of Art!!!

## Looking Ahead

Time seems to keep flying by! Its hard to believe its May! Here are a few important dates looking ahead!

**May 13** – 8pm – Performance at Rancho Cordova Ifest

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Proposed Bowen Therapy Sessions at the Studio with Andi Krause. Please sign up for your sessions!

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** 11am – Proposed Sports Psychology Workshop with Dr. Ethan Bregman.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – **NO CLASSES**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm** – Celtic Women in Concert at the Community Center Theater

**June 3-4<sup>th</sup>** – Silicon Valley Feis Hosted by the Greene School

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Performance at the Plymouth Scottish Games, Amador County Fairgrounds.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Daytime. CLARA Summer Camp! Free for 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are part of Sac City Unified School District! Be sure to apply!!!

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** 4-7pm – CLARA's Fete de la Musique, Busk N' Blues!  
Performances throughout the building!!!

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>** – **NO CLASSES** – North American Irish Dance Championships in New Orleans! Good Luck to our Dancer Morgan M who will be competing!!

**July 10-11** – Adjusted holiday class schedule with exciting guest teacher! To be announced!

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** 4:30pm – CA State Fair Performance!!!

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Performance at the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Performance at KVMR Celtic Festival in Grass Valley!

## CELTIC WOMAN



Grammy nominated sensation, Celtic Woman are returning to celebrate their album's release with a brand new live show 'Voices Of Angels' for an extensive North American tour, coming to Sacramento, CA on June 1st.

Celtic Woman appearing at  
The Community Center Theatre June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm  
1301 L St Sacramento, CA 95814

For Discount Tickets go to:  
[www.celticwoman.com](http://www.celticwoman.com)

**DISCOUNT CODE: IRISH**

Call: 916.808.5181



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## BUSK 'N' BLUES!

Celebrate "Fête De La Musique"/Make Music Day

4 pm - 7 pm: Sacramento-area buskers will perform free to the public at various locations on the grounds of CLARA / 7 pm-9 pm: Ticketed concert finale with **THE BLUES BROADS** (Tracy Nelson / Annie Sampson / Dorothy Morrison / Angela Strehli)

- Craft Beer
- Food Trucks
- Free Parking

**WED. JUNE 21 / CLARA**

4pm-9pm • 2420 N St, Sacramento • Tickets: \$25 Advance / \$30 At Door • Info/Tickets: busk-n-blues.eventbrite.com

