



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

The Dream of Oireachtas is Alive in Portland!!



Portland Oireachtas Continued

This year we had 42 dancers registered for the Oireachtas, the 10th largest amount of dancers in the Western Region out of 78 schools! Pretty impressive considering that 4 years ago we sent a single dancer to the school's first Oireachtas! Here are some the results!

Teams

This year was the first time McKeever dancers have competed in Ceili dances at the Regional Championships, and they made us proud!! Ms. McKeever even received a compliment from one of her fellow teachers saying that we made an impressive teams debut!

- Our youngest team earned 4th place in the Under 8 4-hand competition!
- Our 40 and Under 4-hand team received 4th place as well!
- Our 40 & Over 4-hand won 3rd place and a spot on the podium!
- Our Adult 8-hand team also earned 3rd place and a spot on the podium!

The teams who earned podium spots are given special crystal trophies that we now have displayed at the studio! We are so proud of ALL the teams who competed this year!!

Ceili dances are such a great way for dancers to learn to work together and follow complex directions! They are also a special part of the traditional aspect of our artform as the dances are hundreds of years old! We look forward to having many more teams represent our school at Major Championships in the future, and look for an Adult Teams class on the schedule soon!

Championship Solos

We had 14 Champion dancers compete in solo competitions this Oireachtas weekend! Every dancer put their absolute best on stage, and truly showcased the hard work and determination that goes into competing at this event! Congratulations to dancers Amy D., Libby P., Millie K., and Eva S. who competed at their first Oireachtas this year! Dancers Arabelle J., Anja R., Ana P., Morgan S., Sarah S., Heather N., and Natalie M. represented our school so well in their solo competitions! A special congratulations to our three solo recalls this year!

- Amy D. - 12th Place Under 8 Girls
- Audrey P. - 52nd place (out of 117!) Girls Under 15
- Bridget F. - 23rd place Ladies 22&Over
- Morgan M. - 20th place Ladies 22&Over

Traditional Set

We had 8 dancers compete in the Traditional Set Category this year. Aurora, Noah and Jen were literally inches away from a recall and made us so proud. The following McKeever Dancers got outstanding placements!

- Avery R. - 16th
- Kailey G. - 7th
- Ann R. - 10th
- Sue M. - 9th
- Sherry T. - 2nd

Set your sights on the 2019 Regional Championships which will be in Denver Colorado!

Look at these outstanding pictures from photographer Anthony Herrera's studio visit. He came to take portraits of dancers around CLARA and they turned out so beautiful. Visit his site at anthonyherrera.com



Oireachtas Dress Rehearsal

We started this month off with our second annual dress rehearsal for dancers competing at the Oireachtas (also known as the Regional Championships) in the CLARA Auditorium. This year it was open to the public, which gave our dancers an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Thanks to all of the friendly McKeever School faces that came by for a chance to cheer on our solo and team dancers!



Celtic Wings at Harris Center

Dancers Sophia T., Libby P., and Millie K. started off this month with some dance inspiration from the show Celtic Wings which performed at the Harris Center in Folsom! Some of the cast were Ms. McKeever's fellow Riverdance cast-mates, and our dancers were lucky to meet them backstage after the show!



MCKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Irish Christmas Market

Saturday, December 8th
1-5PM

McKeever Studios. CLARA Midtown
Second Floor, 2420 N Street, Sacramento

Don't Miss These Fun Vendors!

- McKeever School (Discounted Class Packages, McKeever Gear)
- Ambermations (Irish Dance Illustrations and Prints)
- Liddy Lama Crafty Mama (Unique Apparel, Gifts and More)
- The Purdy Urban Farm (Customized Jewelry)
- Edwards Crochet (Handmade Crocheted Items)
- Spiritual Irish Dancer (Handmade Headpieces and Dance Accessories)
- Tara Nyberg Art (Irish Dance Art and Cards)
- Millie Kinnaird Art (Irish Dance Art Prints and Comics)
- Seasons Coffee (Bags of Roasted Coffee and Memberships)
- The Calligraphy Girl (Personalized Art Calligraphy)

Upcoming Events

FEIS NA NOLLAG - DECEMBER 8-9th Indian Wells, CA.
This is the last feis of the year! Last day to sign up is November 30th!
<http://www.claddaghdance.com/feile-na-nollaig1.html>

COME SHOP!! - MCKEEVER IRISH CHRISTMAS MARKET - SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8th 1-5PM
This will be a fun event in our studio with Christmas atmosphere and unique handmade gifts! We hope this will be an annual event, come support!

CHRISTMAS BREAK
DECEMBER 17-JANUARY 6th - Last class before break Sunday the 16th. First class back Monday January 7th.

IRISHPALOOZA
January 12th 5-6:30 at Harlows on J Street. This is a fun filled, annual Irish Music Night! If you are a Champion of any age or you are a dancer over 16 years of age please sign up to perform before December 14th.

NAFC Championships
JANUARY 19th - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento
This is a great opportunity to see top Open Champions compete from around North America! We will have McKeever Champion Morgan M. competing at this event! Come get inspired! Opportunities for all Champions to compete in specials, make sure to check out the syllabus!
http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/uploads/2019_Syllabus_for_the_North_American_Feis_Commission_Championships.pdf

JOHN KENNELLY MEMORIAL FEIS
JANUARY 20TH - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento
The only local feis! Sign-up is on Feisworx.

Fusion Fighters Workshop!
Application on McKeeverDance.com under events. Apply by February 9th

2019 Student Showcase Sign Up - Sign up before December 15th



Tickets: \$40 Ticketify.com

IRISHPALOOZA 8

Saturday, January 12th 5 pm

Whiskey and Stitches The Pileys
Stepping Stone OneEyed Rellly
McKeever School of Irish Dance

Harlow's Restaurant and Nightclub
2708 J St. Sacramento Ca.



McKEEVER
SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE

WATCH US DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

BEGINNERS, CHAMPIONS, CHILDREN & ADULTS
CLARA MIDTOWN AUDITORIUM
2420 N STREET, SACRAMENTO
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