

SELB MUSIC SERVICE PRIZENIGHT 2009.

The Music Service held its Annual Prize Night Ceremony on the 29th June in Craigavon Civic Centre. This well established event in the Music Service calendar gives us the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the endeavours and achievements of some of our young students. A total of 86 nominees received their awards from the newly appointed Chief Executive of the SELB, Mr Tony Murphy.

This year's recital programme, introduced by Mrs Eithne Benson (Head of Music Service) and Mr Seamus Dinsmore (Deputy Head of Service), featured a number of accomplished solo performances from students from the boards' area. This year the Music Service was particularly delighted to welcome young performers from Rathore Special School, Newry, who presented a rousing rendition of their own school song which the students composed with assistance from SELB tutors Mr Peter Benson and Mr Alan Monteith. Young string players from Primate Dixon Primary School, directed by tutors Kate McSherry and Steven Wise, also performed a variety of pieces highlighting the success of the increasingly popular Musical Pathways programme. The recital programme was brought to a close with a charming version of Stranger on the Shore, performed by James Cunningham (Clounagh JHS) and accompanied by Mr Stephen Dolan, Mrs Martina Masterson, Mr Daniel O'Neill and Mr Austin Gallagher.

Also pictured is Ms Janette Burns from local company FPM who generously sponsored the FPM Advanced Teaching Bursary Award, presented to Nikki Magee.

Pictured are Colin Day (Association of Friends), Mrs Eithne Benson (Head of Music Service), Mr Paddy Breen (Association of Friends), Mr Tony Murphy (Chief Executive, SELB), Ms Janette Burns (Senior Tax Partner, FPM), Nikki Magee and David Millar (Chairman Association of Friends).

PRIZEWINNERS 2009:

The Florence Hamilton Cup: Rebecca Blaney (St Francis P.S., Lurgan).

The Annita Currie Cup: Sean Kelly (St Mary's P.S., Cabra).

The Grace Gallagher Cup: Chloe Reel (St Joseph's P.S., Meigh).

The Recorder Cup: Andrew McNabb (Lurgan College).

The Carlin Records Cup: Michael Dodds (Royal School, Dungannon).

The Averil Blake Memorial Cup: Stephen Grant (Christian Brothers' Abbey GS).

The "My Music" Cup: Olivia Hasson (Rathore Special School).

Ryan McCone (Lisanally Special School).

The Clarinet Concerto Cup: Michael Dodds (Royal School, Dungannon).

The Music Theory Cup: Emer Gates (St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon).

The S.U.B.E. Cup: Stephen Murphy (St Colman's College).

The Martin White Award: Michael McCaughley (St Patrick's Grammar).

The S.U.A.O. Cup: Bronagh Rafferty (Sacred Heart Grammar).

The Multiple Sclerosis Cup: Rachel Gamble (Royal School, Armagh).

The Aileen MacArdle Cup: Mathew Rickard (St Louis Grammar).

The Percussion Cup : Peter Rice (Christian Brothers' Abbey GS).

The S.U.A.B. Cup: Aoife Cullen (Banbridge Academy).

The S.U.S.O. Cup: Jenny Thompson (Royal School, Dungannon).

The S.U.Y.B Cup: Fergal Boyle (Christian Brothers' Abbey GS).

FPM Advanced Teaching Bursary Award: Nikki Magee (St Louis Grammar).

The Rex Blake Perpetual Cup: Nathan Cantley (Royal School, Armagh).