

waltons RTÉ lyric fm music *for* schools

2024 Finalists Concert

Monday, 8 April • National Concert Hall

Welcome and Introduction • Evelyn Grant and John Mardirosian

LurgyBrack National School, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Piece 'Moving On'

Group Midday Music Group (Third – Sixth Class) • Brighdín Carr, Conductor • Audrey Coyle, Fiddle

East Glendalough School, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow

Piece 'Emotion in Motion'

Group East Glendalough School Ensemble (First – Sixth Year)

Carrig National School, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

Piece 'A Clap, a Hop, a Skip and a Jump!'

Group Carrig National School Music Group (Fifth – Sixth Class) • Laura Boland, Conductor

St. Mary's Secondary School, Edenderry, Co. Offaly

Piece 'Music Moves Us from Birth to Death in Times of Sadness and in Joy'

Group SME (Third – Sixth Year)

Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan, Aonach Urmhumhan, Co. Thiobraid Árann

Piece 'Imithe Uainn ach Fós Linn' (A Musical Legacy)

Group Ceolfhoireann na Gaelscoile (Second – Sixth Class) • Orla McNamara, Conductor

Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Piece 'The Joy of Movement'

Group LorBal Performance Group (First – Sixth Year)

Scoil Bernadette, Montenotte, Co. Cork

Piece 'Bai Oh'

Group Scoil Ber Samba Band • Rob Hamilton, Leader

Corpus Christi Primary School, Moyross, Co. Limerick

Piece 'Music Moves Me'

Group Corpus Christi Primary School Choir (Third – Sixth Class) • Sarah Alley, Conductor • Tyrone McGuane, Piano

Scoil Mhuire, Trim, Co. Meath

Piece 'Home Is Where the Music Is'

Group Scoil Mhuire Performing Group (First – Sixth Year)

St. Teresa's National School, Killoe, Co. Longford

Piece 'Music Moving Us in Many Ways'

Group St. Teresa's Killoe Performing Group (Second – Sixth Class) • Gráinne Fox, Piano

Lucan Community College, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Piece 'Last One Stepping'

Group & Co. (Third – Sixth Year)

Knockanean National School, Ennis, Co. Clare

Piece 'Stepping Through the River of Sound'

Group Knockanean Choir and Music Club (First – Sixth Class) • Louise Conheady, Conductor • Amy McEnnis, Piano

St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, Co. Cork

Piece 'Music Connects Our Minds, Bodies and Souls'

Group Ceol le Chéile (Second – Sixth Year) • Aoife Donovan, Piano

Interval Performance • The Gospel Project

Prize Giving and Closing • Evelyn Grant, Zoë Conway, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Aideen Walton and John Mardirosian

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Evelyn Grant

Adjudicators

Zoë Conway

Liam Ó Maonlaí

Aideen Walton

Music for Schools Co-Directors

John Mardirosian

Aideen Walton

Interval Performance

The Gospel Project, one of Ireland's leading vocal harmony groups, is what you get if you cross a band with a gospel choir. Formed in 2004 and directed by Cathy McEvoy, this joyous and energetic ensemble has a repertoire that includes original numbers, gospel classics and some lesser-known gospel gems. In addition to headlining at the RDS, Phoenix Park, the Sugar Club, the Button Factory, Meeting House Square and the KnockanStockan music and arts festival, The Gospel Project have also supported well known acts including Alabama 3 and performed live on RTÉ's *Arena* and *Roots Freeway*. www.thegospelprojectireland.com.

Thank You

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Waltons RTÉ lyric fm Music for Schools Competition

Produced by **Waltons New School of Music** and generously supported by **RTÉ lyric fm** and **Waltons Music**, the Waltons RTÉ lyric fm Music for Schools Competition is a non-profit annual national event celebrating and supporting music in Irish schools. All primary and post-primary schools recognised by the Department of Education in the Republic of Ireland are eligible to enter, and to date schools from all 26 counties have taken part.

Music for Schools' objectives are:

1. To promote the enormous benefits of creative music making for young people
2. To provide Finalist performing groups with the opportunity to perform their finished works in a prestigious national venue
3. To incentivise schools with annual awards totalling €7,000 worth of musical instruments and equipment

Open to a wide range of performing groups and music genres, the Music for Schools Competition offers schools the opportunity to develop collaborative, creative and original music projects that have learning potential at every stage of the process.

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