# WELCOME

to the Watters School of Irish Dancing's Annual Recital





Our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported our recital by attending or by taking out sponsorship advertisements.

We hope you enjoy tonight's presentation.



Congratulations to our fantastic four! Continue to live, love, laugh, and light up that stage!

Noah, Clara, Sara, & Sofia, we love you!
From Mom and Dad

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## **Tonight's dancers**

annie	blay	george	loomis
parker	blythe	muirin	loomis
kaylan	ortiz brennan	addyson	laisch
sophia	chapman	glenna	mastroianni
taralynn	collazo	jesse rose	mcdaniel
ava	conroy	molly	mckenna
emma	conroy	katie	mckenna
brigid	fitzpatrick	madison	miller
jennie	ford	sophia	naranjo
rusty	forsmark	genevieve	owen
grey	driscoll	brycen	owen
amelia	irwin	laine	pflugner
sara	lahey	erin	vandyke
sofia	lahey	emma	vito
clara	lahey	felicity	vito
noah	lahey	alyssa	wiboon
parker	lamy	amanda	wiboon
kelly	logan	whitlea	woodford





Congratulations on a job well done! We love you, Noah, Clara, Sara, and Sofia! Mimi and Papa \*photo credit Shamrock Photo





## Molly & Katie McKenna





Congratulations Girls!
From your first class feis in Ennis to heading to your first US Nationals — we are so proud of all you have achieved. Your determination and love for dance is truly inspirational.

We Love You!!!!

Mom, Dad, & James

### **Tonight's Dances**

- 1 Waving through a window
- 2 Fast treble jig
- 3 Beginner/ AB reel
- 4 Family Lahey
- 5 Family Conroy
- 6 Champ Reel
- 7 Champ Slip Jig
- 8 Slow Treble Jig
- 9 Family Loomis
- 10 What else can I do?
- 11 Reel
- 12 Family McKenna
- 13 Family Wiboon
- 14 Champ Hornpipe
- 15 Champ Jig
- 16 Slow Hornpipe
- 17 Light jig
- 18 Family Owen
- 19 Family Vito
- 20 Slip jig
- 21 Slip Jig (Fast)
- 22 Dance Drama Breathe



#### Amanda & Alyssa Wiboon









#### Congratulations!

It was almost a decade ago when Amanda & Alyssa saw their father's home DVD performance of Riverdance & told their mother they wanted to learn Irish dancing. Despite their father's skepticism that these non-Irish girls could enjoy doing something outside their own culture, their mother introduced them to Myra Watters, and the rest as they say, is history. Fast forward to today, after countless lessons, competitions, & recitals, Amanda will hang up her dancing shoes after 10 years as she prepares for college. For Amanda, thank you for giving it your ALL to achieve your coveted open championship status. For Alyssa, best of luck in achieving your future goals in Irish dancing. We will support you all the way!

Love, Mom & Dad.

# Breathe

#### The story of our National Dance Drama Team

In the Spring of 2020, the Irish Dance Community prepared for their annual tradition, ready to entertain the green clad raucous audiences, celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

But a dark shadow was looming, threatening our very way of life. As the Covid-19 virus ravaged the world, Irish dancing came to a halt. Dancers lost their support system, their community, their connection to the world.

But the skills learned from the pursuit of dance excellence came into play. Irish dancers were resilient. We adapted. We embraced new technologies that allowed us to reconnect and reclaim our culture, reclaim our joy.

The virtual world became our only world. Social media went from entertainment to a communication lifeline.

The Covid-19 vaccine has offered us hope but the return to regular life has been slow, longer than any of us imagined. The isolation has come at a price and many of us are struggling to feel normal again.

On those difficult days, remember to stay connected, to reach out to your Irish dance community. Your friends understand, they feel it too.

And celebrate your wins, not just your trophies. Every single Irish dancer who has persevered, is a champion, you have earned your own personal globe.

It's okay to not be okay.

And if ever it all seems too much, just remember to...... breathe!

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