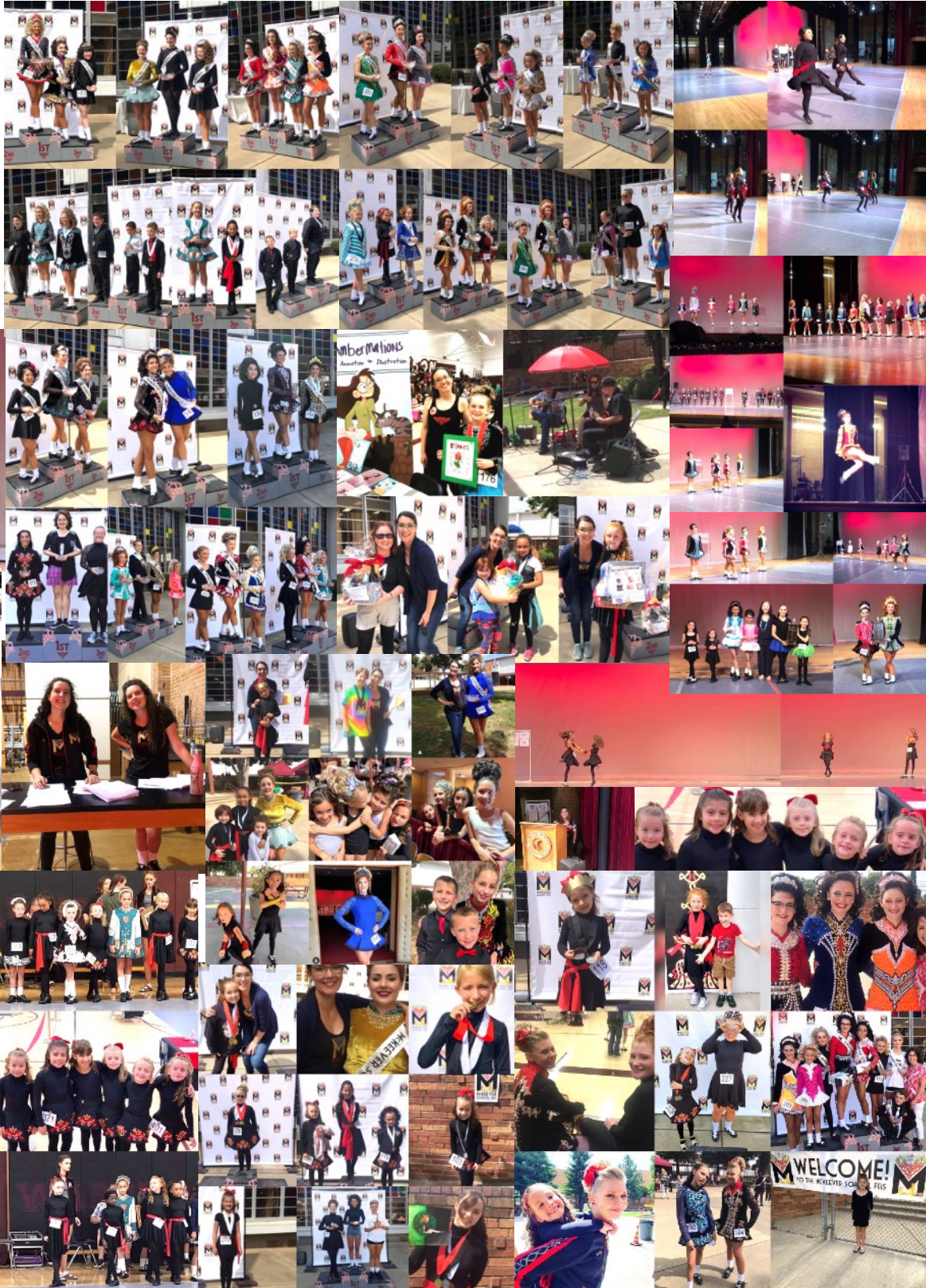




McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

WE DID IT THANK YOU! MCKEEVER SCHOOL FEIS!



McKeever Feis Continued



The McKeever Feis was a year in the making and was a huge success!! We could not have done it without ALL of our volunteers, sponsors, and dancers who participated in our big event! Every single contribution made this event possible. The sincerest THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! We had over 300 hundred competitors registered, and dancers came from as far as the East Coast!

As many of you know there are very few local opportunities for Irish Dancers in Northern California to compete, and we saw our feis as a way to strengthen the artform and community in our local region. We got very positive feedback from parents, teachers, and dancers from other schools. Many were surprised it was our first time hosting, and we got so many compliments on our friendly and helpful parents and volunteers! Our judges and musicians were very impressed with the event as well! Many people loved the emphasis on celebrating Irish Culture, and the lunch break with live music from Stepping Stone and the fantastic food from Savour the Moment (thank you Teves family!). We look forward to hosting the feis annually, always the Saturday after Labor Day weekend, with Grade Exams the next day.

We had 85 McKeever dancers compete! We are proud of all of your performances and good sportsmanship on the day. Way to represent McKeevers!

Congratulations to dancers Elizabeth B., Ciara B., Lucy B., Maya B., Nicole F., Libby G., Madeline G., Christie H., Kaleigh H., Paloma H., Erica J., Grace K., Sydney L., Mia M., Harkin M., June M., Kathlene M., Sara R., Prairie P., Willow S., Milani T., Aoife Z., and Saoirse Z. who all competed for the first time at the McKeever Feis!

Special congratulations to dancer Savannah C. who secured her final placement to become a Preliminary Champion! You are a dancer who exhibits consistent, hard work ethic and drive, and have shown respect and good sportsmanship. Welcome to Champs Savannah!

Congratulations to our Open Champion dancer Moriah P., who earned 1st Place with a perfect score in Open Champ U22. This was Moriah's first time competing in over three years due to an injury, and she made quite the comeback!

Congratulations to our Preliminary Champs who all competed twice in one day!

Amy D. (2nd U9 and 3rd U11)

Millie K. (5th U13 and 7th U13)

Olive K. (3rd U9 and 7th U11)

Natalie M. (2nd 17&O, and 2nd 17&O),

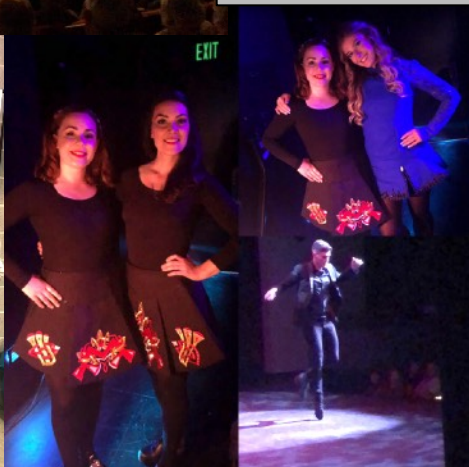
Ana P. (1st Place! U17 and 2nd U17),

Sophia T. (4th U11).

Hightime Irish Band Performance



Miss McKeever and Champion dancers Moriah P. And Natalie M. danced with the traditional Irish band Hightime at the B Street Theater, (which is just down the street from CLARA!). This was the band's first show in California. The girls performed three energetic routines including a crowd-pleasing A Capella. They even traded steps with singer and harpist Seamus who was a very talented dancer himself! Be sure to check out Hightime's album "Sunda" which is full of gorgeous and energetic trad tunes! Thanks to everyone who came to see the show!



GET TICKETS
Irish Christmas in America
at the B Street Theater
Saturday, December 21st 2019
(Watch 11 McKeever Champs Perform!)

<https://bstreettheatre.org/show/sbl-entertainment-presents-irish-christmas-in-america/>

Irish Ambassador Visit



We had an exciting visit at our studios from Robert O'Driscoll who is the Consul General of Ireland to the Western USA. Robert was very impressed with the McKeever School's ambassadorship of Irish Culture in Sacramento, especially the outreach that we do through CLARA, and our upcoming shows with some major Irish musicians at the B Street Theater and Harlow's. We learned a lot about potential grants we can apply for to bring cultural events and dancers here to Sacramento in the future. We were honored to have him visit!

CELTICFEST

We had a blast at one of our favorite shows of the year, KVRM Celticfest in Nevada City! We had 37 dancers perform this year, which was our 6th time dancing at the event. Miss McKeever also did a workshop on Friday night for over 40 dancers. The Performative Choreography class did their acapella routine (pretty impressive for only three weeks with the material girls!), and we had a wide range of beginners, champions and adults, dancing their hearts out at two performances throughout the day. Some of our dancers could be seen busking around the event as well! After performing dancers and their families got to enjoy the fall weather (before the rain hit!) And the live music and sessions that filled the Nevada County Fair Grounds. We do this event every year, the last weekend of September, so mark your calendars for 2020!

Did you know all the updates, show and event signups and important emails are all saved for you on the Parent Dancer Page on mckeeverdance.com access it anytime with the current door code!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SHOW SIGN UP

Gaelic Storm at Harlow's

Champion level performers only but please come support the show! Monday October 14th (No classes that night)

Arrive at 5:15. Doors open at 6 and we dance at 7pm. The band goes on at 7:15. One parent gets in with each child dancer

GET TICKETS HERE! (The Band from the Movie Titanic!)

****SIGN UP HERE ON GOOGLE DOC before Friday October 4th****

LOCAL FEIS INFORMATION

East Bay Feis - October 26th-27th in San Ramon.

Register Here - <http://www.feisinfo.com>

CIDA Championships - Garden Grove, CA - Oct 26, 2019 to Oct 27

(Miss McKeever will be attending this one).

Register on Feisworx.com

NO CLASSES

- Monday October 14th - Show Day
- Sunday October 27th - Feis Day
- Thursday October 31st - Halloween (During the week of Halloween feel free to dress up in your costumes as long as they are appropriate and safe to dance in)

REMINDER

New Tuition Rates Start in October

This also means our new makeup policy comes into effect. This is so there are no overcrowded classes. We try to cap at 15 dancers per class.

You may only have one make-up class a month. If you are enrolled in 3 or more hours a week you may

have 2 makeup classes a month. If you miss a class you must make this class up within the month.

Exception is missing a class during the last week of the month, students are then allowed to make up a

class during the first week of classes in that next month.

FUN STUDIO EVENT

McKeever Christmas Market

Saturday, December 7th 12 -4pm at the McKeever Studios!

Lots of fun unique vendors! Apply to be part of this if you have something fun to sell! Irish Dance themes are encouraged but not mandatory! We will also have free snacks and beverages to celebrate such a great year for the McKeever dancers and all our wonderful dance families!

Hollywood Park

CLARA

E. CLAIRE RALEY STUDIOS
for the PERFORMING ARTS



This month begins our third year teaching Irish Dance to third graders at Hollywood Park Elementary School as part of CLARA's Visiting Artist educational outreach programs. Students will receive 10 weeks of confidence building Irish Dance Lessons culminated by a performance on stage for family and friends. It is a wonderful aspect of being a tenant here at CLARA !



Departures Performance

Miss McKeever brought out her dancing shoes to perform at a charity dinner and auction for the Salvation Army. This event raised over \$40,000 for the organization. Local musician Clemon has created an evening showcase called "Departures" with a live band, singers, dance and even theatrical elements. This showcase was created specifically to plug into auction nights and other charitable functions. For more information please visit

<https://departurejazzshow.wordpress.com>

DO NOT MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES

FIND ALL THESE APPLICATIONS ON OUR PARENT DANCER PAGE

Irish Christmas Market at the McKeever Studios - Information and application ON THE PARENT PAGE If you are a musician and want to play some Irish/Celtic tunes during this event please let me know!!

Irish Dance Ambassador Award (Please find on the parent dancer page! <https://www.mckeeverdance.com/parent-dancer-page>) You could get 50% off your tuition. Details on the application.

Friend Enrollment Discount - (Please find on the parent dancer page! <https://www.mckeeverdance.com/parent-dancer-page>) Get a friend to register for class and we will give you \$20 off your tuition. Just hand in form!

class during the first week of classes in that next month.