



McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER MARCH - APRIL 2017

March Madness 2017!

Saturday March 18th was the 4th time the McKeever School participated in the Old Sacramento Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and boy have we grown! Some of our dancers like Sherry T, Jen B, Keara S and Kathryn K have been there from the very beginning! The McKeever School kicked off this year's parade by dancing their jigs in the streets in perfect unison without any music, simply keeping time to the crowds energetic claps! Afterwards dancers lined up behind the Shamrock Club of Sacramento's float and eagerly anticipated the start of the parade. This year it was really great to see dancers making friends and practicing in the street together!



Spreading Irish Culture

The McKeever School had some great performances this month, both large and small! Every single person involved brought joy to audiences around Sacramento! Thank you all for taking part!

March 11th was the Irish Social hosted by the LaSalle Club and held at Christian Brothers High School (site of our first show ever in July of 2014!)

March 15th was Irish Cultural Night at the Met High School in Midtown

March 17th we had two performances for the elderly, one at Eskaton in Gold River and another with the Sacramento Ceili Club at Mercy McMahon in East Sacramento! Dancers received a very special magic show at Eskaton pictured below!

Then lastly we had a fun performance on March 19th, with the production of an Irish Hooley at the Harris Center in Folsom. Two of our amazing champions Moriah P. and Maegan B. joined Miss McKeever on stage for a fast paced professional show put on by Kerry Records. Leads Connor Reider and Keara Osborne said our performance was the best one of the tour! You girls were stars!!

Also well done to all the "Irish Dance Ambassadors" performing at their schools and teaching their fellow students! There were a lot of you out there but we saw and or heard of some great performances by Kerrigan, Amy D. Juna and Adalyn!!



Live and on the Air!

The morning of Saint Patrick's Day our dancers woke up early to perform on LIVE TV to LIVE music! *Good Day Sacramento* host Bethany Crouch invited our talented troupe to be part of that morning's show, and our dancers did an amazing job! The band Anam Cara played a jig for our younger dancers and it went perfectly! Our older dancers soon realized we couldn't hear the music when our taps were in full force. Luckily McKeever Dancers are adaptable and rhythmically skilled. For our second segment we performed a hardshoe reel in unison with no music!! Dancer Emma T. was brought up during the interview segment to discuss her new status of champion as well as her beautiful solo dress. Great job to all involved!



March 30th Cultural Awareness Day Performance at Sutter Memorial Hospital 1:30pm

April 1-2nd Two day Feis in San Francisco! Good Luck to all our dancers!!

April 8th – Possible Sports Massage Clinic with Robert Baum

April 12-13 NO CLASSES

NEW INTRO ADULT CLASS – Starting April 20th Thursdays from 6:30-7:30

April 22nd – Miss McKeever Guest Judges Davis Dance Revolution - UC DAVIS PAVILION 7-10pm

April 28th 4pm – Woodland Dia de los Ninos. Ferns Park.

April 28th 12 Noon – Sacto Mofo Fest Performanc. Railyards Blvd between 5th and 7th Streets.

May 13 – Rancho Cordova lfest
Memorial Day – NO CLASS

Upcoming Events!

Natalie Joins Teaching Staff!!

Starting in April, Natalie McKeever will be transitioning from her current job teaching Digital Art to disabled adults and will be on staff at the McKeever studio co-teaching during all our classes!! This is going to help us "divide and conquer" and will help us manage students who need to be running their dances and those that need to be learning new ones. Many of you already know Natalie but for those of you who do not here is a quick background. A top champion dancer herself for many years Natalie understands the standards and technique of Irish dance! She is also a patient and experienced educator, teaching Video and Digital Art at the college level. In addition to this Natalie is a brilliant video artist whose work has been shown and published internationally. Her latest show was here in Sacramento as part of ArtStreet!!



Dancing for a Good Cause

Sunday March 26th we had so much fun dancing for two great causes and coming together with the Irish Community. The Sacramento Ceili Club joined us in dance for a benefit that supported MVP which aims to help teens avoid becoming involved in gangs, and Father John Healy's mission to help the homeless especially those suffering from AIDS. Thank you to all involved!!



Nicole and Natalie during their competitive Irish Dance Years!

