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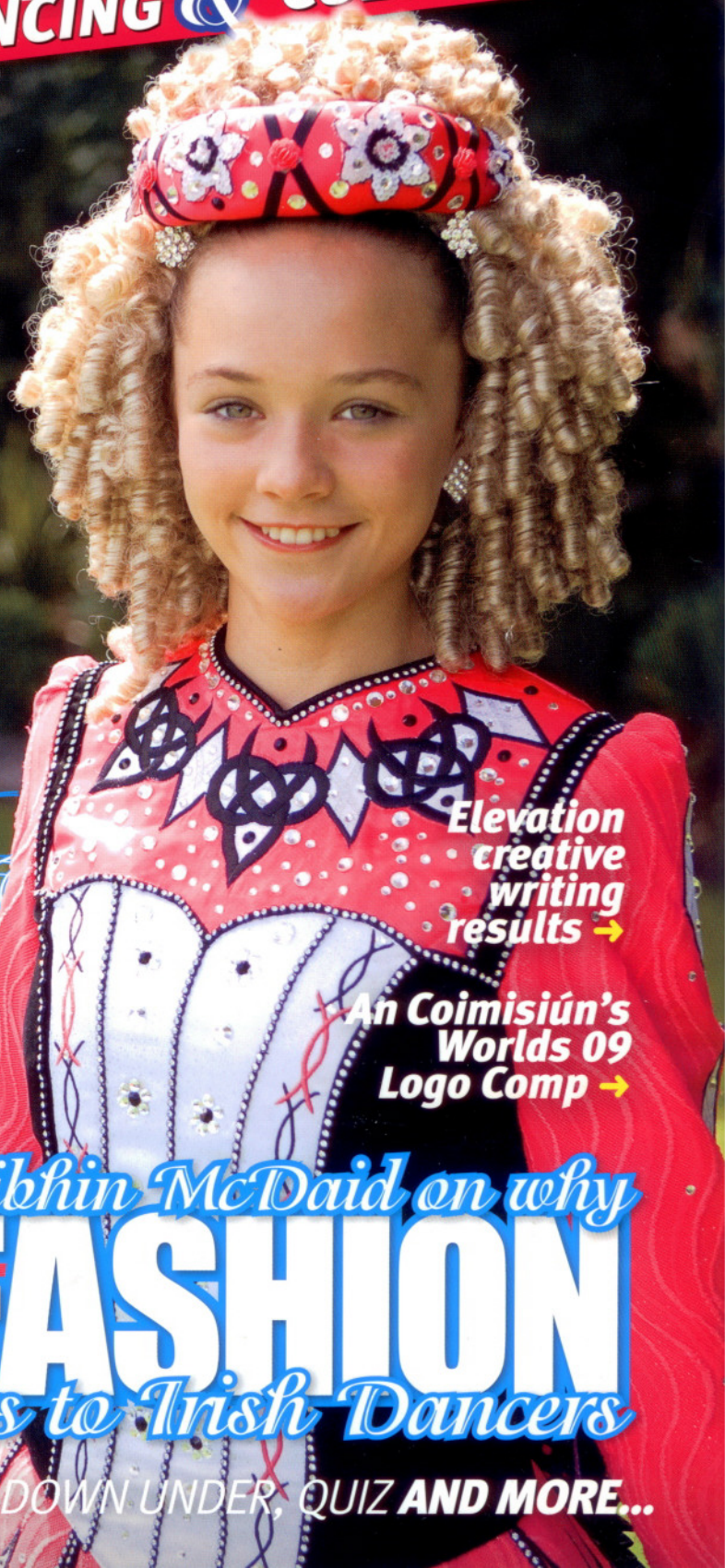
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# Rising Star: Kiera Daley

★ **AGE GROUP:** Under 16

★ **DANCE SCHOOL:** Breffni Academy

★ **HOMETOWN:** Miami, FL

★ **DANCE TEACHERS:**

Michael O'Hara, ADCRG,  
Nicola O'Hara, TCRG

★ **REGION:** Southern Region USA

★ **WHO MADE YOUR COSTUME?** Ann Ash /

Dancing in Celtic

★ **I PRACTICE**

**DANCING...** I go to dance class twice a week and I practice at home for at least two hours everyday.



★ **MY DANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**INCLUDE.....** Placing top five in my region for the past six years (3rd place in 2006 and 2007). Qualifying for the World Championships for the past five years, and getting a solo recall medal at the All-Irelands 2008.

★ **MY BIGGEST**

**DISAPPOINTMENT IN**

**DANCING WAS.....** When I got injured at the Nationals in 2004, I was unable to complete my second round and was off for three months. I overcame this by keeping a positive attitude when I was

not able to dance.

★ **THE ONE THING I HAVE NOT YET ACHIEVED BUT WOULD LIKE TO**

**IS.....** To place in the top five at major championships.

★ **IF I COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT DANCING COMPETITIONS IT WOULD**

**BE....** Nothing! I love everything about competitions!

★ **I'M HAPPIEST WHEN....** I am dancing on stage and when I am hanging out with my friends from Breffni Academy.

★ **ONE THING PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ME IS...** My teachers, Nicola and Michael O'Hara, are my aunt and uncle.

★ **MY FAVORITE THING TO DO BESIDES DANCING IS...** Going to South Beach with my friends!

★ **MY FAVORITE QUOTE IS...** "Just do it."