



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

WESTERN REGIONAL OIREACHTAS 2019



This year we had 14 dancers compete at the Western Regional Oireachtas (O-rock-tus) in Denver, CO and we are so proud of all you!! We had 7 dancers recall in solo competitions as well as our Ladies Adult Team! To recall means you ranked in the top half of the competition. 4 of our dancers placed high enough to qualify for the North American National Championships! Most importantly every dancer did their absolute best and represented our school with great dancing and sportsmanship!! If you are a champion dancer or adult dancer we encourage you to set your sights on next year's Oireachtas which will be in Phoenix, AZ. We also really want to send teams of all levels and ages so please keep this in mind! You do not need to be a champion to compete in teams and you can also compete in a non-championship traditional set dance solo category.

Special congratulations to:

- Morgan M. - Ladies 22&O - 22nd place and National Qualifier
 - Moriah P. - Ladies U22 - 8th place and National Qualifier
 - Audrey P. - Girls U16 - 33rd place and National Qualifier
 - Amy D. - Girls U9 - 9th place and National Qualifier
 - Olive K. - Girls U9 - 21st place (First Oireachtas!)
 - Ruby K. - Girls U8 - 17th place (First Oireachtas!)
 - Sherry T. - Adult Championships - 26th place
 - Marie D., Nora O. (First Oireachtas!), Ann R., Sherry T. - Ladies 40&O 4-Hand Team, 5th place
- Congratulations Kathryn K. (First Oireachtas!), Millie K., Arabelle J., and Natalie M. as well on your great performances at the Oireachtas!



IRISH CHRISTMAS MARKET



We hosted our 2nd annual Christmas Market event at the McKeever Studios. The festive atmosphere was cheerful and fun, and we are always so excited to see all of the crafty and artistic talents that our McKeever families have! From custom shirts, jewelry, handmade art, auric readings and even back massages benefiting St. Jude's we had such fun and unique vendors. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and to everyone who participated. Miss Nicole sure had fun shopping! Start planning for our Christmas market in 2020, anyone can be a vendor.

LAST PERFORMANCE OF 2019



On December 21st we performed our last show of 2019! The beautiful and talented McKeever School Champs were fortunate enough to open and perform during "An Irish Christmas in America" at the B Street Theater! Thank you SBL Entertainment for always looking out for performance opportunities and bringing so much Celtic Music to Sacramento! PS. We loved seeing cute McKeever dancers in the audience!

SACRAMENTO GAY MEN'S CHORUS HOLIDAY SHOW

This year we were invited back to perform with the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus for a "best of" showcase of numbers from the past five years.

Miss Nicole and McKeever champions Morgan M., Natalie M., and Moriah P. performed for the number "Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day". What an honor to perform for this talented group!!



HOLLYWOOD PARK SPECIAL FINAL PERFORMANCE

December 10th was such a beautiful day for 40 dancers at Hollywood Park Elementary School. These third graders concluded 10 weeks of learning Irish dance as part of CLARA Midtown's Arts outreach, performing the full beginner jig on stage for the Irish Consul General to the Western USA. Robert O'Driscoll even spoke to them in Irish and was wowed by their energy, confidence and dance skills on stage. They were presented with a beautiful personalized certificate from the Embassy as well as a beginner Jig Ribbon and vintage Irish Dance Medals that were donated to the school. The McKeever School is so honored to be passing down Irish Dance and exposing the performing Arts to a diverse community of young people who may not economically have the opportunity to experience it otherwise.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NO CLASS ON SUNDAY JANUARY 19th

LOCAL FEIS! Kennelly Feis January 19th in Sacramento. Sign up on Feisworx.com.

2020 SHOWS ON THE HORIZON

1/11 - **Irishpalooza** at Harlows Novice Prizewinner Level, Champion and Adult eligible to perform. TICKETS - <https://www.harlows.com/event/irishpalooza>

3/14 - **Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Old Sacramento and Knights of Columbus Performance.** All levels invited to perform! We will probably have lots of shows in March but these two are annual ones.

3/15 - **Saint Patrick's Day in Ireland** at the Harris Center Novice Prizewinner Level, Champion and Adult eligible to perform. TICKETS - <https://www.harriscenter.net/f-2003-stpatrick>

3/29 - **Altan at the Harris Center** Champions eligible to perform, cast will be limited so names drawn from hat. TICKETS - <https://www.harriscenter.net/f-2003-sbl-altan>

McKeever School Student Showcase - This year we are looking into the end of May and we hope to book the theater at Hiram Johnson HS. More information as it comes.

IRISH DANCE AMBASSADOR AWARD



Congrats to our first ever McKeever School Irish Dance Ambassador Scholarship Winners, Eleni, Hannah and Dahlia! They performed for 4 hours in front of 300 people as part of a fundraiser for younger students at their school. They were in charge of costumes, props and everything involved in their performance. We are so thankful they were able to share their talents and love of Irish dance with their community. Great work girls! These three dancers will receive tuition reductions as part of their award. Please check out the application for the next round if you are a McKeever Student on our parent dancer page!

CUTE FACTOR!

NOVEMBER 2019



A bright-eyed, determined second grade student takes the stage for our November Student Spotlight. Shannon Worthey needs no introduction

in her own circle, but the rest of us were shocked to hear how Shannon spends her extracurricular time. Shannon has been practicing Irish Dance for the past three years. Her passion for Irish Dance stems from her debut on the living room floor at just 2 years old when she watched the entire three-hour *Riverdance* video, following along the entire time. Holding Shannon's attention was no feat for this busy girl, but she was so mesmerized by the dancing, her curiosity did not wander.



Dancer Shannon W. was featured in her school's student spotlight article for her excellence in Irish Dance!

Dancer McKenna B. was pictured in Irish Dance Magazine's December Birthdays. How Spectacular Girls!

Pictured Below Sophia T. practicing in Thailand!

Did you know all the updates, show and event signups and important emails are all saved for you on the Parent Dancer Page on mckeeverdance.com access it anytime with the current door code!

DO NOT MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES
FIND ALL THESE APPLICATIONS ON OUR PARENT DANCER PAGE

Irish Dance Ambassador Award (Please find on the parent dancer page! <https://www.mckeeverdance.com/parent-dancer-page>) You could get 50% off your tuition. Details on the application.

Friend Enrollment Discount - (Please find on the parent dancer page! <https://www.mckeeverdance.com/parent-dancer-page>) Get a friend to register for class and we will give you \$20 off your tuition. Just hand in form! class during the first week of classes in that next month.

