

# MCKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE SACRAMENTO

January 2015 – February 2015

## Newsletter

### Crocker Art Museum Show a Success!

On New Years Eve the McKeever School of Irish Dance performed at the Crocker Art Museum's Noon Years Eve Concert. It was a great event that featured multicultural performances and in a great setting. Thank you to all the dancers who performed that day!



Kathryn Kennedy Performs alongside a troupe of talented young ladies at the Crocker Art Museum.



Dancers Jennifer Bertram and Sherry Toutges in a great shot!!

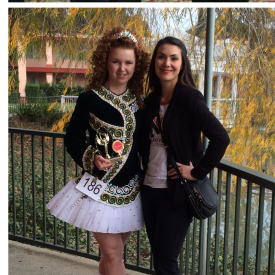


After our performance at the Crocker we joined the Shamrock Club and rang in the New Year "Irish Time" or 4pm California time! Dancers Bailey, Sherry, Jennifer and Laura represented our school and even got on the News!

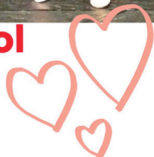


# John Kennelly Memorial Feis! Bringing Home The Medals!

January 18<sup>th</sup> was the John Kennelly Memorial Feis or competition held here Sacramento, California. It was hosted Patricia Kennelly and the Whelan-Kennelly School. This year we had eleven dancers compete from beginner through champion levels. It was a great day and many McKeever students came out just to support and watch the competition, which really added to the excitement of the day! Every dancer made Miss McKeever so proud representing our school with talent and class! We came home with a total of 19 Firsts place medals, 8 Second place medals and 6 third place medals. Our Preliminary Champion dancer Laura Gorry was up on the podium receiving a 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 16 dancers and earning a first place overall in her hard shoe round! Keep up the good work dancers!



**McKeever School  
of Irish Dance  
Sacramento**



**Next Feis!!**

**February 14-15<sup>th</sup>**

**FEIS SAN FRANCISCO**

St.Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough  
Street, San Francisco, CA

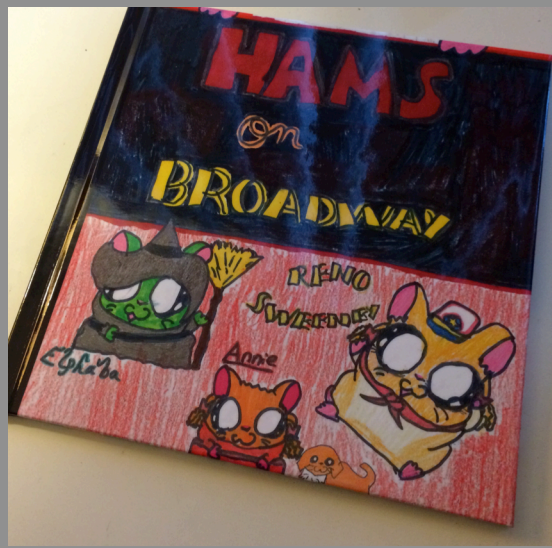
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## Performance During Halftime With the Harlem Globetrotters!

On Martin Luther King Day our dancers had the amazing opportunity to perform during halftime at the Sleep Train Arena. We sold over 65 tickets to earn our spot! Thank you to all the family and friends who supported us during this endeavor! A big thanks to Chris and Linda Whelan who bought 15 tickets that we donated to underprivileged children through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). For more information on this organization please visit [casaforchildren.org](http://casaforchildren.org).





Dancer Nicole Holt made a great book of her signature character, dancing and performing hamsters! Even an Irish Dancing Riverdance Hamster! We wish Nicole a continued recovery from a broken foot and hopefully we will see her soon back in class!



Some of our dancers had the chance to get fitted for the McKeever School class costume. The dresses are being handmade by Mags Gogarty, a very experienced Irish Dance dressmaker. Our dresses have original Celtic knot-work designed by Nicole McKeever and are in our school colors red, black and metallic gold!



During the Christmas break some of our dancers got together to see "Into the Woods" as part of a McKeever School Movie night!! As our school grows it is great to see our dancers and parents becoming friends. If you have any ideas for the next event we could organize please suggest it to Miss McKeever!





**NEW CLASS OPENING!**



WEDNESDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 4TH  
4:45-5:45PM AT THE FIREHOUSE FIVE DANCE STUDIOS  
2014 9TH AND T STREETS  
Email [McKeeverDance@Gmail.com](mailto:McKeeverDance@Gmail.com) to Register!

Thank you to dancer Liz Kartagener who will be bringing back two of her former solo dresses for dancers in our school to use if they can not commit to buying one and need them for competition.



### **Saint Patrick's Week Events are on the Horizon!**

Last year we were part of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Old Sacramento thanks to the Shamrock Club. I will confirm this soon but we are most likely going to be doing the same thing this year. It is held Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-3. All are encouraged and welcomed to march along!!

**After we march in the parade, we are invited to join Joe McNamara and his wife for their Saint Patrick's Day Party. Joe organized our performance with Anthony Kearns the Irish Tenor this summer and will be holding this event from 12-5pm at 3671 Curtis Drive. The proceeds from this event will generously be donated to our school!! Please let me know if you would like to perform at this function after the parade in Old Sacramento! ☺**