

# Carlow College of Music

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Newsletter – May 2015

The music year is coming to a close soon and what a busy year it has been. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations are well underway.

**Feb** – The Junior Orchestra collaborated with the Wexford Dynamix Orchestra in a concert in Askea Parish Centre. This was a fringe event of the IAYO 20<sup>th</sup> Festival of Youth Orchestras. Thanks to Sorcha Russell Musical Director and to Delphine Picovici for all their hard work with the orchestra. A most enjoyable afternoon and trip to Wexford back in Nov.

IAYO 20<sup>th</sup> Festival of Youth Orchestras – Congrats to 5 members of CYO who performed in the Festival Orchestra of over 100 musicians from all over the country – Peter Thompson, Cillian Dooley, Laura Fitzpatrick, Owen Stafford and John Harding.

**March** - A very successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Music Festival in St. Mary's Academy CBS. Lovely cosy music room (perhaps too cosy for the bigger groups!) The adjudicator Dorothy Conaghan was so impressed with the very high standard overall. Great comments and everyone went home with great tips on performance. Looking forward to next year already. Congrats to all and a big thank you to all the teachers and parents involved. A most enjoyable day. Annie Rose Deegan – violin and leader of CYO is our Student of the Year 2015. Well deserved.

**Other Music Festivals** – Congrats to Jim Parmeter, Brian Byrne & Magdalina Fadel who were prize winners in the Kilkenny Music Festival. Great achievements and to Oran O'Neill and Brian who competed in the Feis Ceoil. Well done Brian on receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Junior Piano competition with over 45 competitors. Best wishes to Brian, Jim and Martha Dolan who will travel to Athlone to participate in the Midlands Music Festival in June.

**April** – Festival Prize Winners' Concert in St. Mary's Church. Fabulous venue and again a great display of talent. Orders now being taken for the DVD @ €15.

Music Generation Carlow Gala Concert in the GBShaw Theatre. We had a very successful Piano Duet Club of 7 piano players – Eimear Daly, Jim Parmeter, Aideen Burke, Martha Dolan, Magdalina Fadel, Cillian Dooley and Steven Grant. These musicians have been working together every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday throughout the year in partnership with MGC with Gillian and Majella. Brian Byrne also performed 3 solo pieces. Well done to all. You did us proud.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** - MGC Concert of the Outstanding Musicians Club and Young Composers Club – Annie Rose and Lucy Deegan, Meadhb Farrell, John Harding, Steven Grant, Brian Byrne & Oran O'Neill who have been working very hard throughout the year on Sundays.

**May - 30<sup>th</sup>** Gala Concert 'SOLO TO ORCHESTRA' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in GBShaw Theatre 7.30pm. Special guest Micheál Ó Súilleabháin. Book now on [www.visual.ie](http://www.visual.ie) 059 9172400. Tickets €18/14. This promises to be a very special event and is part of the Carlow Arts Festival. Bring all your friends.

Bill Mc Grath who has taken over from Róisín King has written a specially commissioned piece 'Saothar Molta' (Work of Praise) for the Carlow Youth Orchestra in celebration of 25 years of CCM which will receive its world premiere in this concert. This is very exciting and thank you to Bill for his amazing work.

Also on the day 12.15 – 1pm, Micheál Ó Súilleabháin at the piano will give a free talk to music students about his music in the GBShaw theatre. Most beneficial for Junior and Leaving Cert students. Please confirm your place with me asap as there are only 40 places available in total.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> - Lunchtime Recital by Andreea Bouros violin and Gillian Daly piano in Deighton Hall 1pm. Bookings as above. Tickets €12/10. A special ticket for students of Andreea's and Gillian's @ €5 if you contact the Arts Festival Office. [info@carlowartsfestival.com](mailto:info@carlowartsfestival.com) Spread the word. A real treat is in store.**

**Exams** – Best of luck to all students doing **RIAM exams next week 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**, especially to our choir 'Sing Aloud' who will do the Cara Award. A new evaluation programme designed for schools and communities engaged in group music-making. Well done to all who did ABRSM recently. Awaiting results!

**RIAM Theory Exam Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2pm Askea Girls' School.**

Congrats to all who did exams over the year and especially to Eve Hennessy on receiving a gold medal for her junior piano recital programme, Brian Byrne – gold medal for intermediate and Jim Parmeter – silver medal for junior. Thanks to teachers Majella and Gillian.

**Fees** – Please settle all outstanding fees before the end of May and check that all exam fees have been paid. Bank details for transfer can be given if needed. From Sept all fees must be paid within the first 2 weeks of term or payment plans arranged. Thanking you for your co-operation.

**Deposits** - The office is taking deposits of €50 for Sept 2015 in order to secure your place.

**Communication** – Please let us know immediately if you have changed any contact details.

**More Music Generation news – New scholarship schemes available. Closing date FRI 15<sup>th</sup> May 5pm.** Scholarships to a max of 75% of total tuition costs in double bass, cello, viola, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, uilleann pipes and piano accompaniment. So if you are playing these & haven't received funding before or want to start to learn, apply now. Ask your teacher to complete the form for you. See [www.musicgenerationcarlow.ie](http://www.musicgenerationcarlow.ie)

**Website and Facebook** – See [www.carlowcollegeofmusic.ie](http://www.carlowcollegeofmusic.ie) and follow us Carlow College of Music, Carlow College of Music Alumni and Carlow Youth Orchestra.

**Mural** – At this stage, I'm sure you have seen the fantastic work of Aoife Kavanagh who has brightened up the entrance to the school with her fantastic artwork for our 25<sup>th</sup>. See facebook if you haven't seen it. Thank you so much.

Wishing all success in the next few weeks ahead and use your music to relax. All lessons finish from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please check term dates on website.

Thanking you for all your support throughout the year,

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