



McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2016

Reason to Celebrate

This month we held a Second Saturday Celebration for our three year anniversary and our KCRA – A List Best Dance Studio in Sacramento Win! It was a great evening filled with refreshments and good company. Thanks to all the families and dancers who came our to our studios to mingle. Also thanks to all the CLARA fellow tenants who stopped in to visit.

Next Second Saturday will be the last one in 2016. It will take place from 5-8pm on November 12th and there will be a free 30 min beginner class for kids from 5-5:30. Afterwards we will have our door open for information on classes. Tell your friends and spread the word! Hope to see you there!



School mascot Tumbleweed got her fair share of cookies at the open house. Thanks for cleaning the floor of all those crumbs!



Dancers get in on Filming at CLARA

This month our dancers had the exciting chance to participate in professional promotional video shoot for the CLARA Studios. This was a project of CLARA Tenant group Capitol Indie Collective under the wonderful direction of Christina Marie. The call time was early on a Saturday but we had so many wonderful dancers participate and represent the McKeever School so well. Dancer Jenny B even spent her birthday with us to be part of the filming that day too! It was exciting to see the action shots in the hallways with all the tenants, ballet dancers lifting through the air, musicians playing, actors bustling, and Irish dancers skipping! We can't wait to see how this collaborative experience comes to full realization! When it does we will be sure to share it with you!



East Bay Feis!

Halloween Weekend was the East Bay Feis in San Ramon hosted by the McBride School of Irish Dance. We had 24 dancers registered. Dancers Kailey, Kara and Ryan did a great job at their first competition as McKeever School Irish Dancers. From our beginners, through to Champion and Adult dancers the McKeever School made a strong and powerful appearance at the competition. Our new team jackets from Treasure Mountain Apparel got lots of praise and it was fun picking out all our fellow students in the crowd by their bright sparkly gear!

Dancer Ana P. Competed at her first champion level competition and came in 5th overall which is outstanding! Almost every dancer went home with an award which is quite amazing! It is important for all our dancers to remember its not all about winning an losing but how much you are improving. Competition should drive you to become a stronger dancer and give you a goal to work towards. In addition it's a fun chance to perform and spend the day with other dance friends. Keep setting your "Process" goals and working toward them!! The next big competition is in January here in Sacramento hosted by the Kennelly School! Hope to see you there!!



Fall Feis News

Several of our dancers have travelled far this month to competitions in Oregon, Arizona and Southern California. Raini, Kiki and Emma S. earned top three placements in Oregon and are close to becoming champions. Kiki won her Slip Jig special out of a large competition! Dancer Alicia O. earned a top three in her championships at the Southern California Halloween Feis and has her sights set on the Regional Oireachtas this November! Raini travelled to Arizona medaling and moving up in several of her dances! All of you are improving in class and working hard, don't lose your momentum!



CLARA-Weeeen!



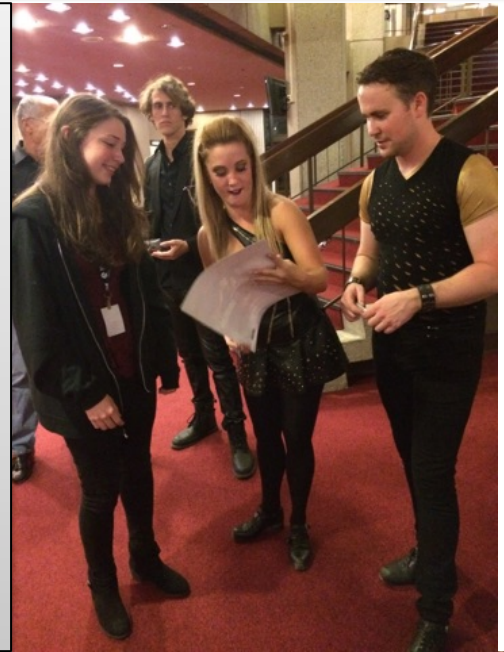
CLARAwween was a fun night where dancers could trick or treat inside the building and visit all the different studios! Thanks to all the dancers who stopped in and visited with their awesome costumes!! Hope you had a fun night! Thanks to CLARA's Executive Director Megan Wygant for creating the concept and organizing the night!

Special thanks to Natalie McKeever and Tumbleweed for helping our dancers at the East Bay Feis! See you both at the Regional Championships in November!



Rockin Road To Dublin The Show Inspires Dancers

On October 23, the exciting new show called Rockin Road to Dublin came to the Community Center Theater. World Champion and former Riverdancer Scott Doherty co-created the show and is excited to bring it on the road for its first National Tour. The troupe was full of some of the world's top champion dancers including female lead and multi-World champion Ashley Smith. The show combined energetic rock music with fast past exciting choreography. Many of our dancers young and old were in the audience and hopefully inspired that night. It was a real treat after the show for many of them to get autographs from the cast and for Miss McKeever to reunite with her two Riverdance cast member friends Scott Doherty and Billy Kanaly. We wish them the very best of luck on the road!



Pictured Right is our cute Advanced Beginner class who has been mastering their four soft shoe dances and is working on some of their first Hard Shoe Routines! Thanks for being such a fun and lively group!!!

