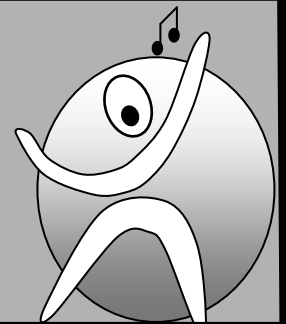




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Sinead Curran

Sinead Curran is a 5th year student from Drogheda. She was a finalist in the Soloist 2015 (cross border orchestra of Ireland) and is a regular soloist with the Drogheda Orchestra Collective and the Lourdes Brass Band. She was placed 2nd in the Interschools Music Festival for popular singing in the under 17s category. She was a chorus member in the school edition of Les Miserables October 2015 at the Helix and played the part of Ms Brannigan in the musical "Back to the eighties" in the TLT Drogheda

Leah Meagher

Leah Meagher coming from a theatrical family, Musical Theatre, Singing and Dancing has been a part of Leah's life for as long as she can remember. This is Leah's 8th year with the Music Studio. As it's her Leaving Cert year she has taken a year out from singing competitions but has remained active in performing. She played Eponine in the schools edition of Les Miserables October 2015 in the Helix, and is very excited to be playing the part of Anita in the Musical Westside Story which will be staged this Sept 2016 in the Helix. Leah was awarded a Distinction in her Grade 8 Speech and Drama with RIAM this year and was one of ten MSPA students selected to attend CPA studios in Essex for a five day intensive Musical Theatre training with top West-end professionals in February of this year. She started MSPA at 4yrs, and as well as taking weekly classes there, she also passes on her enthusiasm and skills by teaching the younger students each Saturday. The future looks exciting for Leah and whilst she will be missed at the studio I will follow her career with interest.



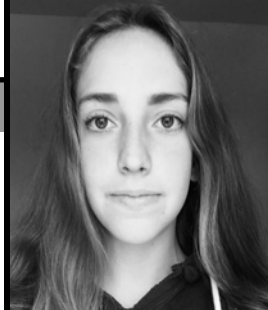
Caoileann Woodcock

Caoileann is in 4th year at SCC. Caoileann performed in the schools edition of Les Miserables in the Helix in October 2015. She played Eva's sister in Evita with Portmarnock musical society. She was a soloist in the schools Emmanuel concert at the Helix. She entered the U17s popular singing competition at the Interschools Music Festival in March where she was awarded a first class honours certificate. Caoileann is also taking part in the Young Performers Academy showcase in the Helix this coming June.



Lottie Simons

Lottie is a second year student at SCC. She entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil in March 2016 singing in the Under 15 Duets where she and her partner Kate were awarded a highly commended certificate. She will be sitting her ABRSM grade3 Music Theory exam this coming June.



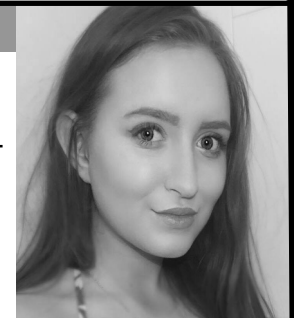
Alex Mahon

Alex has been studying voice with Fiona Mullaney for the last four years. He played the part of Lesgles in MSPA's "Les Miserables School Edition" last October in the Helix Theatre, Dublin. He sang a duet with Caoileann Woodcock as special guests of the Skerries Community Choirs Christmas Concert. Alex was also engaged for the 2nd year running at the National Concert Hall's "Snowman" in December 2015 where he performed the famous "Walking in the Air" with the RTE Concert Orchestra. Alex entered the Interschools Music Festival in March 2016 where he was awarded 2nd place in the under 16's popular singing competition and received first class honours in the under 16's classical voice competition. Alex will play *Baby John* in "West Side Story" this September at the Helix Theatre



Katie O'Donoghue

Katie is in third year in Drogheda Grammar School where she just sat her Junior Cert Music through voice. She is a regular soloist, duetist and group performer in school concerts, celebrations and carol services. She was a cast member in a school edition production of Les Miserables in the Helix last Oct 2015. In October she appeared on TG4, singing her own composition for the Ireland semi finals of the junior eurovision song contest. Katie was a soloist at the Skerries Community Choir's Christmas Concert in Dec 2015. She entered the Interschools Music Festival in March 2016 where she was awarded 2nd place in the under 16 classical voice competition. Katie will be a guest soloist at the Skerries Community Choir's summer concert at the end of May 2016.



Emma Leahy

Emma is 10 years old. This is her first year at the Music Studio. She played the part of young Cosette in Les Miserables at the Helix (MSPA) in Oct 2015 and she was also involved in Oliver at the National Concert Hall (Festival Productions) and Evita (Portmarnock Musical Society).





Kelley Brassington

Kelley has been busy this year with Musicals and competitions. She took part in the schools edition of Les Miserables in the Helix in October 2015 where she played the factory girl. Later this year she will play the role of Terecita in 'West Side Story' at the Helix. Kelley entered the Interschools Music Festival in March 2016 where she won 1st prize

in the over 17's Popular Voice Competition. She was also awarded 2nd place in the overall final for senior singers.



Clodagh Finnegan

Clodagh is a 1st year student at Loreto. She was a chorus member in the schools edition of Les Miserables in The Helix Theatre last October. This year she entered the Interschools Music Festival singing classical voice U14s where she was awarded a 'highly commended'. She also entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil

Niamh Price

Niamh is in 4th year at Loreto. She was in the choral cast of Les Miserables at the Helix October 2015. She also sang at the MSPA Variety Show in aid of St. Francis hospice in April 2016. Niamh played the lead role of Adam in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers school musical at Loreto Balbriggan April 2016.



Aisling Leahy

Aisling is a member of MSPA. This year she was involved in Les Miserables with MSPA, Oliver at the National Concert Hall and Suessical the Musical with Rush Musical Society. Aisling and her singing partner Alice, were awarded a Highly Commended Certificate for the Junior Vocal Duet at the Dublin Feis Ceoil in March 2016. Aisling was also a soloist at the Skerries Community Choir Christmas Concert and the MSPA variety show in aid of St Francis Hospice.



Doireann McAuley

Doireann is 12 years of age and this is her second year training at the Studio. Doireann has been performing since the age of 4 with MSPA and performed in many stage productions with MSPA and Festival Productions in the NCH. Doireann's most recent role was with Rush Musical Society's production of Seussical

the Musical in the Millbank Theatre in Rush in March in which she played the lead role of Jojo under the direction of Wylfie Pyper.



Laura McMahon



Laura is in 4th year at Loreto. This last year she has performed in all Ceol Loreto Gigs and as part of the Senior Choir and took part in Emmanuel in March. Laura has also been in two musicals this year, Oliver June 2015 and Seven brides for seven brothers March 2016. She is also a member of Rincooil Fingal who travelled to France last summer. She was a soloist in Rush church on Christmas morning and performed in their 1916 commemoration in April. Laura has just sat her singing recital examination in Royal Irish Academy of Music. Laura is also a member of Skerries Youth Group Choir.

Kate Kilcawley

Kate is in 2nd year at Loreto. She entered the Dublin Feis Ceoil U14s classical solo voice where she was awarded a commendation certificate. She also received a Highly commended certification for her duet with singing partner Lottie in the U15s duet competition at the Dublin Feis



Alice Brannagan

Alice is 12 years old and is in 6th Class in St Patrick's primary school. She is also a member of the Young Dublin Symphonia string orchestra. Alice was a soloist at the Skerries Community Choirs Christmas concert in December 2015. This year Alice was awarded a highly commended certificate at the Dublin Feis Ceoil in the U15s duets in March 2016 with singing partner Aishling Leahy. She recently won the under 14s strings section of Malahide Young Musicians



Catherine Kelly

Catherine is in 6th year in Loreto and has just completed her Leaving Certificate Music practical through voice.



Molly Brady

Molly is in 3rd year at SCC and just sat her Junior Cert through voice. She sang earlier this year at the Emmanuel in the Helix and was also a contender in For-oige's got talent 2016



Megan Laverty

Megan is in 6th year in Loreto and this is her first year at the studio. She recently completed her Leaving Certificate Music practical through voice. Megan has been singing from a young age and is a member of the Moore School of Performing Arts where she has sung in many stage productions and performances.

