

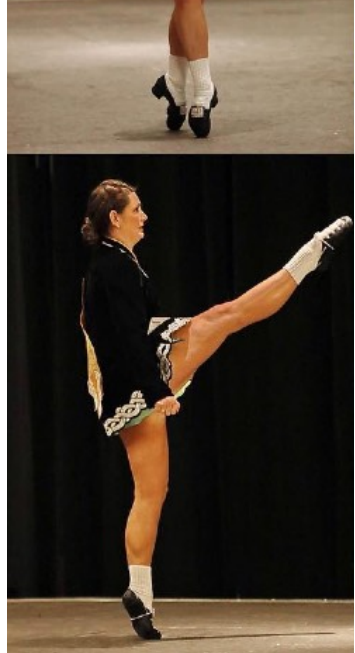
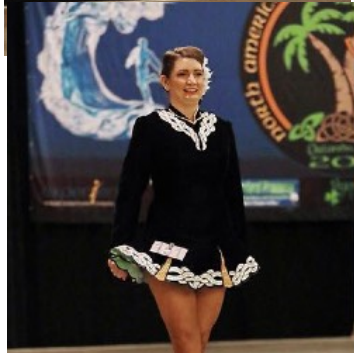
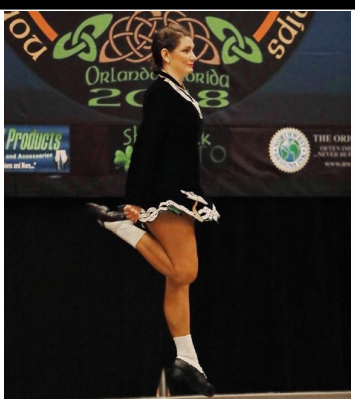


McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

July - August 2018

North American Championships

Congratulations to our two Senior Ladies Open Champion dancers Morgan M. and Bridget F. who competed at this year's North American Nationals in Orlando FL! The championships are a World Qualifier event, and dancers from all over the world were in the competition (including the reigning World Champion!). Both of our dancers delivered stellar performances on the Nationals stage! Bridget F. became the first McKeever dancer to recall at this event, placing 39th overall out of a group of 87 dancers. Morgan M. came in just two shy of a recall and both girls were in the top ten for our region! Bridget and Morgan have been excellent role models for our dancers in setting goals and training hard to achieve them while balancing a busy life. Keep it up girls and we can't wait to see what you bring at this year's Regionals!



California State Fair 2018



Year Four of performing at the California State Fair!! This year was better than ever! Braving the 100 degree heat our dancers put on a 30 minute show and then got to have fun with family and friends at the fair. We look forward to this event every year and thank you so much to everyone who participated. The lady in charge came up to Miss McKeever at the end of the show and was in complete awe of your dancing. She said it was truly a blessing to have us on stage. Quite nice!! Congrats to dancer Dhalia who had her first performance that day and did such an excellent job!!

The McKeever Troupe ready to take the stage despite the Summer heat!!!

California's National Day of Dance

This was our second year performing at California's National Day of Dance. This event which took place on July 28th, and was put on by a few very positive and influential dance studio owners whose aim was to unite the dance community and let our government know that dance quite literally can save lives. It serves to remind lawmakers that dance is an important part of a child's education!! Thank you to all the dancers who took part in the fun performance and flash mob! The show was at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, the largest theater in Northern California and the same stage Miss McKeever performed with Riverdance on in 2011. Earlier in the day we held a free pop up Irish Dance class at CLARA which was a real success. Don't miss out on this event next year!!



McKeever Dancers See "We Banjo Three"

Some of our dancers got to check out the Irish band "We Banjo Three" when they performed at the Sophia Theater early this July. This group is full of top musicians and pictured here is Fiddle player Fergal Scahill who toured in *Ragus* with Miss McKeever. Dancers Bella, Avery and Alannah are pictured to the right!



Sending Teams to the Regional Championships!

This will be our first time sending teams to the Western Regional Championships held this year in Portland Oregon! We have 34 dancers taking part in 8 different teams. An Under 8 age group Four Hand, Under 10 age group Four Hand, Under 15 age group Eight hand, Over 15 age group 8 hand, Under 40 age group Four hand, Over 40 age group Four Hand, Mixed Over 40 age group Four Hand and and Over 40 age group Eight Hand! Thank you to everyone participating and mark the calendar for November 4th when we rent the CLARA Auditorium for a full dress rehearsal open to students to watch both our teams and solo dancers perform!!

Artist Collaboration

Miss Natalie has been chosen as an artist collaborator for this year's "Behind the Barre" show which is organized by Capital Dance Project. Capital Dance is a group of Sacramento Ballet's company dancers who run the whole show on their own from top to bottom each Summer. Don't miss out on this exciting CLARA collaboration August 10-11th at the Crest Theater. Natalie has been working on a painstaking but beautiful animation to accompany Shania Rasmussen's brilliant choreography.

Next Performance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - 3pm
Celtic Renaissance Faire in Amador
County Fairgrounds
(Deadline to Sign up August 13th)

