



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter APRIL - MAY 2019

San Francisco Feis

April 6th and 7th we had another local feis in San Francisco. Congratulations to dancers Madilyn W. and Kailey G. who secured their final Prizewinner wins to become Preliminary Champions! We are proud to have you represent McKeever at this new level! Dancers Kathryn K. and Sophia T. did an excellent job in their Preliminary Championship debut. Congratulations to dancer Chrissie W. who competed for the first time that weekend! Ever competition makes you a stronger dancer no matter the wins or losses and we are proud of all of you who competed and represented McKeever! Keep working!



First McKeever Team To Compete at Worlds!

This year the CLRG World Irish Dancing Championships were held in Greensboro, North Carolina and the McKeever School sent our first ever Ceili team!! Our 8-hand team presented their hard work up on the World's stage and did their absolute best against some extremely stiff competition! Congratulations to dancers Ana P., Isa P., Heather N., Kerry L., Kiera A., Morgan M., Natalie M., and Shannan O. on competing at their first ever World's competition and looking like you belonged up there! Next year the Worlds will be in Dublin, Ireland for the 50th anniversary! Set your sights on it and aim high!



Saint Anthony's Show

Dancers Bridget F., Rheanna, and Maya B. performed at Saint Anthony's for a fundraiser benefiting The Homeless AIDS Community and at risk youth. This is an annual benefit that we always perform at and is organized by friend of the studio and Irish community here in Sacramento Father John. Thank you to our three dancers for performing and especially Bridget for supervising the show while many of us were busy at the San Francisco feis!



Feis Fundraiser! Don't Miss It

What a great idea! Alexis Smith has created laminated Beginner Steps and Advanced Steps Flashcards to help our dancers memorize their steps, and every sale will raise funds for our September feis! Beginner sets are \$10, Advanced sets are \$7, and both are \$15. All proceeds go to support the costs of running our school's very own feis. Contact Alexis on the Parent/Dancer Facebook page to place an order for your very own set.

Do you have a Fun Fundraiser Idea? Let us know!! Right now we are planning the next step of purchasing judges flights, flooring for stages, and medals for grade level competitions.

Feis Fundraiser Alert



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Advanced Set \$7
Both Sets \$15

Lauren Smyth Workshop!

WHEN: Saturday, June 15th 12-4pm
WHERE: CLARA Auditorium
HOW TO APPLY: Please hand me a check for \$110 made out to "Nicole McKeever" by June 1st.
MORE INFO: Lauren is coming from workshops in China heading to Seattle, then to Sacramento and on to Kansas and then the Riverdance Summer Camp so this is a really special opportunity. All dancers of any level over the age of 5 are welcome to apply.
The lead dancer from Riverdance is thrilled to bring her inspiring workshops to dancers all across America! It is Lauren's mission to challenge and encourage dancers to become more! Focusing on the Festival style Slip Jig, this workshop will incorporate all aspects of performance and stage presence, ensuring that each and every dancer leaves feeling more confident in themselves and their abilities. Lauren is also passionate about telling her story of perseverance and self belief to inspire the next generation of dancers to follow their dreams and believe that anything is possible. With 12 years of professional experience, Lauren is more than willing to offer her advice and expertise to all and hopes she can positively influence every dancer she works with! Don't miss out on what will be an unforgettable experience!
(Originating in Ulster, the Festival association is very traditional in style with understated costumes and natural hair and make-up. A lot of emphasis is based around the dancer's performance and the feeling the dancer creates whilst on stage. With haunting music, so full of emotion from the late Patricia Mulholland, the Festival style allows the dancer to delve into the music and take themselves and the audience on an emotional journey. The slow Slip Jig in Festival is particularly special; elegant, controlled, strong and emotional; this sets the tradition apart and gives it its unique identity)
Benefits: Stage presence/Performance/connection with the music/ Strengthens core/ Full body strength and stability/ Control/Balance/ Flexibility

EXCLUSIVE WORKSHOP

JUNE 15, 2019

12pm - 4pm
\$110

At CLARA Midtown
Performing Arts Center
Sacramento, California

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY EMAILING
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LAUREN SMYTH

PASSION · PERSEVERANCE · PURPOSE

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Woodland Games Performance



The last weekend in April McKeever Dancers performed 4 shows and provided two free workshops at the Woodland Celtic Games and Festival. This was our second year performing the event and we really drew some appreciative crowds! We had beautiful weather to dance in and some beautiful Olive trees to provide shade! Congrats to dancers Vida D, Harkin M, and Cydney L who performed for the first time ever! Thanks for being Irish Dance ambassadors and we hope everyone had a chance to enjoy such a fun event weekend!



NO CLASSES

May 26-27th, Memorial Day Weekend

Competition - June 1st and 2nd Lucky 7's/Silicon Valley Feis in San Jose hosted by the Greene Academy
NO CLASSES June 2nd

****SUMMER VACATION DATES****

NO CLASSES

JUNE 30 - JULY 13th (classes back on July 14th)

JULY 28th - AUG 3rd (classes back on August 4th)

(You are not charged for classes on these dates)

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****Crocker Art Museum Performance****

WHEN: Sunday, June 23rd

Performance between 10:30 am-12:30pm

Signup on the Google Doc Before June 1st.

****California Day of Dance Performance****

WHEN: The performance will take place at 2:00 p.m. on July 27th, with a dress rehearsal the evening before (pending venue availability).

WHERE: TBA (In Sacramento)

HOW TO APPLY: If you are enrolled in the Champion or Young Champ Classes you are eligible to participate.

Please sign up on the Google document by the DEADLINE of July 1st.

CLARA SUMMER CAMP

<https://www.claramidtown.org/camp/>

WHEN: July 22nd - August 2, 2019 Monday - Friday for two weeks from 9am-4pm

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Summer Camp is open to students in grades 6-12, ages 11-18 (11-year olds must be entering 6th grade in the Fall).

Check out website for pricing and more information

Sacramento Republic Game

Pre-Game Performance

Saturday August 17th

More information to come!



Congrats to Champion and Assistant Teacher Natalie who earned 3rd Place in Preliminary Champion at the Feis at the Beach competition in New Jersey, her former home state!! *You can take the dancer out of Jersey but you can't take the Jersey out of the dancer!*



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