

# THE SKERRIES MUSIC STUDIO NEWSLETTER

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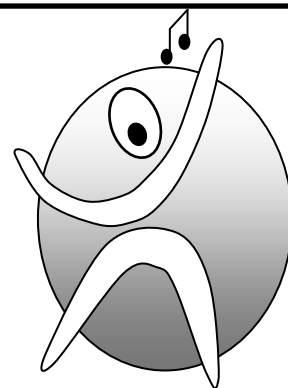
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## Leanne Kelly

Leanne is 13 years old and has been taking lessons for two years. She entered the Wesley Interschool Singing Competition in March 2012 where she won silver medal for voice and first prize cup for best performance in the under 14s popular singing competition. Seen



here with Virginia Kerr RIAM. Leanne also entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil under 14s classical voice. Leanne was part of a selection of voice students who volunteered their time to sing Christmas carols to Lusk Nursing home.

## Famous Irish Soprano Dr Suzanne Murphy

travelled in January to Skerries to give a Master class to four of the young singers. Suzanne Murphy who has retired from the performance is now a sought after singing teacher and works as a teacher in both the Welsh College of music in Cardiff and the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. Pictured here is Sarah Ferguson, Leah Meagher, Suzanne Murphy, Aebh Kelly and Meg McGloughlin.



## Leah Meagher

Leah is 14 years old, and has been singing all her life. She is a regular soloist with MSPA.



In Jan 2012 Leah was one of four singing students to take part in a Masterclass in vocal training by Dr Suzanne Murphy.

In March 2012 she was highly commended with 88% at The Wesley Interschools Singing Competition singing Under 16s Popular voice. She also received excellent review in the Dublin Feis Ceoil under 16s Classical voice competition on March 2012.

## Meg McGloughlin

Meg has just turned 17 and has been studying voice with Fiona since she was 13 years old. Meg was one of four singers selected to sing in a master class with Dr Suzanne Murphy in January 2012. She received a commended certificate in the Wesley Interschools singing competition for classical voice and good reviews at the Dublin Feis Ceoil under 18s classical voice competition. Meg performed solo in a recent performance of Les Miserable's in Drogheda Arts centre.



## Ciara O'Rourke

Ciara is 18, has been a vocal student for the last 4 years, and just completed her music practical for her Leaving Cert. She received a distinction in her Grade 4 classical singing exam at the RIAM. She has performed solo at school concerts, sings in senior choir and was part of volunteer soloists



performing Christmas songs for the old folks home in Rush.

## Sarah Ferguson

Sarah was Music Captain in Loreto, organising and running school talent shows and music performance evenings. She is a regular soloist with MSPA and was a soloist at the Emmanuel concert which took place in The Helix. She was also one of the 4 girls selected to take part in January's Masterclass with Dr Suzanne Murphy. Sarah has a promising voice and as she moves into 3rd level I hope she continues to develop her obvious talent for singing.



## Aebh Kelly

Aebh Kelly has just turned 15 years old.

She has been having her voice classically trained by Fiona Mullaney since the age of 9. Aebh's love of music, hard work ethic and commitment to each performance has seen her grow vocally and in confidence far in excess of most 15 year olds. Aebh has amassed an impressive number of trophies and winning medals for Classical Voice over the last 5 years. In 2011 she appeared on RTE SING programme. She also won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the Coca-Cola School Stars in Drogheda where the Judge Mr Louis Walsh described her as, 'a professional at the age of 14.'



Stephen Barlow & Aebh



Aebh & Kathleen Tynan

March 2012 has been an exciting month for this young singer winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize Trophy (under 16s Classical Singing) in the *Inter Schools Musical 2012 Festival* in Wesley College Dublin. Winning 1<sup>st</sup> Prize O Cuileanain Cup (Classical under 16s Voice) *Dublin Feis Ceoil 2012* in the RDS Dublin. Solo singing performances *The National Concert Hall*, as part of the VEC and Emmanuel Concerts. On the strength of those performances Aebh received an invitation from the President of Ireland Michael D Higgins to perform at *Aras an Uachtaraín* at his summer Garden Party in July 2012

### Rachel McCarthy

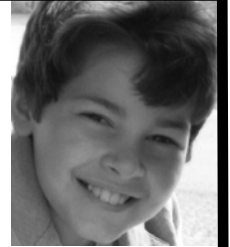
Rachel is a final year student in Loreto Balbriggan where she is heavily involved in the Music department, organising and running school talent shows and music performance evenings. She is a member of their prize winning senior choir. She has been having singing lessons for the last 6 years and has grown from a shy young 12 year old into an enthusiastic confident young woman. Rachel sat her Music Leaving Cert practical this year in April. As she moves into 3rd level, I know she will be a tremendous addition to her university's music/drama fraternity.



### Alex Mahon

Alex is 10 years old. He has only been a singing student for one term but already has a wealth of theatre experience behind him.

Tiny Tim- Christmas Carol (2008) NCH  
Munchkin – Wizard of Oz (2009 & 2010)  
NCH & Wexford Opera House  
Oliver – Oliver (2011)– NCH



### Alice Gardner

Alice is 13 years old, and has completed a little over one year's singing lessons with Fiona. She entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil under 14's classical voice in March 2012 where she received a very promising review from the adjudicator.



### Niamh McGowan and Caoimhe McGowan



Niamh and Caoimhe are 15 years old. They are members of MSPA and regular performers in both local theatre school productions and within Dublin including Annie in the Gaiety theatre, the opening of the "Entrepreneur of the year awards" on RTE and a variety show for St Francis hospice at the Heliz. Both girls entered the under 16s popular vocal competition at Wesley's Interschool Music festival where both received good marks and Niamh received a highly commended certificate.

### Kelley Brassington

Kelley is 13 years old and in her second year of voice training. Kelley entered her first singing competition this year at the Dublin Feis Ceoil Under 14s classical voice where she was recalled and awarded Highly commended certificate



### Sarah Fallon

Sarah is a final year student of theatre studies at Colaist Dhulaigh. She is a regular soloist in panto and musical theatre. She recently sat her Grade 5 classical singing exam at the RIAM where she was awarded an honours pass.



### Jamie McQuire

Jamie is 15 years old. She is in her second year of singing lessons. Jamie entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil singing classical voice under 16s competition in March 2012 where she received an excellent review for her performance. Jamie sat her Music Junior Certificate practical in April 2012.



### Some of our first year students

### Lesley O'Neill



Lesley has been with Fiona for three years. She sings in both the Dolce Choir in Drumcondra and the Augustinians in Drogheda where she is a regular soloist. She has just sat her Grade 6 classical singing exam at the Royal Irish Academy of Music RIAM.



Elise

Sinead

Seamus

Diana

### Laura MacMahon

Laura MacMahon is 13 years old. She has been having singing lessons for almost a year. She sings in Skerries Parish Church children's choir and is a member of MSPA. Laura is singing in the Sea Shanty Festival in Sligo June 2012



Izzy

Emma

Caoileann

Katie

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SINGING STUDENT?

Auditions for September places are being held in AUGUST 2012 Call Fiona Mullaney 086 3693 812

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To arrange your audition time.

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Pictured here is Skerries singing teacher Fiona Mullaney on the right with her singing teacher and mentor Dr Suzanne Murphy on the left with the Renowned Irish Singing teacher Dr Veronica Dunne (middle), who was Suzanne's original teacher. Three generations of experienced vocal teachers.

