



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter June-July 2018

Lucky Sevens Feis Brings Luck Again!



The first weekend in June our dancers headed to the Bay Area to compete at the Lucky Sevens Feis hosted by the Greene Academy. It was definitely lucky and full of great memories!!!

McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

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MORGAN MARTIN • NATALIE MCKEEVER • ALLIE MEDFORD • ERICA MENDOZA • HEATHER NELSON • TARA NYBERG
SHANNAN OROURKE • ANA PALACIO • ISABELLA PALACIO • AUDREY PETTENGILL • LIBBY PLUMB • DEVIN POWELL
AMBER RANKIN • ELLA RANKIN • ANJA RICE • MILA RICE • AVERY ROOKS • ISABELLA ROOKS • EVA ROSA SEDILLO
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JUNE 2-3, 2018



Lucky Sevens Feis Continued...



Beyond the excellence of ALL of your dancing we had a few moments worth highlighting! It was the first time competing for dancers Allie S. And Allie M you girls were amazing up there, like true professionals! We had two of our dancers Millie K. And Libby P. become Preliminary champions securing two big wins each that day to qualify as new Champions! Our Preliminary Champion Audrey P. Earned a first place for the first time in her career and has two more to become an Open Champion! The Hollywood Special had two stellar performances by sister duo Bella and Avery dressed as the Scarecrow and Dorothy and then Millie, Libby and Mollie Ann performed as the Golden Globe, The Oscar and a box of Popcorn!! Audiences loved it all!! I had judges who were my Riverdance colleagues specifically come up to me and tell me how wonderful my dancers were doing and that really means a lot, they were blown away! Thank you for working so hard and representing our team so well!!!
Keep it up!!

Dancers Compete Across the US!



Amazingly this month we had 10 dancers compete in Four states! California, Utah, Texas and Connecticut!! Great job Natalie, Sherry, Devin, Madilyn, Francine, Anja, Mila and Emma!! Way to represent! Also to Olive and Ruby who did an excellent job competing down in LA!!

Motherlode Scottish Games Performance

This was our second time performing at the Motherlode Scottish Games and Festival at the Amador County Fairgrounds which took place on June 9th.

The audience really enjoyed seeing our energetic dancers of all levels perform a wide range of choreography. I love this event because of the fun workshop we host afterwards and the fact its a truly fun day for kids and families to spend together after they perform!



Lavender Festival Performance

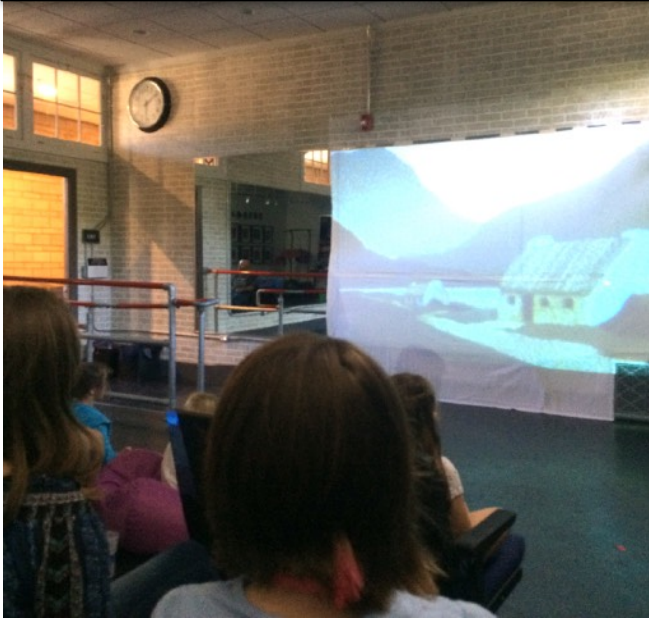
McKeever Dancers travelled up to Apple Hill and performed at the Bluebonnet Lavender Festival on Saturday June 23.

Luckily their 30 minute outdoor performance was at 11am so they just started to feel the intense Summer heat!! Dancers you stuck it out and danced your absolute best! After the show families went on to enjoy the beautiful lavender fields and vendors that were on the festival grounds! Definitely a cool/hot event to check out!



Fun and Friendship With Movie Nights at the Studio

This month we hosted two fun movie nights! Our studio became a movie theater and we showed the famed documentary “Jig” and “The Best of Riverdance” I was so excited to share these inspiring films with you guys and from what I hear many of you went home and couldn’t stop dancing (so maybe it worked)! We also have new chairs that were donated to CLARA by the Memorial Auditorium which really helped to make it feel like a genuine movie theater!! We will continue to do fun events like this so dancers from different classes can mingle and make friendships outside of class. Thanks to everyone who came!



Busy Month At CLARA

The great part of being a tenant at CLARA is that we get chances to collaborate with tenants and give Arts outreach to students in low income communities. Our CLARA neighbors at Southside Unlimited have a monthly podcast called Southcast. They interviewed Natalie and Nicole this month on all things Irish Dance! It turned out to be a really fun experience and you can listen to the podcast here!

<https://southcastradio2018.wixsite.com/scradio>

We also took part in the second annual CLARA Summer Camp! Students from the Sacramento City Unified School District were invited to attend this two week FREE camp where they learned music, dance, language, visual arts and theater! They did an excellent job perfecting and performing a beginner light jig routine after only three hours of lessons.

Thank you to champion Anja for being our Friday performance volunteer and champion Moriah for taking on the second Summer camp happening later in July!



UPCOMING DATES

June 29th - July 4th
North American Championships,
Orlando Florida



****NO CLASS REMINDER****
SUMMER BREAK - JUNE 30th - JULY
21 (First Class back Sunday July 22)

Friday July 27th - 4pm
CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR
PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY JULY 28th
CALIFORNIA NATIONAL DAY OF
DANCE - Community Center Theater
(Where Miss McKeever performed in
Riverdance!!) Tickets available
online!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - Celtic
Renaissance Faire in Amador County
Fairgrounds



We wish the very best of luck to two of our hardworking Open Champions, Bridget F. and Morgan M. who are headed to Orlando to Compete at the North American Championships on June 30th. This is an incredible honor and both girls are dancing better than ever! We are so proud of all your dedication and hard work. Truly inspirational dancers!

In Memoriam - Helen Healy



The Sacramento Irish Community lost a dearly beloved woman this month. Helen Healy from county Kerry came to Sacramento and began the Sacramento Ceili Club now known as Sac Folk Irish. She united so many of us in this community through dance, friendship and charitable works. She had been through a pretty amazing life with many trials and tribulations but she never lost the positive outlook and generous spirit. We will miss you dearly! She was a brave and beautiful woman.