



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

May - August 2022

Rancho Cordova Ifest



13TH ANNUAL RANCHO CORDOVA IFEST

It's a small world, after all

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, May 14, 2022
5-9 p.m.
Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive

Art ♦ Music ♦ Dance
Ride A Camel ♦ Make A Kite
Butterfly Release ♦ Henna Tattoos
Caricatures ♦ Pinatas ♦ More!
International Food ♦ Children's Activities

Wines of the World
Special Ticket Required ♦ 21 and older only
Buy tickets at cordovacouncil.org

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On May 14th we had such a fun evening watching dancers from all different cultures perform alongside us the Rancho Cordova Ifest! Our troupe did an amazing job and this is our 5th time performing at this event. Great job to all the dancers who came out and represented the school!

Miss Nicole is Now an Irish Dance Adjudicator



Dear Candidate,

This email is to inform you that you have been **successful** in the ADCRG examination in Burbank California, held in June 2022.

The full breakdown of your result and other information will follow by email in the coming days. Your result is not available from the CLRG office staff or by any other means

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Your teacher is now officially and Irish Dance Adjudicator! She took an extensive exam before the pandemic and passed 4 parts. Then in June was able to take her last section of the exam and passed! This is no easy feat and Miss Nicole is so excited to get to travel and judge dancers from all over the world. She is booked for competitions in Saint Louis, Denver and Las Vegas already! Sorry she can never judge her own students!

Save the Planet Feis in San Francisco

At the end of May the Michael Dillon School hosted for the second year the Save The Planet Feis at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. We saw so many personal bests for every dancer and some outstanding results for our champions. Most importantly a fun event for a great cause! Congrats to Abbey G on her first championship competition! Special congrats to Open Champs Olive Kincaid placing 1st and 3rd in U12 and Natalie McKeever placing 4th 18&O! Our Preliminary Champs had an exciting weekend as well! Millie Kinnaird placing 1st and 1st in U16, Eva Sedillo 3rd 17&O, Ruby Kincaid 3rd and 5th in U11 and in the Adult Championships Christine Fleischmann placing 4th and 4th!



Lucky Sevens Feis

Congrats to all our dancers who competed at three different locations the first weekend of June in San Jose, Arizona and Burbank!!!

It's always so much fun watching you dance. Huge congrats to first feis dancer Suzie B.

To Champions Morgan Martin 3rd in Open, Olive Kincaid 2nd and 3rd in Open and Ruby Kincaid 2nd and 2nd in Prelim.

AND to our four new Preliminary Champions Estela, Chloe, McKenna and Allie!! We are so excited for you guys to start your next chapter of your Irish Dance journey! Also our new Malley Sport costumes were officially debuted by cute and hardworking Novice dancer Andrea G!



Welcome to Prelim Champion Estela, Chloe, McKenna and Allie!!

Extra Extra Read All About It!



We are so incredibly proud of our McKeever Champion Sophia Teves who was given three awards in the international talent competition "Go Irish Dance" sponsored by Irish Dancing Magazine. She received 2nd in vocals and podium awards in the Family and Open Champion Hardshoe to modern music category! You rock Sophia and are such an inspiration!



While walking out of the building one Sunday it was so fun to see our school logo in chalk! Thanks Brittany and Evy :)



On August 27th our beautiful dance troupe performed in Land Park for Race For the Arts! It was a fun and joyous show this year! Thank you you everyone who woke up early to perform. Big congrats to our little beginner Ayla for dancing in her first show!!

North America Championships in Montreal

We are incredibly proud of our two open Senior Lady champions Morgan Martin and Natalie McKeever who danced at the North American Irish Dance Championships in Montreal. Both achieving personal bests on stage and Morgan two away from the recall in an insanely strong group!! Thank you Open Wings for Morgan's gorgeous new dress! She looked stunning. Natalie deserves recognition for making her own dress! Congrats to Natalie on her official retirement from competition. She is now starting her own dressmaking business (the dress she is wearing she designed and sewed herself!).



Nationals Continued!

So proud of McKeever U12 Open champion Olive Kincaid! She was one of our McKeever Team who competed at the North American Irish Dance Championships in Montreal. What an outstanding achievement at this young age to compete against 90 top dancers from all over the World! This was a stellar and confident performance that deserves recognition!



The Youngest National Team Stars!

McKeever champs Sophia Teves and Ruby Kincaid also competed at the prestigious North American Irish Dance Championships in Montreal against over 100 dancers from all over the world!

Both girls achieved new personal bests with their performances and are inspired to keep building. You will hear their names again for sure! Thank you Ruby and Sophia for inspiring your teammates. Every time we bring the McKeever Team name to these major championships it paves the way for the next generation and puts a spotlight on your undeniable talent. Congrats to Devin Powell who attended via FaceTime (pictured below).



Competing in Arizona, Palm Springs and Washinton DC!



Summer is always a fun time to travel and possibly check out what competitions might be happening in the area! A few of our McKeever teammates were able to travel to Arizona, Palm Springs and D.C! Devin Powell competed at the Nations Capital Feis in D.C and Miss Nicole and Natalie have fond memories of competing in that one back in the 90's! Estela and Shannon got a chance to compete at the grand Canyon State Feis in Arizona and the Devin, Lina R. And Sophia had a blast in Palm Springs! Thank you for representing the school in such a lovely way girls! Hope you and your families made wonderful memories at all these fun events!



CA State Fair is BACK

On July 30th, 45 of our dancers performed at the California State Fair. The stage was beautiful, the dancing was gorgeous and we made tons of happy memories. Thank you McKeever team for putting on such a beautiful performance. We beat the heat too, getting to dance around noon that day with decent weather... unlike in years past! We had many dancers perform for the first time and even some of our current zoom dancers like Elizabeth B, who has been with us for 7 or 8 years come back to in person performances! Congrats Amber and Clara for your first performance!



CLARA CAMPERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to dancers Juna, Dahlia, Millie, Norah, and Grace who volunteered to help out at CLARA camp this past July! CLARA tenants give two weeks of camp instruction to students in SCUSD, a majority of which have free tuition if they are in financial need. This building has so much amazing programming and gives back so much to our community, its been exciting to see this camp grow! Even better is a few of the campers who tried Irish Dance decided to join the school! We welcome Ellie and Mila! Even better we saw so many familiar faces this year, Clare, June, Honor, Clara to name a few!



Dancers Clare and June who attended camp with their teammates and volunteers Millie and Norah

Camp Rince Ceol

Two of the original cast members of Riverdance, Tony Davoren and Shiela Ryan started Camp Rince Ceol 20 years ago! It's been a wonderful place for our dancers to learn new skills and material, and even more importantly make friends from across the country. Three of our dancers attended this year and had an absolute blast. Savannah, Dahlia and Murron represented the McKeever school and worked extremely hard with some of the best instructors and Irish Dance stars around!



Exciting Trips to Ireland



Ruby and Olive getting a dress fitting at Doire dress designs. We can't help but think those cute stuffed dogs resemble Tumbleweed our school mascot!

We had these special ladies today come to visit us at Doire all the way from Sacramento 🌟🌟



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mcdaidacademy 🍰🍰 Happy Birthday Rebecca 🍰🍰
 Happy Birthday to our gorgeous Rebecca who turns 11 tomorrow and has loads of celebrations planned for the weekend. We hope you had a lovely time celebrating at the end of class and thank you for the chocolate cake. It was great to have the beautiful Kincaid sisters Olive and Ruby with us from @mckeeverchoolofirishdance in California. Great to see them again after last seeing them in 2017.x
 #rebeccas11 #chocolatecaketocelebrate

A few of our dancers had exciting trips to Ireland this Summer! Many visiting family or excitedly going to Ireland for the first time! One trip worth mentioning is Olive and Ruby Kincaid who got to attend class in Northern Ireland at the McDaid Academy! They have welcomed them in 5 years ago and its been so lovely seeing them open their doors and help our dancers keep up their fitness while allowing them to make some beautiful friendships.

Off to College!



Saying goodbye to our dancers when they leave for college is always momentous. However saying goodbye to one of our very first dancers was a special landmark. McKeever Champion Eva Sedillo is off to college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo! Eva you literally were one of the schools first students and it's been a beautiful 8 years watching you grow and shine on stage while turning into a strong young women! Its definitely not goodbye, but we will miss your smile in class for now!

Feis in The Vines

It was a fun weekend in Santa Rosa August 21-22 at the second Annual Feis in the Vines hosted by the Michael Dillon School. Everyone made us so proud with their brave and beautiful performances. A special congrats to first time competitors Emilia, Kiana, Kayla, and Mary you were ADORABLE to watch and made us so proud! Huge congrats to all our champions especially Millie Kinnaird - 1st Preliminary Champ ONE MORE TILL YOU ARE OPEN!! Olive Kincaid - 2nd Open Champs, Sophia Teves - 4th Open Championship, and Ruby Kincaid - 2nd and 4th Preliminary Champ! Thank you for shining on stage McKeever Team. This was also the first time many of our dancers met adorable team mascot Tumbleweed the service dog, as seen on TV! She really does calm the nerves!



CLARA Night Out



We loved performing on August 2nd at CLARA's National Night Out! Dancers came out in the heat to share their love of Irish dance with Midtown!! Big congrats Lily and Jane on their first show! Next year CLARA hopes to make this event even bigger and better! This National annual event unites the community, law enforcement and local businesses together to enhance a sense of community.

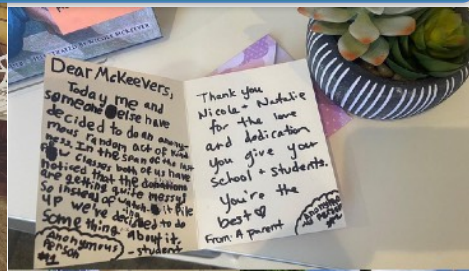


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I came in during the Summer break to do a mega clean of the studio and happened upon this amazing surprise!! Whoever created this new shoe resale cubby for our hallway at CLARA thank youuuu! It genuinely brightened my day and has made the hall feel more like a family fun space. We have such wonderful families in this school!

THANK YOU!



You guys its real! There WILL be a coffee shop under our studio in the next few weeks! Please support Seasons Coffee when it opens. They are a small local business that has had 4 years of delay due to permits, covid shutdowns and staffing issues! They will have coffee, sandwiches and healthy smoothies too! WE CAN'T WAIT!

