



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

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Fusion Fighters

We were lucky to host an international dance workshop by the viral youtube sensations the Fusion Fighters this past month at the CLARA auditorium. The group was founded by Riverdance cast member Chris Naish and they have done workshops all over the world - even as far away as Kazakhstan! Dancers learned a mixture of body percussion and performative Irish Dance style movement, and gained experience quickly memorizing show choreography. We welcomed dancers from nearby Murphy and McGrath schools and had one of the biggest single day workshops the Fusion Fighters have ever had! What a great experience for our dancers.



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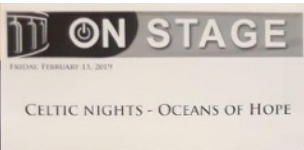
February Feisanna

We had dancers compete in Utah at the beginning of the month. Congratulations to Audrey P. (2nd place) and Natalie M. (7th place) in Preliminary Champs at the Shelley Wasatch Winterfeis! Libby P. Also competed in Preliminary Champ up in Utah and danced her best to date!

On February 16th and 17th we had over 30 dedicated dancers compete at the double feis weekend in San Francisco with great success. Congratulations to Wesley L. on his first feis, MollyAnn K. On her first competition and outstanding preliminary championship placements by Ana P. (6th), Millie K. (4th), Olive (3rd and 2nd), Audrey P. (2nd and 2nd), and Amy D. (1st and 1st) in their respective age groups! A special congratulations to dancer Sophia T. who secured her final win to become our school's youngest Preliminary Champion (so far!) at the age of 7! Welcome to Champs Sophia! Great job to all of our dancers for representing our school so well! The next local feis is April 6th and 7th at the same San Francisco venue.

Dancers also travelled to San Diego to compete at the Rose-Ritchie feis. Congratulations to Jen B., Sherry T. and Sue M. for your many top three placements out of large adult groups, as well as winning the 2-hand!





McKeever Girls are Pro's in Celtic Nights

St. Patricks day show season started early for us this year! Two of our Open Champions Moriah P. and Sarah S. performed as guest cast members with the professional show Celtic Nights at the Gallo Center in Modesto. Way to go on an impressive performance girls!



Capital Success Podcast



This month Miss McKeever got to sit down with Lawrence Faulkner host of Capital Success Podcast. This program highlights Sacramento's entrepreneurs and what has lead to their success! Check this episode out later in March!

Lunasa at the B Street

What a dream for our dancers to perform for the famed traditional Irish band Lunasa at the beautiful B Street Theater! Our champs and dancer Julia J. put on a showstopper of an intermission performance, and Miss McKeever performed a few treble reels during the bands set! This was such an exciting gig and our dancers proved that they are pros! Great job!



Third Annual McKeever Showcase

Feb. 24th we had our 3rd annual Student Showcase at the CLARA Auditorium with a cast of 90 dancers in four separate performances - our biggest group to date! The Showcase is such a special way to recap the year's accomplishments, provide a comfortable environment for many dancer's first performance, and welcome family and friends to our home at CLARA. Special routines included the Parent Child reel and Moriah P.'s crowd-pleasing A Capella routine! Thank you to to all the dancers who performed and to our amazing musical interlude performer Liz Ryder. Looking ahead to next year, we may bring the showcase to a larger venue so we can welcome a bigger audience!

