



McKeever School of Irish Dance Newsletter

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019

OCTOBER FEISANNA



Portland Feis

Dancers Estela G., Olive K., and Ruby K traveled to Portland, Oregon at the beginning of the month for the Portland Feis and City of Roses Feis hosted by the Murray School. Congratulations Estela and Ruby for moving dances up to the Prizewinner level, and Olive K. for placing 2nd and 3rd in Preliminary Championships!

East Bay Feis

27 McKeever dancers competed at the last local feis of the year hosted by the McBride School. Congratulations to our grade level dancers and adults on your many successes, and for representing the McKeever School so well with great sportsmanship and fabulous dancing! Special congratulations to Amy D. who earned her first 1st place in U9 Preliminary Championships! Great job to Preliminary Champions Sophia T. 2nd place in U9, Millie K. 7th place in U13, Arabelle J. 5th place in U16! The next local feis is in January here in Sacramento. Set your goals and work hard for that next feis!

Celtic Irish Dance Academy Feis

Champions Morgan M. and Natalie M. traveled to Garden Grove for the CIDA Feis. Morgan M. earned a 2nd and 3rd in her Open Championship Treble Reel and Reel Specials, and Natalie M. earned a 3rd place overall in 17&O Preliminary Championships and a 2nd in the Reel Special. Great job girls!

Great job to all our dancers who competed this month!

GAELIC STORM AT HARLOWS

McKeever Champions performed a lively pre-show for the famous Irish band Gaelic Storm at Harlow's on October 14th. You may recognize the band from the famous 3rd Class party scene in the movie Titanic!! The venue was packed and dancers brought the house down with their beautiful dancing, getting the crowd excited for the lively show that followed. The fiddle player Katie Grennan even pulled Miss Nicole on stage for some treble reels during the finale. This is such a fun venue to perform at, you can see us there again in January for Irishpalooza!



OIREACHTAS

Good luck to our dancers headed to the Regional Championships (the Oireachtas) in Denver, Colorado in November!! This is a Qualifying event for the National and World Championships.

Ruby K., U8 Championships

Amy D. U9 Championships

Olive K. U9 Championships

Kathryn K. U12 Championships

Millie K. U13 Championships

Arabelle J. U16 Championships

Audrey P. U16 Championships

Moriah P. U22 Championships

Morgan M. 22&O Championships

Natalie M. 22&O Championships

Marie D. Adult 4 Hand

Nora O. Adult 4 Hand and Adult Trad. Set

Ann Raftery Adult 4 Hand and Adult Trad. Set

Sherry T. Adult 4 Hand and Adult Championships



INDIAN DANCE COLLABORATION

Our Performative Choreography class began a cross-cultural collaboration with Indian dance teacher Khurshid Dastur and her students this month. Khurshid and Miss McKeever met to discuss the similarities in rhythms in both dance forms as well as the shared histories of both cultures and how this influences their dance styles. Khurshid visited and taught a lesson on creating rhythm. Miss McKeever taught Khurshid's dancers the jig and they infused their arm movements into the dance. We can't wait to continue this collaboration in the future! Don't forget, if you are a Novice/Prizewinner dancer you are eligible to take the Ceili & Choreography class!



UPCOMING EVENTS

NO CLASSES REMINDER

Thanksgiving Break (Also Western US Regional Championships in Denver!)

No classes starting on Thursday November 21st and then first class back Monday, December 2nd. We have 10 champions and 4 Adult dancers competing in Denver!

12/7 - MCKEEVER CHRISTMAS MARKET

12-4pm at the studio! Become a vendor for \$10 - \$20 Application attached to this email. Please submit before November 13th. Come shop and enjoy free food and drinks!

12/27 We are performing at the Sophia theater Saturday, December 21st before the show Irish Christmas in America. Get tickets through the link on our website!

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.

SIX YEARS IN BUSINESS

Wow! McKeever School of Irish Dance celebrated our 6th year in business on October 15th. A sincere thank you to all of our dancers and families past and present give our school such a positive and vibrant culture! We wouldn't be here without you! We have come so far and learned so much! Here is to a happy, healthy and joyful next year of dancing.

See if you recognize any familiar faces in our one year anniversary picture below!!



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 Christmas Market at the McKeever Studios - Information and application ON THE PARENT PAGE If you are a musician and want to play some Irish/Celtic tunes during this event please let me know!!

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.