



McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - MARCH 2017

Gearing Up For the Big Show

The McKeever School got some great TV spots this past month in order to help promote our big Student Showcase! We appeared live on *ABC 10's Sacramento and Company* and then *Good Day Sacramento* came to CLARA's Auditorium the morning of our performance! To view the exceptionally professionally performances please visit the links on our website under News! Thank you to all who helped and participated!!



Sold Out!

For the first time in the short history of our school we put on our very own Student Showcase! On February 25th over 60 dancers performed during an hour long program with invited musicians! These two sold out shows had crowds totaling over 340 making it a huge success!

Our first show had the power go out a few times in the beginning, but dancers did not flinch and the show kept on going! Somehow we managed to all fit behind two curtains, and kids waited patiently for their turn to dance, all while trying to glimpse through the curtain at the exciting routines taking place.

Dancers of all ages graced the stage from ages 2-through adult, both champions and beginners! Three routines from our Performative Choreography class really got the crowds going, including two A-Capella routines and one graceful Riverdance inspired Slip Jig.

Thank you to everyone who took part, bought tickets, volunteered, bought program ads and "shout outs"! To Brianna McKinley from *Three Gingers Bakery*, whose beautiful Irish Dance cookies and cupcakes were enjoyed by all, and to Katie Luna for selling magnificent roses for families to give their superstar dancers after the show! Also a big thank you to Natalie McKeever and Bridget Floyd for helping set up the night before till midnight, and all the parents who helped clean up after a long day!



Two Fun Days in San Francisco!

At the start of February over 20 of our dancers competed in the two day event known as Feis San Francisco, held at the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption on Gough Street. Once again every McKeever dancer went home with some type of win, many moving up to the next level! Marcella M. secured her second Preliminary Champion first place title and has one more until reaching the highest level of Open Champion! Dancers Avery and Bella R. both did incredibly well after learning all their new steps in just two weeks! Also dancers Emma T. and Emma S. secured their last wins in Prizewinner and are now Champions! All of our dancers did incredibly well and your teacher is so proud of you all! The next competition is April 1-2nd at the same location and its highly recommended if you are interested in competing! Visit Feisinfo.com for more information.



Upcoming shows!

A Celtic Odyssey Music and Myth – Friday March 3rd
Spiritual Life Center

Eskaton Gold River - Retirement Community - March 17th 2-3pm
Eskaton Lodge Gold River, 11390 Coloma Rd, Gold River, CA 95670,

"Irish Social" Hosted by the LaSalle Club - March 11th 1-5pm at Christian Brother HS in Sacramento

Event website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1239121782849567/>

Irish Cultural Night at the Met High School - Wednesday March 15th, 6:30pm
(810 V St, Sacramento, CA)

Saint Patrick's Day Parade Pre- Show - Saturday March 18th. In the AM. Specific time to be announced. Location: Old Sacramento

Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Old Sacramento - Saturday March 18th. Parade starts at 1pm. Event Website: <http://oldsacramento.com/special-events/st-patricks-day-parade>

An Irish Hooley at The Harris Center in Folsom - Sunday March 19th 7pm
Two McKeever Champions and myself will be performing
For tickets please visit. <https://www.harriscenter.net>

Fundraiser for Aids Ministry to the Needy - March 26th 2pm
Saint Anthony's Church, 660 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95831
This event is put on every year by Father John Healy and is in collaboration with the Sacramento Ceili Club.

Spiritual Life Center Presents

Celtic Odyssey

Music & Myth

A Mystic Cafe

Friday, March 3rd

Reception - 6:45	\$30
Program - 7:30	4 for \$100

With
Anam Cara

Catherine Mandella - highland pipes, Celtic harp, whistle and more...
Laura Tjoelker - violin; Clark Smith - guitar; Randy Keith - bass
Cheryl Gutierrez - vocals



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Luck o' the Irish

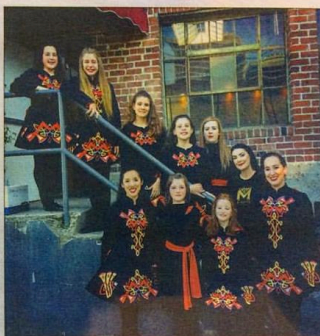
Three performances by the McKeever School of Irish Dance:

"Irish Social"
Saturday, March 11 from 1-5 p.m.
Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
www.irishtclub.com, mckeeverdance.com

21st annual Sacramento St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 18 (performances before the parade starts at 1 p.m.)
Old Sacramento (Nesham and Front streets)
oldsacramento.com/special-events, mckeeverdance.com

"An Irish Hooley"
Sunday, March 19 at 7 p.m.
Harris Center for the Arts, 10 College Parkway, Folsom
harriscenter.net, mckeeverdance.com

The McKeever School of Irish Dance (housed in CLARA Midtown) offers students the opportunity to learn, master and preserve the art of Irish Dancing with founder and owner Nicole McKeever, who toured the world for seven years with shows such as "Riverdance," before settling in Sacramento. The studio offers classes for children and adults in both solo and team choreography, from beginners through the professional level. Check out performances around town this month to see what that stunning high-stepping is all about!

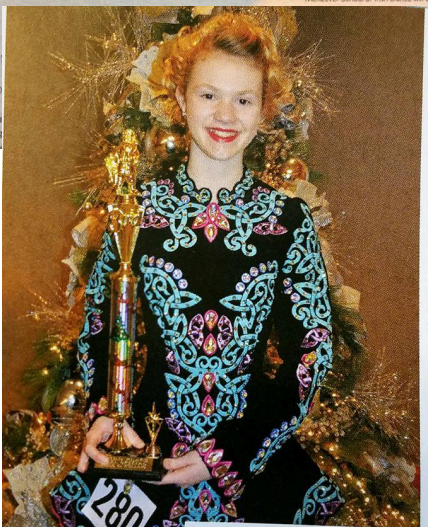


McKeever School of Irish Dance will be performing in March.

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"Images in Sound," a Sacramento
Sunday, March 19 at 2:30 pm.
Crawne Plaza Sacramento Northeast, 5321 D
489-2536, sacwinds.org

The 60-piece adult symphonic band
Director Timothy M. Smith, will delight
the audience with a variety of musical styles.



*This dancer's win moved her from
Prizewinner to Prelim – the perfect end
to a great feis year!*

Hot Off the Presses

Check out this month's issue of *Inside Sacramento Magazine* to see some of our performances advertised! Also congrats to Champion dancer Kiki M for getting into the internationally known *Irish Dancing Magazine* This Past Month!!!

Did you know March 14th marks 1 year of being at our home of CLARA! Its hard to imagine life before this beautiful studio space, and so much growth has happened! What will the next year bring us? Definitely incredible and exciting things!