



# McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter MAY - JUNE 2019

## Gearing up for Nationals in Vancouver



The first week of July we will be up in Vancouver, Canada for the North American Irish Dance Championships. This will be the 4th year we have dancers representing the school and the most McKeever dancers who have attended this prestigious competition to date. Our youngest champions Sophia T. will dance in the Under 8 age group and Amy D. and Olive K. will dance in the Under 9 category. This is a huge honor and we are so proud of all their hard work leading up to this exciting event. Morgan M. will dance for the 3rd time at this event in the Senior Ladies category. Morgan trains exceptionally hard, travels from Reno for class all while holding down a job in the medical field and applying to Medical School this year. She has always shown incredible sportsmanship and dedication and we are very happy to have her represent the McKeever School and be a role model for all the other dancers in the school. Nationals will be in Nashville 2020 and Phoenix 2021 so set your sights high, you could be headed there in the future!

**Do you want to compete at the Regional Championships November 22,23,24th in Denver, Colorado? Please let me know and ask more!**

**Categories you can compete in...**

- Teams for both Children and Adults. All levels encouraged to take part.
- Non Champion Solos in a Traditional Set Dance for both children and adults. If you know Saint Patrick's Day you are qualified.
- Adult 3 round Special Competition - NEW THIS YEAR!
- Championships U8 - 22 and Over - For any Champion dancer!

Congrats to our dancers graduating from High School this year! Champion Isabella P., Champion Morgan S. And Novice Prizewinner Juliana G. We are so proud of all your accomplishments inside and outside the studio! All three of you are exceptional dancers and students.

Congrats to Champion Heather N. who is graduating from University of Nevada Reno with a major in Biology, a minor in Analytical Chemistry and headed towards a career in Radiology.

Congrats to Champion Bridget F. who is now engaged and headed to Trinity College in Ireland to do her Masters in Geology.

We wish all of you the very best

# Feis Fundraisers! Don't Miss Them



THE DAILEY METHOD<sup>®</sup>  
BARRE + CYCLE STUDIO

## FEIS FUNDRAISER ITEM!

We are selling McKeever Feis Logo totes in 3 sizes and all profits will go towards purchasing flooring for the Feis!

You can purchase online in our Threadless shop (<https://mckeever.threadless.com/designs/mckeever-feis-logo-tote-bag/accessories>)

OR you can place your order in the comments section of the facebook post on the McKeever Parent Facebook page and you will get you free shipping 😊 There will be a sample tote at the studio so you can check it out in person.



HAVE FUN AND FEEL GOOD!



## FEIS FUNDRAISING SPIN & BARRE EVENT

Saturday June 22nd  
10:20am at the Dailey Method  
30 min Cycle class  
followed by 30 min Barre Class

**\$25 per person**  
\*\*Only 20 spots available  
and profits from this event  
help raise money  
for the McKeever Feis

**SIGN UP ON THE PARENT DANCER PAGE**



## Lauren Smyth Workshop!

WHEN: Saturday, June 15th 12-4pm

WHERE: CLARA Auditorium

HOW TO APPLY: Please hand me a check for \$110 made out to "Nicole McKeever" by June 1st.

MORE INFO: Lauren is coming from workshops in China heading to Seattle, then to Sacramento and on to Kansas and then the Riverdance Summer Camp so this is a really special opportunity. All dancers of any level over the age of 5 are welcome to apply.

The lead dancer from Riverdance is thrilled to bring her inspiring workshops to dancers all across America! It is Lauren's mission to challenge and encourage dancers to become more! Focusing on the Festival style Slip Jig, this workshop will incorporate all aspects of performance and stage presence, ensuring that each and every dancer leaves feeling more confident in themselves and their abilities. Lauren is also passionate about telling her story of perseverance and self belief to inspire the next generation of dancers to follow their dreams and believe that anything is possible. With 12 years of professional experience, Lauren is more than willing to offer her advice and expertise to all and hopes she can positively influence every dancer she works with! Don't miss out on what will be an unforgettable experience!

(Originating in Ulster, the Festival association is very traditional in style with understated costumes and natural hair and make-up. A lot of emphasis is based around the dancer's performance and the feeling the dancer creates whilst on stage. With haunting music, so full of emotion from the late Patricia Mulholland, the Festival style allows the dancer to delve into the music and take themselves and the audience on an emotional journey. The slow Slip Jig in Festival is particularly special; elegant, controlled, strong and emotional; this sets the tradition apart and gives it its unique identity)

Benefits: Stage presence/Performance/connection with the music/  
Strengthens core/ Full body strength and stability/ Control/Balance/  
Flexibility

EXCLUSIVE WORKSHOP

JUNE 15, 2019

12pm - 4pm

\$110

At CLARA Midtown  
Performing Arts Center  
Sacramento, California

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY EMAILING  
McKeeverDance@gmail.com

LAUREN SMYTH

PASSION · PERSEVERANCE · PURPOSE

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These Events Need Your Support!!



Hosted by the  
McKeever School  
of Irish Dance



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Competition** - June 1st and 2nd Lucky 7's/Silicon Valley  
Feis in San Jose hosted by the Greene Academy  
NO CLASSES June 2nd

### **\*\*SUMMER VACATION DATES\*\***

#### **NO CLASSES**

JUNE 30 - JULY 13th (classes back on July 14th)

JULY 28th - AUG 3rd (classes back on August 4th)

(You are not charged for classes on these dates)

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### **\*\*Crocker Art Museum Performance\*\***

WHEN: Sunday, June 23rd

Performance between 10:30 am-12:30pm

Signup on the Google Doc Before June 1st.

### **\*\*California Day of Dance Performance\*\***

WHEN: The performance will take place at 2:00 p.m. on July 27th, with a dress rehearsal the evening before (pending venue availability).

WHERE: TBA (In Sacramento)

HOW TO APPLY: If you are enrolled in the Champion or Young Champ Classes you are eligible to participate. Please sign up on the Google document by the DEADLINE of July 1st.

### **CLARA SUMMER CAMP**

<https://www.claramidtown.org/camp/>

WHEN: July 22nd - August 2, 2019 Monday - Friday for two weeks from 9am-4pm

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Summer Camp is open to students in grades 6-12, ages 11-18 (11-year olds must be entering 6th grade in the Fall).

**\*\*Check out website for pricing and more information\*\***

**Sacramento Republic Game**

**Pre-Game Performance**

**Saturday August 17th**

**More information to come!**

We have some feis updates!  
As many of you know we are officially open for registration. We found a deal at the Citizen Hotel for our judges and musicians!  
Our awards, venue and flights are all secured. Next on the list is purchasing the flooring and organizing volunteer schedules as well as small visual and decorative aspects of the event like our program, podium and signage. More information to come! Thank you for all the support so far!

