

FAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6 April

St Marienkirche Berlin

The Fingal Youth Choir will perform in the prestigious St. Mary's Church in Berlin Mitte at 5pm this Saturday.

16 April

Helix - Concert

The girls from Fingal Youth Choir and the women of Cór Fingal are coming together to sing at a joint concert with the Mountain View High School Chamber Orchestra and the RIAM Intermediate Orchestra in the Helix at 8pm.

20 April

Video Release

On the 20th of April, the Fingal Youth Choir will release a mystery video recording of an arrangement by our very own Eoin Conway. Check our social media platforms for the big release!

**Information on
SUMMER CAMPS
will be available soon!**



FYC tour to Berlin

This weekend, from the 5th - 7th of April, 23 singers of the Fingal Youth Choir are going on an international tour to Berlin. On Friday, they will attend a Northern Lights-themed concert by the *Junge Consortium Berlin*. On Saturday, they will then take part in an intercultural workshop with the same choir and their conductor Vinzenz Weissenburger, perform in the prestigious St Mary's Church in the evening and will also explore Germany's biggest artistic and musical metropolis. In preparation for this, the choir had a joint concert with the Huron High school *A Capella Choir* and *Bel Canto Choir* on the 22nd of March in Malahide, which was a big success for everybody involved. With the help of this concert, a Table Quiz and a Clothes Donation project, the choir fundraised a substantial sum of money which is all going towards their recording activities and the tour to Berlin. In this regard, we want to thank everybody who contributed to the cause!



International Woman's Day EY Choir Performance

On the 8th of March, our EY Company Choir took part in a very special concert for International Women's Day. They performed Joni Mitchell's song *Both sides now* supporting the theme #balanceforbetter in striving for a more gender-balanced world.

Fingal Children's Choir performing in Christ Church

On the 9th of March, the Children's Choir took part in a joint concert with the Rye Country Day School Choir in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. It was a wonderful concert in a beautiful venue. Pure joy for the entire audience.



Workshop with Michelle O'Rourke and Robbie Blake

On Saturday the 23rd of March our head of vocal studies Michelle and our voice tutor Robbie held an interactive singing workshop in Malahide, focusing on the breath, posture, bodily awareness, healthy warm-ups and exploring some physical aspects of how the voice works. The workshop concluded with an interactive improvisational singing experience, not only using voices but also hand gestures. The workshop was attended by a number of FYC and CF singers as well as singing students of the Fingal Academy.

Third FAM Recital in 2019

The third Academy Recital of the FAM Recital Series was a great success and showed a particularly big turn out with no less than 14 performers and a big supportive audience. There was a wonderful selection of pieces to hear, from Mary Poppins, Abba and Einaudi, to Scott Joplin, Adele and Sweeney Todd, with a wide range of singers, violinists, guitarists and pianists, some of whom performed with us for the first time. A very special performance was given by one of our students Andria Grobler who performed an original song that she recently sang at the National Concert Hall in Dublin.

Our FAM 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.

Our next recital will be on the **3rd of May**.



Workshop with Dónal Kearney

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This week, our Academy Director Dónal Kearney delivered four workshops to pupils of St. Francis Xavier Senior National School in Blanchardstown. The workshops on 1 April 2019 were supported through Draíocht's Artist In Your Classroom initiative. This music & singing workshop introduces pupils of all ages to the potential of making music with their own voice. The workshop focuses on building listening skills, encouraging creative play, and creating music using the voice and the instruments available in each school.

Dónal said: "The pupils of St. Francis Xavier SNS were a pleasure to work with. They all had great voices and each class was fully engaged in making music, singing in 4-part rounds, adding actions to songs, and having fun through music. It was also interesting to discuss the musical needs of the school with the staff and the principal. This is something FAM is deeply committed to. No doubt we will roll out a lot more of these workshop in future."

If you're interested in a song workshop for your school, business or community group, don't hesitate to drop us a line on info@fingalacademyofmusic.com.



Final Fingal Youth Choir rehearsal for Berlin

Here's a shot of the Fingal Youth Choir's final rehearsal before their trip to Berlin. All of us from the FAM Team wish them the very best of luck and a fantastic experience! In Berlin, they will perform works by Ola Gjeilo, Mozart, Palestrina, Nordahl Grieg, Otto Mortensen, Avicii, Snow Patrol and William Dawson.

For updates during their tour check our social media platforms.

(Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

