



# McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2015

## A Busy Month Dancing Up a Storm!

October was a busy month for the McKeever School of Irish Dance. Our school had four shows and two competitions!

On October third we kicked things off with our first show of the month, the ever-exciting KVMR CelticFest in the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. We had a troupe of 27 dancers of all ages and levels perform in front of a cheering captive audience. That day we held two workshops and two performances. A storm filled with lightning and hail rolled over the campgrounds that evening as our dancers eagerly awaited their performance on the main stage with the renowned Carlos Nunez. Carlos has recorded albums with the Chieftains and composed music for the show *Heartbeat of Home* (from the producers of *Riverdance*). Carlos was so welcoming and helpful to our dancers during their performance which was only put together an hour before it graced the stage! It was an extremely exciting day for all involved and the event organizers are excited to have us back next year for an even bigger show celebrating the festival's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!







2015 KVMR Celtic Festival - Grass Valley, CA - Mike Shea photos



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# Sharing our Celtic Culture in Davis

Davis International Fest was the day after CelticFest on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This was a fun family friendly event, and our dancers once again proved their reliability and professionalism as they dealt with a tiny performance space, but closed the event with a bang! Our dancer Jessica Bach who owns and operates the *Tartan Hearts School of Highland Dance* also performed alongside her student Natalie and our dually skilled dancer Sherry Toutges! Sherry and Jess both have talents not only in Highland Dance but Irish Dance!





# Crocker Birthday Bash

On October 10<sup>th</sup> McKeever students performed at the Crocker Art Museum's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash for its newest section. The newest part of the Crocker known as the Teel Family Pavilion was heavily funded by the Teel family, who are the same family as the Raley's and who donated several millions to our future home the E. Claire Raley Studios for the Performing Arts. Its great to have such generosity focused on preserving the Arts in Sacramento. The event was run so smoothly and it was a pleasure to help celebrate with our friends at the Crocker! Many of our dancers enjoyed visiting the museum afterwards and being inspired as young artists.



## Two Years in Business! Thank You!



Thanks for the awesome water bottle and cupcakes dancer Juliana!!!

Two years in business!! October 15<sup>th</sup> was the two-year anniversary of the McKeever School of Irish Dance. As many of you know I rented a studio for my first class at Step One Dance and Fitness in the hopes I would have two students attend that night but no one showed up as promised! This was also the same day as my beloved grandmother June LeSage Whelan passed away. I will always hold October 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 as a special date in my heart for these reasons. Despite what could be called a total bumner day, I knew my school would grow and succeed but it was so hard in the beginning to get the word out. Look at us now!! Two years is a short time but it feels so long since so much has happened. Thank you to all the dancers and families who have been dedicated to the McKeever School of Irish Dance during these humble beginnings. I am excited to see what the next year will bring for us all.





# Feis Fever

On October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> three of our dancers travelled down to Garden Grove to compete in Southern California Halloween Feis, hosted by the Comerford School of Irish Dance. All three dancers won awards getting them even closer to their goals of becoming Preliminary Champions! Dancer Isa solidified her qualifications and we welcome her now to the champion level!! Isa has gone from the Beginner level to Champion in just over a year! This is simply outstanding!



The month ended in excitement as our dancers competed in the East Bay Feis in San Ramon, hosted by the McBride School of Irish Dance. We had 16 dancers compete and brought home 19 firsts, 11 seconds, 14 thirds and 10 fourths! Dancer Laura Gorry earned a first place at the Preliminary Champion Level in her overall solos and treble reel special! She is inches away from becoming an Open Champion! Dancer Erin Luna competed for the first time medaling in her Reel! Every dancer went home with a victory and moved up in at least one dance if not multiple dances! Keep up the good work everyone!







# FALL/ WINTER 2015 McKEEVER GEAR

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Perfect For Christmas Gifts!!

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. All Profits from Purple Gear will be donated to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation in celebration and honor of my Aunt's very recent victory over this disease. Thank you to my Aunt who has done so much to support the McKeever School of Irish Dance! We would not have our new studio without her help!

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