



McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER

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We Did It! Best Dance Studio 2016!



2016 **WINNER**
McKeever School of Irish Dance

BEST Dance Studio

**AS CHOSEN BY THE VOTERS
OF THE SACRAMENTO A-LIST**

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Wow! We did it! Thank you so much to all who voted and spread the word about this year's KCRA – A List Campaign! We were voted first out of 81 studios for Best Dance Studio in Sacramento! Come Celebrate this win along with our three year anniversary at the next CLARA Second Saturday, October 8th from 5-8pm. It will be a chance to mingle, eat some treats and perhaps have a glass of wine!

Saturday, October 15th there will be a promotional video shot at CLARA by Capitol Indie Collective. They are doing a fancy drone shot of students of all the arts organizations walking in and out of the building. If you would like to be part of this please mark your calendars for a 7:30 am call time on that day. It's something interesting and unique to be a part of, and will be a fun chance to meet other performing artists. This video will be used to help promote any events happening at CLARA. So they have specifically asked for Irish dancers in costume! More information to come in the next few weeks.

Determined Dancers are Recognized for their Hard Work!

September was a big month for five of our dancers who travelled far and wide to represent the McKeever School in competition. The first weekend of the month was a two day competition up in Seaside, Oregon hosted by the An Daire School. Four of our dancers made the big trek up north. Ana, Emma, Isa and Marcella all danced wonderfully and it was extremely enjoyable for their teacher who was in attendance to watch their performances. A huge congrats to Ana P. who became a Champion dancer that weekend! Dancer Marcella M. competed for the first time under the McKeever School as a Preliminary Champion and earned an incredible second place standing in a very large group. Later in the month dancers Juliana and Emma went down to Southern California to compete in the Saint Ambrose Feis hosted by the Cleary School. Emma T. earned first in her Hornpipe out of 18 dancers and has one more win until becoming a champion! Dancer Juliana G. moved up in all her dances, some into Beginner 2 or Novice! Congrats to all these hardworking students and remember to always be proud of your progress. The bigger picture is the most important and all of you are making great strides towards becoming the best dancers you can be!



Bring a Friend to Class Event!

For September's Second Saturday event at CLARA the McKeever School hosted a free lesson if enrolled students brought a friend! This turned out to be a really fun class and we actually gained five new students! Welcome to the School Sean, Libby, Kailey, Yifen and Kitty!



Don't Miss Out! Register for the East Bay Feis!

The next big local competition is October 29th and 30th at the San Ramon Marriot. Its hosted by the McBride School and is a great opportunity for all dancers. Saturday is Champion Dancers, and Sunday is Grade Levels, Teams and other Solo Dances. To register for competition go to FeisInfo.com

If you are interested in competing and have never done so please ask Ms. McKeever about how to get started and what steps to take!

CelticFest 2016!

This year's KVMR CelticFest was the biggest performance we have put on to date!! 39 dancers signed up to perform at this well known Celtic Music and Culture Event held at the Nevada City Fairgrounds. This year also marked the festival's 20th Anniversary. Our dancers put on two fantastic shows, which included two routines from our Performative Choreography Class. The A-Capella routine brought down the house! Thanks to all the dancers who participated, from the two Tiny Tots, Beginners, Adults, Champions and everyone in-between, it was a very enjoyable day and thank you for participating!

