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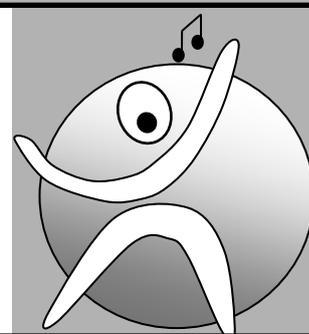
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AISSLING LEAHY

Aisling is 15 years and in her 5th year at the Studio. This year she has played the lead role of Tracy Turnblad in Hairspray in MSPA summer boot camp show. She is a regular soloist having performed solo in variety shows and choral concerts. Aisling was also part of the junior adult chorus with Festival Productions in the Wizard of Oz at the National Concert Hall at Christmas time. This year Aisling was awarded Very Highly Commended in the Junior Vocal Solo U16 Classical singing competition at Dublin Feis Ceoil. Both Aisling and her duet partner Clodagh were awarded 1st Prize in the Duet competition also at Dublin Feis Ceoil



ALISON TRACY TRAYNOR

Alison is 12 and in her 3rd year at the Studio. She has performed in a number of productions with the Moore School of Performing Arts. She was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate for classical voice in the Under 12s category in this year's Dublin Feis Ceoil



JESSICA DOOLAN

Jessica is 15 years old and in her 3rd year at the Studio. She has had a busy musical year performing vocals on Film Sound tracks:- 'Simon Marsden - A Life in Pictures' and 'Nosferatu'. She was a finalist in several talent competitions:- The Solo



finalist, Mill Theatre Dundrum/ Junior Eurovision, TG4/ Malahide's got Talent, Grand Hotel and Teen Stars which has its semi-finals on Sunday 23rd June. She was highly commended in popular voice at the Interschools music festival. A regular solo finalist, Jessica has performed with the Skerries Community Choir Christmas Concert, MSPA Variety Show, Emmanuel at the Helix, SYSS Floraville Concert as well as singing the role of Mary, Mother of Jesus at St Patrick's Church.

LUCY KILLIAN

Lucy is 15 years old and in her 3rd year of singing lessons with Fiona. In July 2018, Lucy participated in the recording of the CD for Emmanuel 2019, as a member of the choir and as a soloist. Lucy was a soloist at Christmas Eve mass, the Emmanuel



Concert in the Helix, the Skerries Art School's 20th anniversary show, in the Millbank Theatre and at "Peter's Passion" in St. Patrick's Church. She has taken part in local talent competitions and competed for her first time in Dublin Feis Ceoil, in the under 16s competition. She was recalled and then awarded a commendation for classical voice.

SIVE CONNELL

Sive is 12 years old. She has been studying voice with Fiona Mullaney for 3 years. Sive was a solo performer at the Skerries Community Choir Christmas concert. In the Dublin Feis Ceoil April 2019 she was recalled and received a very highly commended certificate for voice in the Under 12s classical voice category.



EMMA LEAHY

Emma is 13 and in her 4th year at the Skerries Music Studio. She played the role of Little Inez in the Musical Hairspray last July in Musical Theatre boot camp show. This year she has performed in the U14s Interschools Music Festival and was a soloist at the MSPA variety show.



RACHEL KENNEDY

Rachel is 11 years old and loves to sing, act and dance. She has been studying voice for the past 2 years at Skerries studio. She is a regular performer with MSPA and Festival Productions where she played the lead role of Annie in the NCH. She was recently engaged with Lyric Opera Productions in their production of La Boheme



KATIE O'DONOGHUE

Katie is 18 and in her 7th year of voice study with Fiona Mullaney, and has just finished her leaving certificate at Loreto. She attended Colaiste Lurgan Irish college Music Programme where she appeared in two music videos, singing in Irish. Following on from this she was selected to appear in a TV Programme about music students which was shown on TG4





MUIREANN MCDONNELL

Muireann is 14 and has had another busy year with radio interviews on Shannonside with Charlie McGettigan, Near FM with The Dublin City Rounders and LMFM with Jason Collins. She took part in 2 competitions and came first in The Midlands Busking Festival and second in Malahides Got Talent. Muireann has taken part in many charity gigs including The Simon gigs in Sligo, Skerries Cycle against suicide race end in Swords and The Hey Troubadour Busk in aid of Aidlink where she busked alongside The Pale, David Keenan and Gavin Glass. Muireann was invited to perform at The -Temple Bar Tradfest. The Cruthu Arts Festival, Vantastival, Born optimistic All ages gigs, Garageland All ages gig, Arts Cafe with The Dublin City Rounders and The launch of the cultural and creativity strategy with Fingal Co.Co.

ANDREA HICKEY

Andrea is 16 and in her 3rd year of vocal training. She is a student of MSPA and Metropolitan School of Dance. She is a regular performer with Festival Productions and appeared in the Bord Gas in several West End Productions. She played Amber Von Tussle in Hairspray and was awarded First Class Honours for voice in the Interschools Music Festival in March.



KATE HUSSEY

Kate is 11 years old and in her 3rd year of voice study. She is a member of MSPA, Balrothery Junior Heritage Singers and Balrothery N.S. School Choir who were qualifiers of the National Regional Concert to perform in the finals in the NCH. Kate is a regular soloist fronting the Skerries Community Choir in both summer and Christmas concerts as well as having solos in her theatre school productions. She was placed 2nd in the Under 12s classical voice competition in the year's Dublin Feis Ceoil and has just completed her Grade 2 Vocal Examinations at RIAM.



CLODAGH FINNEGAN

Clodagh is 16 and is in her 3rd year of study with Fiona. She is a member of MSPA where she studies drama and dance. Her performing experience includes solos in choral concerts, variety shows, as well as playing leading lady roles in Musical Theatre. This year Clodagh was awarded 2nd prize for voice in Interschools Music Festival. In the Dublin Feis Ceoil she and Aisling won 1st prize in the over 15s Duet competition.



EVE MATTHEWS



Eve is 16 years and been training voice at Skerries Music Studio for two years. She feels this year has been the best for building her confidence as a person and as a performer. She loves to sing, dance, act and play as many instruments as she can get her hands on. She currently sings in her school choir, is a member of MSPA where she has performed solo and ensemble pieces and played the lead role of Penny in her school's production of 'Hairspray'. She was awarded First Class Honours for voice at the Interschools Music Festival.

ALANNAH MURPHY

Alannah is 11 years old and plays bass guitar in a band called Rockshinny. She received a call back for late- late toy show. She enjoys composing her own songs....loves her hat!!!



MILLE ANDERSON

Mille is 15 and in her 2nd year of voice study. She is a member of MSPA and studies music in school. This year she performed at the Interschools Music Festival and School gala evening. She also won 2nd prize for her performance in Balbriggan's got talent.



MATTHEW FLANNERY

Matthew is 13 years old and has been a student of Fiona for 2 years. He enjoys performing, singing and playing guitar. He won 2nd place silver medal for popular voice at the Interschools Music Festival in March this year



DOIREANN McAULLEY

Doireann is 15 and has been singing with the Skerries Music Studio for 6 years, this year she competed at Wesley singing competition and has been accepted in to The College of Dance for a year of full time training this year from September. She is currently studying for grade 6 in piano.



PETER NOLAN



Peter is 16 and has been with Fiona for 3 years. This year he played the lead role of Kenickie in Ardgillan College's Musical "Grease". He also performed as Herod from "Jesus Christ Superstar" with the MSPA in the Millbank Theatre in Rush. Peter has recently started teaching himself the guitar with a view to accompanying his love of singing.



**Feis Ceoil Duet Winners
CLODAGH FINNEGAN & AISLING LEAHY**



**Feis Ceoil Under 12s 2nd prize winner
KATE HUSSEY**



**Feis Ceoil Under 16s Winners
LUCY KILLIAN, LAURA FAGAN & AISLING LEAHY**



**2019 Interschools Music Festival Winners
ANDREA HICKEY, CLODAGH FINNEGAN & EVE MAT-**