

Danke for the Memories

When you think of Germany, what comes to mind? Images of oompah bands, lederhosen or sausages? What about friendly people who love Irish dancing?

That's what 25-year-old **Hannah Jarvis** discovered when she left New Brunswick, Canada to travel to Germany and compete at the second annual Stuttgart feis on March 2-3. This was to be her final feis; after 10 years of dancing with the **Stanford School of Irish Dance**, Hannah had decided to finish off her Irish dancing career in style by combining travel with Irish dance.

Stuttgart, a city with over five million people, is home to beautifully designed buildings, statues and castles. The feis was held in the nearby town of Herrenberg, and in its second year it

had over 330 competitors. Everyone welcomed 'Miss Canada,' as she was to become known; she was even interviewed for the local newspaper!

Hannah made so many memories and friends that she will cherish forever! If you are considering trying a new feis and would love to gain new friends, life experiences and amazing memories, why not come to the Stuttgart feis in 2014? If you do, be sure to tell people 'Miss Canada' says "guten tag" (or hello). But after such a great trip a dilemma has arisen. For Hannah, "The only problem is: I don't know whether that was my last competition or not; it seems that 'once a dancer, always a dancer!' Only time will tell I suppose. It's like a good book... you never can predict the ending!"



New feis friend, Alex with Hannah (in blue)



The photo Eva discovered on LiffeyRivers.com

Dancer Unravels a Mystery

The decision of which author to choose for her third grade Biography Living Museum project was a no-brainer for eight-year-old **Eva Mayer**. She is an Irish dancer through-and-through who dances with the **Mayer School**, of which her father, Paul Mayer ADCRG, is one of the directors. So what better choice of author than Brenna Briggs, the author of the popular *Liffey Rivers* Irish dancer mystery series?

Eva embarked on her own treasure

hunt as she unravelled the mystery of her favorite author. Eva discovered that Brenna Briggs' favorite hobbies, listening to Irish operas, reading, and keeping a journal, had all helped Briggs to become an author. She even learned where Liffey Rivers's good luck charm of spaghetti and meatballs originated; it is Brenna Briggs' good luck charm! But perhaps the most exciting discovery was finding a picture of herself, Eva, on www.liffeyrivers.com,



The presentation

the Liffey Rivers website. Eva's Aunt Mary (Mary Mayer-McHugh, TCRG) had sent Brenna Briggs a picture of Eva smiling and holding the two books she had received for Christmas and, unbeknownst to Eva and her family, Brenna Briggs had added it to the website.

When it came time to present her project, Eva transformed herself into Brenna Briggs and was all set to introduce her classmates and their parents to this exciting Irish dancing mystery series and its author.