



McBride School of Irish Dance

May 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the Inaugural McBride School E-Newsletter for May 2016! We are very pleased to now bring you all the McBride School news and information in a new format. Our plan is to send out all relevant news and information monthly via our new e-newsletter software. We will however, continue to send out emails as needed with specific information or requests that need to be provided and/or addressed immediately to our families, and which cannot wait for the monthly newsletter.

Because this is our first e-newsletter, you will find quite a bit of information and news than we usually send in our emails. Please read it to the end.

Our e-newsletter will be sent to the emails that you have provided to the school and will also be archived in pdf format for your ease in retrieving the information without having to look back through your email. You will be able to access the pdf versions of the newsletters at our website by accessing the Newsletter page found in the "Members Portal." Please make sure that "mcbriedancers@gmail.com" is in your address book so that our e-newsletters do not end up in your spam or junk folder.

Please also see our Privacy Policy located on our website. A link to our Privacy Policy can be found in the footer of each page of our website.

Accordingly, if you would like the password to access the "Members Portal" of our website, please send us an email. The password has recently been changed due to



protocols required by our website host.

Finally, if you are receiving this e-newsletter by mistake, you may unsubscribe by clicking the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of this e-newsletter, and you will be removed from our e-newsletter email list.

School Wide Registration Scheduled For August 2016



Beginning August 2016, we will begin requiring that all our families re-register with the McBride School on an annual basis. This yearly registration will allow us to confirm emails and ensure that we have your most up to date contact information, as well as help us to organize our classes and studios to better serve our families. To that end, we would also like to advise you, and are providing over two months advanced notice, that we will be instituting an annual \$25 per family registration fee, to be paid and submitted with the registration form every August. We have held off for many years on instituting any type of family registration fee, and we are most likely the last Irish Dance School in the Bay Area to do so. However, this fee will also assist with insurance for the school, registration with An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha (our governing body - CLRG) and help us to maintain and improve our studio locations. We will email our new registration form to everyone at the beginning of August and ask that you please complete and return it, along with the family registration fee, as soon as possible, but no later than August 27, 2016. We appreciate your understanding and support, and ask that you contact Annie and Eileen with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the new registration policy and fee.

Silicon Valley/Lucky 7 Feis

The Silicon Valley / Lucky 7 Feis will be held the weekend of June 11 & 12, 2016 at the Double Tree in San Jose. The last day to enter the feis without a late fee is May 26, 2016. Any payments or

East Bay Feis

The East Bay Feis, hosted by the McBride School, will be on October 29 & 30, 2016 at the San Ramon Hotel and Conference Center. Please mark your calendars. We will send out volunteer

registration after this day will incur a late fee! Use the blue button below to take you to Feis Productions to sign up for the June Feis. This will be the last feis in Northern California until the East Bay Feis.

sign ups in early October, so please think about what areas you would like to volunteer for: Stages, Awards, Set Up, Hospitality, and Decorations (Halloween theme), to just name a few. More information to follow later in the summer. You can also visit the feis website at www.eastbayfeis.com.

Click Here To Sign Up For The June Feis Before May 26

Friday Night Fitness Class in Dublin

Aindrea Parker, the McBride School's newest TCRG in Training, is now holding a brand new Friday Night Fitness class from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the McBride Dublin Studio. Dancers will be instructed on proper stretching and warm-up techniques, as well as cross-training to help improve stamina,



turn-out, cross-over, core and overall dancer strength. As a former McBride champion dancer, Aindrea is another great resource for our up and coming dancers, as well as our current champions, with the level of fitness that is needed to succeed in Irish Dance.

This class is currently limited to novice/prizewinner dancers and champions, until we can ascertain weekly demand and attendance. If your dancer is interested in the class, please contact Eileen and Aindrea for more information. (See email links below.)

McBride School Summer Dance Camp

The McBride School Summer Dance Camp will be held on June 15-19, 2016 at the Dublin Studio. We are excited to have Michael Smith, ADCRG of the Smith Houlihan Academy of Boston MA back with us again this year. We are looking forward to a very productive and successful camp this year with Michael.

The camp is open to Advanced Beginners through Champions. The registration form has been emailed out. Please let us know if you did not receive it. However, you can download the form from our Website. It is located under the 201 May newsletter on our Newsletter page.

If you have any questions about the camp, please contact Annie and/or Eileen. (Please see email links below.)

Upcoming McBride School Closures

Please be advised that the McBride School will be closed for the following upcoming Holidays:

- Friday, May 27, 2016 through Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday; and
- Friday July 1, 2016 through Monday July 4, 2016 in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 and Tuesday, July 5, 2016, respectively. Dancers from our Friday Vallejo, and Saturday/Monday Dublin classes are welcome to take a make-up lesson at any of our other locations. Please let your instructor know which location you would like to attend for the make-up class. We wish all our dancers and families a wonderful Memorial Day and Fourth of July Holidays.



Used Shoes Needed

We have dancers in need of both light and hard shoes. Please check your closet and see if you have any hiding away that you would like to sell. If so, please clean them up, place them in zip-lock baggies with your name, and a self addressed stamped envelop, and your asking price. Please give the shoes to Annie, Eileen, Aindreea, or Patti to inventory. If you are on facebook, you can also post them in the McBride

Poodle Sock Order

The Poodle Sock order has been finalized. We will send out an email to all those who purchased socks to advise of the status of the socks and the anticipated delivery date when we receive this information back from our vendor. When the socks arrive, your order will be individually bagged and delivered to your dancer's primary dance location. Thank you for supporting the sock sale.

Feis Results

Congratulations to Clara D. and Claire B. who both competed at the Arizona Roadrunner Feis and the Tucson Feis over Mother's Day weekend, and to Sophiya S.J. who competed at the Emerald City Feis this past weekend as well. We are very proud of all these girls! We would also like to give a special shout out to Clara and her mother, Deirdre, who placed third in the 2 Hand Reel/Jig Family Special at the Tucson Feis! Team McBride Pride!

McBride School Calendar

We now have a School Calendar on the website. It is also located in the Members Portal, and you can use the password to access the calendar to check for school closures, performances and feis dates.



You can also print the calendar from the website to have it handy for the month.

2016 Scottish Games

Save the date as the McBride School of Irish Dance will be once again performing at the 151st Annual Scottish Games the weekend of September 3 - 4, 2016. The Games take place at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton, California. Please mark your calendars and keep a look out for more information and sign-up opportunities as the performance gets closer. This is a fun event for everyone and we encourage all our dancers to participate. We hope you will join us!

Summer Feisanna

- Utah State Feis - June 17-18, 2016
- Draper, Utah
- Feis at the Fair - June 18-19, 2016
- Long Beach, CA
- Grand Canyon Feis - June 25-26 -
Phoenix, AZ
- Colorado Irish Festival Feis - July
9, 2016 - Littleton CO
- Mile High City Feis - July 10, 2016
- Littleton, CO
- Comortas An Chosta Oir - August
13-14, 2016 - Indian Wells, CA
- Lewis & Clark Feis - Sept. 3, 2016
- Seaside, OR

- Feis Na Mara - Sept. 4, 2016 -
Seaside, OR



Website Update

We are in the process of updating our website, removing old content and adding new. Please bear with us as we make the website more user friendly for our dancers and families. If you need the current password, please email us and we will be happy to provide it to you.

[Click Here to go to the McBride School Website](#)

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