

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!











CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

McKeever School of Irish Dance

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





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!







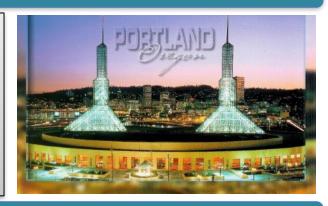
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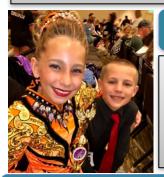
Our lucky winner of the Irish Dance Practice
Pad was dancer Ella R.! Congratulations Ella!
We know you will put it to good use as you
continue to learn your hardshoe dances! Our
CLARA intern Elena did a wonderful job
organizing this project, and we raised \$(don't
know the amount) which will go directly 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 |
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| | | | | | 1 | Lucky 7's Feis in Silicon Valley |
| CHAMP CLASS 12-2 SPECIAL WORKSHOP TBD | 4 CLASS | 5 CLASS | 6 CLASS | 7 CLASS | 8 Feis in Colorado | SHOW- MOTHERLODE SCOTTISH GAMES CLARA 2nd 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 | Possible |
| 24 CHAMP CLASS 12-2 Feis in AZ | 25 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP | 26 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP | 27 CLASS CLARA SLIMMER CAMP | 28 CLASS CLARA SUMMER CAMP | CLARA SUMMER CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE NEED STUDENT VOLUNTEER FOR THIS DATE | NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ORLANDO |

July 2018

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