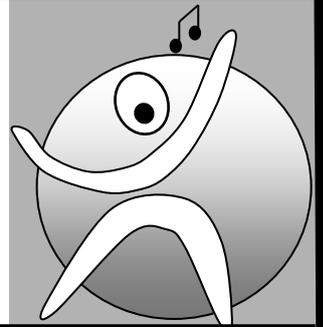




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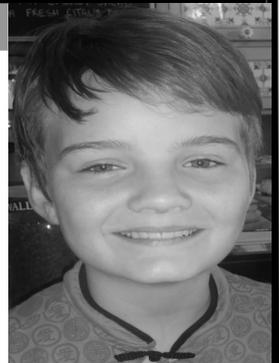
Aisling Leahy

Aisling is 13. This is her third year at the Skerries Music Studio. She was awarded highly commended for the junior vocal solo under 14s at Dublin Feis Ceoil in March 2017. Aisling and her singing partner Alice were also awarded a silver medal for the under 15s vocal duet at the Inter Schools Music Festival in March 2017. Aisling was also a soloist at the Skerries Community Choir Christmas concert and MSPA variety show.



Muireann McDonnell

Muireann is 11, and already making quite a name for herself as a singer songwriter. After sending one of her own compositions to RTE she was invited to audition for the Toy Show where she performed as an ensemble in the live show. Her Christmas song was performed at the official tree lighting ceremony in Skerries 2016. In collaboration with her guitar teachers James and Rob Maguire, Muireann penned an Irish song Glasa which was entered into the Junior Eurovision Song Contest due to be aired in Autumn...watch this space! Muireann reached the final and was placed 3rd overall in Balbriggan's got Talent on June 4th 2017. Muireann appeared at the Youbloom Festival in early June at the invitation of Polish band Back to the Ocean. Youbloom brings music lovers and creators together from all over. She will also be doing a Declan Session this summer. The Declan Sessions are a non-profit organisation that like to support Irish musicians.



Alice Branagan

Alice is 13. Alice entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil in March 2017 where she received excellent marks and comments. Also in March Alice and her duet partner Aisling won second prize for the under 15s duet competition at the Interschool's Music Festival 2017.



Caoileann Woodcock

Caoileann is 18. This year Caoileann has performed in West Side Story in the Helix. She was a soloist in the Emmanuel Concert in the Helix in March. She placed 2nd in the over 17s popular singing category at the Interschools Music Festival. She has also recently been cast in a production of Cats which will be performed in the Helix this September



Doireann McCauly

Doireann is 13 and has been training with Fiona for 3 years. In December she performed in Buggy Malone in the NCH with Festival Productions. In March this year Doireann was awarded 1st prize and Gold Medal including the overall winner's cup in the under 14s popular singing competition at the Inter schools Music Festival March 2017. Doireann also won the Loreto Talent Show in Balbriggan in April 2017.



Emma Leahy

Emma is 11. This is her second year at the Skerries Music Studio. Emma was awarded a commended certificate for the under 12s vocal solo at Dublin Feis Ceoil in March 2017. Emma was in the cast of Buggy Malone at the NCH at Christmas and played the part of young Cosette in Les Miserables at the Helix in September 2016. Emma performed a solo in MSPA variety show in March 2017.



Kelley Brassington

Kelley has been singing with Fiona since 2010. She has just finished her Leaving Certificate, so, other than playing the part of Teresita in MSPA's production of West Side Story in the Helix in September 2016, her singing performances have been limited this year. Wishing her all the very best as she enters a new chapter in her life.



Emma Smullen

Emma is 17. This year Emma has performed as a soloist at the Emmanuel Concert in the Helix and also was a soloist in Peters Passion. She competed in the under 17s popular singing competition at the Interschools Music Festival in March. Emma is also a member of the choir supporting Liam Lawton in concert. She also performed in St. Patrick's National School as part of Irish week.



Sinead Curran

Sinead is 18. Sinead is a regular performer with Drogheda Orchestral Collective and the Lourdes brass band. She is also a singer and saxophonist in a 12 piece 'Commitments' style band Kiss my Brass. She has plans to continue her music to degree level in DCU in September.





Lucy Killian

Lucy is 13. This is her first year studying voice with Fiona. She has had many performance opportunities afforded her with traditional Irish music group Inis Rua, the St Patrick's Senior School, Skerries Art School Christmas Show. Lucy sang solo at her Deputy Principal's retirement ceremony in February 2017 and on the day of President Michael D. Higgins's visit to Skerries in May 2017.



Laura Fagan

Laura is 12. She is a regular theatre performer, having performed in Les Miserable in the Helix, Evita with Portmarnock musical society, Chitty chitty bang bang and BIG at the Board Gais Theatre. She performed solo for her school confirmation, in MSPA variety show and as a guest of the Skerries Community Choir in May 2017.

Jessica Doolan

Jessica is 13. This is her first year singing with Fiona. Jessica entered the Interschools Music Festival in March 2017 where she was awarded 1st Class Honours Certificate for under 14s popular singing. Jessica was also in the chorus of Bugsy Malone in the NCH and is a member of MSPA.



Andrea Hickey

Andrea is 14 and has been singing with Fiona for two years. Andrea was in the chorus of Carmen in the NCH 2016. She performed the Christmas season in BIG the musical in Bord Gais and played the role of Pepper in Annie in the Helix 2017. Andrea won 2nd place and silver medal for popular singing in the under 16s category in the Interschool's Music Festival in March 2017.



Emily Stafford

Emily is 13 and a first year student at the Skerries Music Studio. She completed grade 5 flute exam and has been part of the Julianstown Youth Orchestra for 5 years. Her first performance with the Skerries Music Studio was as a flute accompanist for Alice and Aisling at the Skerries Community Choir Christmas concert. Emily entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil in the under 14 vocal solo in March 2017.

Alex Mahon

Alex is 16. He has been with Fiona Mullaney for 5 years. He played the part of *Baby John* in MSPA/SGPA's "West Side Story" last September in the Helix. He played the lead role of Bugsy in *Bugsy Malone* the NCH in December. Alex will also perform in Les Miserables School Edition in the Helix this July. He's sorry to miss tonight's performance.



Darragh Smith

Darragh is 16. He has been singing and writing his own songs for the past four years and this year entered the singer songwriter competition at the Interschool's Music Festival in March 2017. Darragh performed a duet at his school graduation Darragh has also performed during an open mic sessions.



Alison Traynor

Alison is 10. This is her first year at Skerries Music Studio. She has performed in a number of shows produced by her stage school MSPA.



Niamh Price

Niamh is 17. She was in the chorus in west side story in the Helix in September 2016. She was also a solo singer in MSPA variety show in the Millbank theatre in March 2017



Kate Hussey

Kate is 9. This is her first year at the Music Studio. Kate is a member of MSPA and involved in their musical productions. She is also a member of Balrothery Junior Singers, Balrothery school choir and Balbriggan church choir. Kate participated in Feis Ceoil in April 2017 and received a commended certificate for solo singing under 12s competition.

Kate was a soloist at Skerries Community Choir's Summer Miscellany Concert in May 2017.

Molly Brady

Molly is 17. This year she sang with Liam Lawton in aid of mission Romania. She has also sung in Peters Passion in April 2017, the school's Emmanuel Concert in March and is a member of the Youth Choir in



First & Second Year Students at Skerries Music School



Mike Branagan

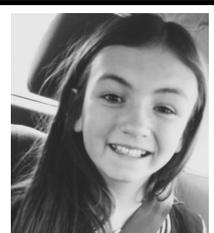
Mike is 10. This is his first year singing with Fiona. He is a member of MSPA and has been involved in several of their shows. Mike was also in the Chorus of Bugsy Malone and Carmen in the NCH 2016.



Chloe Tobin is 13.



Peter Nolan is 14



Alannah Murphy is 10.