

FAM NEWS

Developing Creativity | Building Community | Inspiring Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 November FAM Recital

Come along to our next FAM Recital to see and hear all of our amazing talent! Our recitals give all of our students, from all ages and skill levels, the opportunity to perform new pieces in a creative, warm and supportive setting, which we believe is very important. **7pm** at the **Malahide Parish Pastoral Centre**.

18 November Coro Cervantes Concert

Directed by our very own Dónal Kearney, the Cervantes Dublin Choir will perform with Annalisa Monticelli, pianist, vocal and Italian coach, who was born in Milazzo, Sicily. In recent years, Annalisa has been in demand as a solo artist, accompanist, chamber musician, and choral conductor. To cultivate her long-term passion for Latin-American music Annalisa is currently undertaking a Ph.D focused in Latin-American Music from the twentieth Century. It will be a wonderful evening - come along! **7.30pm** in the **Instituto Cervantes, Dublin**.

6 December FAM Recital

This will be our final FAM recital of this term - so make sure not to miss it! **7pm** in the **Malahide Parish Pastoral Centre**.

FAM Outreach



Our Schools Outreach programme keeps on growing. Since the start of this term, Fingal Academy of Music (FAM) has been delivering guitar, ukulele and singing programmes in Holywell Educate Together National School and Powerstown Educate Together National School. Instructing ten classes in each school, FAM has been making a musical impact in the lives of over 400 students from both schools.

Bit by bit, word is spreading about the great work being done in these schools.

FAM Cadence Director **Sarah May Rogers** is now teaching violin in St. Colmcille's Girls National School, Swords, and is teaching fiddle Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School near Blanchardstown. Both of these schools applied to Fingal County Council Arts Office for funding, which in turn introduced them to the Outreach team at FAM.

We believe it is absolutely vital for classroom teachers to feel more confident and to feel supported by the visiting musicians. When it comes to teaching music to their children, an external expert is powerless in the long-term without the full support of the classroom teacher.

Choral Christmas Concert



Our annual Choral Christmas Concert is taking place on Thursday the **12th of December**. Mark the day in your calendars. It will be a magical evening of enchanting Christmas Music featuring our very own Fingal Children's Choir, Fingal Youth Choir and Cór Fingal. Tickets are going on sale this week - watch this space!



Carols by Candlelight

Our adult choir Cór Fingal is hosting their annual Christmas Concert in the beautiful Seapark Carmelite on Tuesday evening the **17th of December**.

A true Christmas treat. Tickets are going on sale this week.

Watch this space!



Halloween Music Camp



The Rugby Club is quiet. It's a misty October morning. The 31st October, in fact. All Hallow's Eve...

One by one, little children approach the building, dripping with blood, shrouded in hoods, draped in cloaks, bearing knives and clutching weapons. What could possibly be happening?!

It's Sounds Good! Halloween Music Camp. During the mid-term break, from 29 October and 1 November, dozens of children came together to make music together, make new friends, discover new sounds, form bands, and write completely original songs.

Some of these songs discussed the hot topics of the day, including spooky moonlit nights, zombies in the graveyard, and howling werewolves. Others addressed climate change and endangered species. One thing is for sure - children make for fantastic lyricists!

On Friday 1 November, all camp participants performed in the Sounds Good! showcase, demonstrating their talents on a variety of instruments including ukulele, guitar, boomwhackers, drum kit, xylophone, lots of untuned percussion instruments, and - of course - singing!

'Thank you so much for such a lovely showcase and a great week. It was very inclusive, very good atmosphere and my two children loved it! The showcase was brilliant!' - Parent



FAM Recital Series

On **25th of October**, our first FAM Recital of this term took place. It was a great success with lots of fabulous performances and great fun! We had a number of young musicians that performed with us for the first time and did a fantastic job - hats off to everyone involved!

Our Recital Series is very important to us. It gives all of our students, from all ages and skill levels, the opportunity to perform new pieces in a creative, warm and supportive setting, which we believe is very important. Well done to all our students taking part!

Our next recital is taking place on the **15th of November** so come along and see all our amazing talent in action!



Sing to your Baby Classes



Fingal Academy of Music

Sing to Your Baby

From ages 6 weeks to 9mths.
6 week course for new babies and parents

Discover the soothing, calming and bonding benefits of singing to your baby, in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The class is held by multi-award-winning singer and conductor, and mum of two, Rebecca Gilbert.

When? Wed & Thurs 10am - 10:50
Where? Millview Lawns, Malahide

Our very own multi-award-winning singer and conductor, and mum of two, Rebecca Gilbert is launching a new 'Sing to your Baby' course. Singing to your baby helps with bonding, calming, learning and development and is good for Mum & Dad too.

This 6-week course will teach you lots of beautiful songs to sing to your little bundle while learning about the many benefits of singing to your baby in a relaxed, informal setting.

This course is a wonderful chance to bring your new baby to a friendly relaxed environment, meet other Mums and take some time to bond with your little one.

Each class of the 6 week course will have new songs and nursery rhymes to sing together, and tea and home-baked treats at the end of each class.

Contact Rebecca to sign up!

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