



# McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER JULY-AUGUST 2017

## McKeever Champion Competes in New Orleans

The amount of hard work, grit, and determination it takes to be a Champion of Irish Dance is no small thing. You must believe in yourself, hold onto your dreams and sacrifice many things in order to achieve them. Open Champion Dancer Morgan M. surely knows this is true. For the first time in her career she competed at the North American Irish Dance Championships, held this year in New Orleans! With well over 100 dancers from around the World competing in her age category the pressure was on! Morgan danced two very powerful rounds and we are so proud of how she represented the McKeever School of Irish Dance. Now she and many of our dancers are setting their sights on Phoenix, Arizona for the Western US Regional Championships in November!



## Dancers Try to Keep it “Cool” at the State Fair



July 22<sup>nd</sup> marked our third time performing as a school at the California State Fair at the CAL Expo Center. We had a record breaking 45 dancers signed up to perform! Dancers of all ages and levels including our three Open Champions Moriah, Maegan and Morgan put on a thirty minute show outside on the Promenade stage in 101 degree weather!! To say it was easy for the dancers was an understatement, but like true athletes they pushed themselves and did an outstanding job!

**McKeever School of Irish Dance** ✓

Ranked #3 of 65 for [Best Dance Studio](#)

CLARA Studios 2420 N Street Sacramento, CA CA

Thank You for  
voting us #3 out of  
65 Dance Studios  
for 2017's KCRA A-  
List!!!

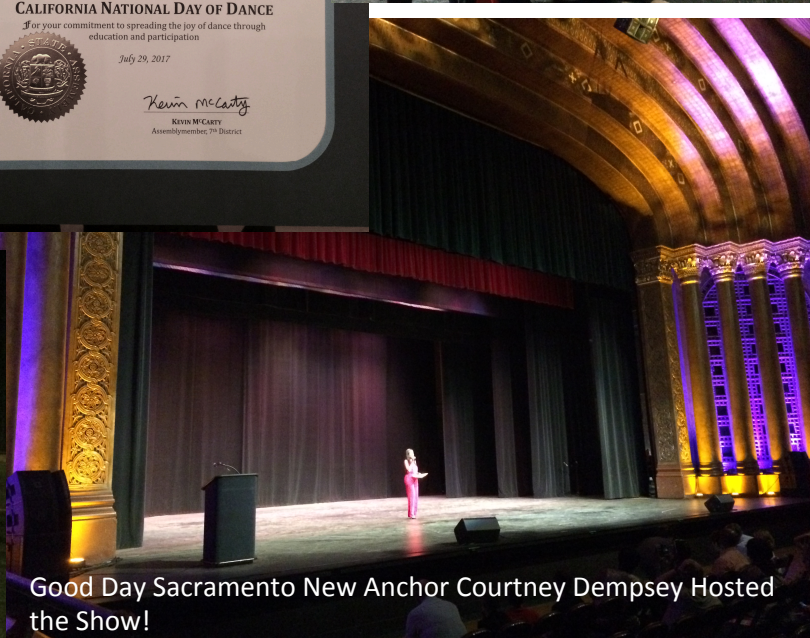
# National Day of Dance!



**i** CA NATIONAL DAY OF DANCE  
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
SATURDAY, JULY 29

## National Dance Day

Courtney joins local dancers to embrace movement in a fun and positive way.



Good Day Sacramento New Anchor Courtney Dempsey Hosted the Show!

On July 29<sup>th</sup> the McKeever School got to take part in California's first ever National Day of Dance. This was a huge event starting off at the Capitol Steps at 10am followed by free pop up dance lessons all over town. Miss McKeever taught a 25 min free lesson outside at CLARA that day and over 20 people were there!

That night many of Sacramento's influential dance schools and dance companies joined together to perform on the famed Memorial Auditorium stage. Miss Tamaira Saunders, or Miss T of Studio T Urban Dance Academy, was the visionary who put the whole amazing day together. Her mission, to get our city's leaders to realize dance and arts education saves lives. That giving underprivileged children an outlet like dance needs to be a priority in our city.

The McKeever School opened the show with an intense and spirited three minute performance with dancers of all ages. Dancer Maegan B. performed in what is her last performance before she leaves to attend College at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo studying Aerospace Engineering! It was also dancer Christy S.'s first performance ever and she nailed it! Great job dancers! Another noteworthy point of the night was honoring Pepper Von and Mary Wright of Step One Dance Studio for 30 years of commitment to dance and community service in Sacramento. Fun Fact, our school was essentially grown out of their studios on 19<sup>th</sup> and T as we rented hourly and built up our student base!

# Sacramento Magazine Photo-shoot

Look for a really cool feature article in September's issue of *Sacramento Magazine*! The article will be about the McKeever sisters and their lives as Artists and Dancers!!

The Photo-shoot by Tim Engle was super fun and we can wait to read the in depth story by Steph Rodriguez!



## Upcoming Events

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Performance at the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival – Deadline to Sign up August 13<sup>th</sup>!!

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Performance at KVMR Celtic Festival in Grass Valley!

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** – IrishPalooza at Harlows

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Student Showcase at CLARA!!!

8/11-12/2017  
Indian Wells Feis, CA  
Comortas An Chosta Oir  
Feis Productions

9/1/2017  
Saturday/Sunday  
San Diego, CA  
Hidden Valley Feis  
Feis Productions

9/2-3/2017  
Saturday and Sunday  
Seaside, OR  
Lewis & Clark Feis and Feis na Mara  
Feis Entry Company:  
<http://www.pacificcelticfoundation.org/feiseanna/>

9/29/2017  
Saturday/Sunday  
Los Angeles, California  
St. Ambrose Fall feis  
Feis Productions

10/13-14/2017  
Saturday and Sunday  
Portland, OR  
The Portland Feis and The City of Roses Feis  
Feis Worx

10/20/2017  
Saturday/Sunday  
Los Angeles CA  
CIDA Irish Dance Championships

10/26/2017  
Friday/Saturday  
Salt Lake City, UTAH  
Utah State Championship  
Feis Worx

10/27/2017  
Saturday/Sunday  
San Ramon, California  
East Bay Feis  
Feis Entry Company: Feis Productions

FALL  
COMPETITIONS

# Dancer's Travel Log!



This Summer has been very busy for many of our dancers who are lucky enough to travel and explore the World! A few of them were able to visit Ireland! Olive, Ruby, Amy, Bridget and Sam all got to see Riverdance at the Gaiety Theater in Dublin this past month!!

Olive and Ruby even attended Irish Dance classes at the McGowan-McDaid School in Derry and competed at the Finn Valley Championships!! Sarah McGowan who co-owns the school there toured with Miss McKeever in Riverdance! Dancer Bridget F. went to Ireland for the very first time and took some amazing pictures of herself dancing all over the country!! Dancers Bella and Avery who were on vacation in Colorado decided to compete at one of the nearby two day competitions! It turned out to be a great decision since both of them moved up in multiple dances!

Keep an eye out for our new McKeever School embroidered skirts for competition! Samples will be at the studio soon! Pricing coming soon!