



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter May-June 2018

Dancers Wow at International Festival

For the fifth year in a row our McKeever Dancers performed at the Rancho Cordova International Festival. Our 15 dancers and their families enjoyed the festival's exhibition of international dancers, food, animals, and a beautiful outdoor stage. For dancer's Sam O. and Devon P., this was their one year anniversary of performing as a McKeever dancer! It was also dancer Amy D.'s first time officially performing as a Champion dancer. The group's energetic performance drew a great response from the audience. We also received this cool certificate from Rancho Cordova Assemblyman Ken Cooley acknowledging our school's contribution to making this a vibrant annual event. Great job dancers!



CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Presented to:
McKeever School of Irish Dance

In honor of:
*your outstanding role in making
Rancho Cordova's fest a vibrant event, by educating
families on the traditions of your culture through
music and dance performances.*

Ken Cooley
KEN COOLEY



Opening for Celtic Woman in Modesto

Our dancer's had an amazing opportunity this month to perform in the lobby of the Gallo Center in Modesto as an opening act for the hit show Celtic Woman. Our small but mighty troupe of 7 dancers had the crowd clapping and cheering as the lobby filled to watch, with an audience looking out over every balcony. Miss McKeever performed at the Gallo Center with Riverdance years ago. What a special chance for her dancers to be perform here too!



Raffle Winner Drawn

Our lucky winner of the Irish Dance Practice Pad was dancer Ella R.! Congratulations Ella!

We know you will put it to good use as you continue to learn your hardshoe dances! Our

CLARA intern Elena did a wonderful job organizing this project, and we raised \$(don't know the amount) which will go directly to our two hardworking Open Champion dancers Bridget F. and Morgan M. for expenses related to competing at the North American Championships (or "Nationals") in Orlando this July. Big thanks to the Fannon family for the donation of the practice pad!



Teams!

Did you read the important email about Ceilis for this year's Oireachtas in Portland? The deadline to sign up for teams is June 28th. If you are interested, please read and understand the Teams Contract that was sent and be sure to sign up!



St. Ambrose Feis

8 of our dancers spent their Memorial Day Weekend feis-ing in Los Angeles at the Cleary School's Spring Feis. What a great way to start the summer! Congratulations to all of our dancers who competed and represented the McKeever School at this event. Shout outs to Champions Isa P. who placed 3rd and Audrey P. who placed 4th in their Championship Competitions. Another shout out to dancers Aurora L. and Noah L. who competed for the first time as McKeever Dancers! There is another St. Ambrose Feis held at the same venue in September!



Summer Gear Order Preview

Stay tuned for limited edition McKeever Gear with special designs by Miss Natalie! We will be doing t-shirts and more with these designs.



DON'T MISS MOVIE NIGHTS IN JUNE!

We will be transforming our studio into a movie theater and screening three must-see movies for Irish Dancers! Bring a blanket or pillow and \$5 and enjoy a special event with kids from all different classes!

SUNDAY JUNE 10 - 5-7PM "JIG THE MOVIE"

This is a documentary about young dancers training and competing at the World Championships. Very inspiring!!

SUNDAY JUNE 17 - 5-7PM "RIVERDANCE"

We will be screening the Radio City version of Riverdance with Colin Dunne and Jean Butler as leads!

SUNDAY JUNE 24 - 5-7PM "RAGUS AN SEO"

A rare screening! This is the show Miss McKeever toured with before Riverdance!



UPCOMING DATES

LUCKY 7'S/SILICON VALLEY FEIS -

Doubletree Hotel San Jose
 Friday June 1 - Grade Exams
 Saturday June 2, 3 Feis

SATURDAY JUNE 9th - MOTHERLODE SCOTTISH GAMES

Amador County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY JUNE 23 - LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Sign Up Deadline June 11

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

This is a ticketed event. All audience members including parents have to buy tickets but they are only \$10!! Tickets go on Sale June 1st and end July 1st.

Sign up Deadline June 1

NO CLASS REMINDER

SUMMER BREAK - JUNE 30th - JULY 21

(First Class back Sunday July 22)

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



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lucky 7's Feis in Silicon Valley
3 CHAMP CLASS 12-2 SPECIAL WORKSHOP TBD	4 CLASS	5 CLASS	6 CLASS	7 CLASS	8 Feis in Colorado	9 SHOW - MOTHERLODE SCOTTISH GAMES CLARA 9th Saturday Feis in Colorado and in Portland
10 CHAMP CLASS 12-2 SPECIAL WORKSHOP TBD Feis in Portland	11 CLASS	12 CLASS	13 CLASS	14 CLASS	15	16 Feis in Orange County
17 CHAMP CLASS 12-2 SPECIAL WORKSHOP TBD	18 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	19 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	20 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	21 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	22 Feis in UTAH CLARA SUMMER CAMP	23 Feis in UT, WA and AZ Lavender Festival Possible Performance
24 CHAMP CLASS 12-2 Feis in AZ	25 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	26 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	27 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	28 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP	29 CLARA SUMMER CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE NEED STUDENT VOLUNTEER FOR THIS DATE	30 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ORLANDO

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ORLANDO	2 NO CLASS	3 NO CLASS	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY NO CLASS	5 NO CLASS	6	7
8	9 NO CLASS	10 NO CLASS	11 NO CLASS	12 NO CLASS	13 Feis in Colorado CLARA Second Saturday	14
15 Feis in Colorado	16 NO CLASS	17 NO CLASS	18 NO CLASS	19 NO CLASS	20	21
22 CLASSES RESUME	23 CLASS	24 CLASS	25 CLASS	26 CLASS	27	28 Feis in Washington
29 Feis in Washington CLASS	30 CLASS	31 CLASS				