

## COMINGS AND GOINGS!!!

Goodbye, Thank-you, Good luck and best wishes to:

- Jim Girvan, brass tutor, who took early retirement at the end of September 2004 after many years of dedicated service, both as brass tutor and as conductor of the South Ulster Concert Band.
- Ita Parr, senior clerical officer, Newry Music Centre, who took early retirement at the end of August 2004. After a long number of years, during which she contributed to the growth and development of the Music Centre, it's impossible to imagine Newry Music Centre without her!
- Grace Gallagher, Primary Music Specialist, who took early retirement at the end of September. Grace has not been a member of the Music Service staff for some time, since her responsibilities moved to the Creative and Expressive area, but she has always remained a supportive and valued colleague and her contribution will be greatly missed.
- Ann Cloughley, strings tutor, area co-ordinator Newry Music Centre and assistant conductor SUYO who will be spending this year on a career break in New Zealand.

Welcome to our new appointments:

- Will McLean, Brass Tutor.
- Susan Hetherington, Senior Clerical Officer in Newry Music Centre.
- Jan Lyttle, Upper Strings Tutor (for Ann Cloughley).
- Daniel O'Neill, Instrumental Tutor, Piano accompaniment specialist.



Congratulations also to:

- Mr Darren Canmore on recently receiving his Fellowship from Trinity College London.
- Mr Luke Burke who was amongst 49 SELB employees who have marked 30 years of service with the Board. Each of the staff members received a Tyrone Crystal rose bowl from Mrs Moira Alexander, Chairman of the Board, which bears the SELB logo and the inscription '30 years of service to the community'.

## South Ulster Concert Band



Proceeds from the South Ulster Concert Band's performance in the Iveagh Theatre, amounting to £2200:00, were presented to Anne Marie Connolly, Southern Area Hospice, by Dr Ken Ramsay and Bert Wilson (SUCB President)"

## TROMBONES TO THE FORE !!

After many months of careful planning the First Northern Ireland British Trombone Society Day took place on Sunday the 8th of February in Bann House Portadown. Most of the credit for the success of the day must go to Mr Will McLean, a Brass tutor with the SELB, who approached BTS initially with an outline for the day. All of the five Education and Library Boards had students involved and there were players from Orchestras and Bands, as well as a few 'jazzers!' Richard Ashmore (Bass Trombonist with the Ulster Orchestra) took the first class of the day and focused on breathing and warming up. This was followed by a presentation from Martin Wilson, (Principal Trombonist with the Ulster Orchestra), giving advice on Orchestral auditions and extracts from repertoire.

Later sessions included masterclasses for Trombone Ensembles and soloists and a jazz session featuring David Liddell, who has performed with various Big Bands, including the Syd Lawrence Orchestra. Given the success of the day it looks most likely that a 2nd Northern BTS Day will be on the cards for next year – Watch this space! Arising out of the Trombone Day, the SELB trombone ensemble were invited to the Royal College London in early July 2004 when they attended performances and received master-classes. Attendance at an evening performance in the Queen Elizabeth Hall was also on their packed agenda. This trip received a grateful subsidy from the Friends Association and the Music Service.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### STUDENT RECITALS

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2004 - Dungannon Music Centre @7.30pm

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2004 - The Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry @ 7.30pm

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2004 - Portadown Music Centre @ 7.30pm

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 16th December - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 8.00pm  
South Ulster Academy Orchestra, South Ulster Academy Band

Saturday 19th February - Ulster Hall Belfast (Time to be confirmed)  
South Ulster Youth Orchestra, South Ulster Youth Band, The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland

Monday 7th March 2005 - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 8.00pm  
Portadown Area Junior Ensembles Concert

Wednesday 9th March 2005 - St Mark's HS, Warrenpoint @ 8.00pm  
Newry Area Junior Ensembles Concert.

Thursday 10th March 2005 - Dungannon Leisure Centre @ 8.00pm  
Dungannon Area Junior Ensembles Concert

### EDITORIAL TEAM

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If you have any news items, photographs or information you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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We welcome your comments and ideas for future issues. Thanks, Nuala Curran.



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## ANNUAL PRIZE NIGHT

The Music Service held it's 12th Annual Prize Night in Craigavon Civic Centre on Friday 4th June. The recital programme opened with 32 Cellists 'Here, there and everywhere'!!! literally, as this specially formed ensemble performed The Beatles classic, under the direction of tutor, Mr Steven Wise. Alongside well established groups such as the Harp Trio, Recorder Ensemble, Trombone Quintet and Percussion Ensemble, the programme also featured performances by soloists, Rebecca Breen (Viola), Cheryl Turkington (Tuba) and Danielle Rogan (Flute). This year also saw the introduction of two new awards "High Achiever Awards in Music Theory"

Of the 2,500 pupils taught by the Music Service this year, 84 were nominated for awards and the winners were presented with their prizes by The Right Honourable David Trimble MP and his wife, Mrs Daphne Trimble.

The presentation of awards was as follows:

**The Rex Blake Perpetual Cup** - Rebecca Breen, Helen Deeny, Sacred Heart G.S.

**The S.U.S.O. Cup** - Rachel Dilworth, Royal School Dungannon

**The S.U.A.B. Cup** - Edward O'Hare, St Colman's College

**The Percussion Cup** - Shelley Uprichard, Banbridge Academy

**The Multiple Sclerosis Cup** - Rosie Ferguson, Sacred Heart G.S.

**The Averil Blake Memorial Cup** - Stephen McElroy, Christian Brothers' Abbey G.S.

**The Carlin Records Cup** - Danielle Rogan, Our Lady's G.S.

**The Grace Gallagher Cup** - Andrew McNabb, Moyallon P.S.

**The Annita Currie Cup** - Susan Harris, Seagoe P.S.

**The S.U.Y.B Cup** - Cheryl Turkington, Lurgan College

**The S.U.A.O. Cup** - Laura Jayne Hughes, Sinead O'Sullivan, St Catherine's College

**The Recorder Cup** - Fionnuala McCrink, Sacred Heart G.S.

**The Florence Hamilton Cup** - Helen Quinn, Bocombra P.S.

**The S.U.B.E. Cup** - Christopher Day, St Colman's College



The successful nominees at this years Prizenight with The Right Honorable Mr David Trimble MP, Mrs Daphne Trimble and Mrs Hazel Mullan (Assistant Senior Education Officer)

## SELB YOUNG MUSICIANS PERFORM IN HELIX CONCERT HALL, DUBLIN



In 2003 a new cross border/cross community project was launched, which linked the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland with the South Ulster Youth and South Ulster Youth Band for a programme of rehearsals and performances on both sides of the border. The project is supported by the EU programme for peace and reconciliation, administered by Co-operation Ireland.

As part of the second year of this project, on Friday the 16th of April, 70 young musicians from the SELB Music Service who make up the South Ulster Youth Band and South Ulster Trombone Ensemble, travelled to the Helix Concert Hall, Dublin, to perform in a prestigious joint concert. The "Rhythm of Life" celebration concert was presented to a capacity crowd in this magnificent new venue and also featured The Bunclody Band, a 400 strong massed choir and the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, conducted by Europe's leading Youth Conductor, Gearoid Grant.

The evening was brought to a resounding close with a spectacular performance of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, which brought together all of the young musicians involved in this hugely entertaining event. Our cross-border links will continue on the 19th of February 2005 with a concert in the Ulster Hall Belfast when both the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and South Ulster Youth Band will perform alongside the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland.

## ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2004

Congratulations to all the Music Service students, past and present who represented the SELB in this years season of concerts by the Ulster Youth Orchestra.

Rebecca Breen (Viola), Laura Cosgrove (Oboe), Helena Curran (Violin), Marie-Claire O'Kane (Viola), Anne McAlinden (Harp), Claire McEvoy (Doublebass), Meabh Rafferty (Trumpet), Laura Rodgers (Percussion), Jane Rooney (Violin), Fiona Toner (Oboe), Fiona Treanor (Harp), Shelley Uprichard (Percussion), Matthew Benson (Trombone), Bronagh Keenan (Violin), Ruth Mc Cavery (Viola), Christopher Day (Trombone).

**ATTENTION ALL SENIOR STUDENTS!!**  
Check the noticeboards in each of the Music Centres for forthcoming dates for Auditions and application forms for next years season of Courses and Concerts

Mrs Eithne Benson (Head of Music Service) outlines some of the exciting new projects that are happening at present.

### WIDENING OPPORTUNITIES Highlights of 2003/2004

The Music Service would like to move to a position where more children could be involved in music making. Over the last two or three years we have been looking at ways of achieving this. There are some excellent schemes operating in England and we felt that some of these could be applied here. It isn't easy finding the money but so far we have managed to find a way to get started. Here are some of our experiments:

#### A.B.P. Music Challenge: Large Group Tuition for Strings

Thanks to the generosity of the A.B. P. company, this very exciting new project will be launched this term in two primary schools - St Mary's PS Derrytrasna Lurgan and Cloughogue PS Newry. Groups of up to 15 pupils will be learning to playing the violin or viola or cello while, at the same time, developing their musical skills and awareness. This is an ambitious project based on ideas that have been tried and tested in England and beyond and we are looking forward to the results of the pilot schemes.

Although many of our instrumental tutors are keen to develop ideas such as this, our problem has been in getting the finance together to supply the larger number of instruments required. Thanks to the generosity of ABP and the work of the 'Friends' association, we now have the sponsorship in place to enable the purchase of 30 new instruments. The pilot schemes are already getting underway and we will be following progress with interest.

#### The Bass Band Project

This project was inspired by colleagues from Leeds Music Service who visited us in September 2003. About twenty young musicians in their first year playing bassoon, trombone, tuba and double bass were formed into a Bass Band. These are instruments that spend a lot of time playing the bass line in ensembles. This was their opportunity to take the lead and play melodies. So, like Tubby the Tuba, their day had come and, as you might imagine, a great time was had by all. The project took place in Bann House during eight evenings in the summer term. Certificates were presented during the final concert attended by parents and friends.

#### "My Music" Project in Special Schools

Thanks to funding from DCAL's Creativity Seed Fund, we were delighted to be able to provide a programme of music performance and composition for pupils in four special schools. Thirty-four pupils took part in the projects and recordings of their work were made available on CD. In one of these schools we were also able to provide our Music Roadshow concert, a popular and entertaining experience of live music performance which was greatly enjoyed by all



Johnny McMahon and Aaron Wills, Lisanally school

# Summer School 2004

A pictorial account of this years highly successful Summer School in Drumcree College.



The junior string orchestra



The 'don't try this at home' cello method!!!



The recorder ensemble



Mr Canmore puts the wind band through their paces

### MARKS OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to all those who successfully passed their Associated Board Examinations in June 2004. Distinctions were gained by 43 students who entered in this session. An additional 142 merits and 199 passes showed all those weeks of intense practice were all worthwhile!! Good luck to all those who are preparing for the examination period in November!!!

#### DISTINCTION:

Chelsie Goodwin, Stephanie McAreavy, Eimear Maloy, Jenna Mackle, Helena Kennedy, David Clarke, Sorcha McCaughley, Kelsie Donnelly, Niamh O'Loughlin, Laura Leneghan, Anna Leneghan, Aveen Connolly, Joanna Aitken, Donal Fullerton, Stuart Holmes, Charles McAllister, Annalea Tessier, Iowa Stubber, Gavin Donnelly, Chloe Bell, Susan Kennedy, Laura Devlin, Laura-Jayne Hughes, Philip Murphy, Shannen Gass, Kathryn McDonagh, Rebekah Kerr, Joanne Hughes, Martina McKeever, Rebecca McCrory, Lynsey Thornberry, Caroline Donnelly, Ursula McGee, Ruaidhri Maguire, Alicia Hoy, Una Hamill, David Gray, Anthony McKee, Philip Hughes, Joan Kelly, Dominic Douglas, Niamh Dinsmore, Eunan Anderson

#### MERIT:

Nicola Hughes, Hayley Walker, Clare Murphy, Sarah Moley, Jennifer Hughes, Ursula McHugh, Andrea Cosgrove, Patrice Coughlin, Brighde Mulholland, Bronach Fegan, Sarah Castelli, Camille Gilsenan, Eamon McCarron, Ryan Connolly, Julie Annett, Adrian Cunningham, Daniel Goss, Anna Holmes, Stephanie Heaney, Megan Burns, Amy Gilsenan, Fionnuala Loy, James Hanratty, Conor Maginn, Paul Sheehan, Adam Kane, Grace Carr, Mark O'Donnell, Philip Knox, Ruth McCague, Aidan Clarke, Sara Louise King, Katie Kinkaid, Anna O'Hare, Aisling Cole, Laura Curran, Olivia Best, Grainne Lee, Rachel Grant, Niamh Kelly, Louise Henry, Ciara Campbell, Sean Bannon, David Brady, Danielle Boylan, Tracy Allen, John McLeod, Fiona O'Hare, Jane Woods, Emma Boden, Grace Somerville, Eimear Monaghan, Declan Keenan, Mark Treanor, Matthew O'Connor, Ciara Lennon, Liam Hollywood, Helen King, Orla McDaid, Ross McLaughlin, Mairead McPharland, Catherine Moore, Elaine Henry, Conor Breen, Grace Burke, Lydia Heffron, Michael McCaughley, Christine McDonagh, Fionnta McDonald, Ryan McNicholl, Rachel Millar, Conor Oliver, Ciera Freeburn, Maeve McQuillan, Jack Mooney, Claire Mulholland, Niamh White, Ciara Delaney, Rory Judge, Amy Stuart, Hannah Winter, Elaine Abraham, Jemma Heyburn, Maeve McCoy, Shauna McGrane, Fiona McKelvey, Amber Newell, Cheryl Turkington, Lauren Mortimer, Aine Mallon, Laura O'Neill, Heather Allen, Matthew Massey, Jack McClean, Leah McVeigh, Natalie Wray, Andrew Slaine, Gareth Gilvary, Kirsty Arlow, Matthew Best, Joanne Ogle, Sionnain McConville, Clare McEvoy, Alice Cullen, Eilis Devlin, Sabrina McBurnie, Gemma McKee, Danielle Williamson, Sean Breen, David Comiskey, Rebecca Jeffrey, Adam Porter, Anna Powell, Jill McFarland, Orla Crossey, Cara Dillon, Una Marshall, Julianne Quinn, Connor Cush, Rachel Kane, Grace Stafford, Christine Gervis, David Sproule, Aoife McVey, Jamie Sloan, Anne Scullion, Rachel Dilworth, Emma McBride, Shirley Hendron, Kevin Rafferty, Jessica Martin, Sarah Gilkinson, John Dooley, Alison Thompson, Claire McGinn, Rebecca Hughes, Clare Scullion, Eimear Mallon, Naomi Wilson, Vanessa Doyle, Rhyss Murty, Cormac Mitchell

#### PASS:

Mairead Williamson, Amy Banks, Majella McParland, Eleanor McStay-Fearon, Veronica McKeever, Clare Hughes, Kerri Nugent, Ciara McIlroy, Luke Pulford, Tracy Burns, Erinn McCullagh, Mandy Stevenson, Peig McAufley, Andrew Chambers, Laura Agnew, Martin Hyland, Caoimhe Magennis, Rachel Graham, Aoife Rafferty, Emma Joy McCulloch, Bronagh Clarke, Simmone Bell, Emma Fletcher, Clodagh McCaffery, Susan Magner, Fiona Toner, Shauneen Mallon, Padraig O'Hare, Laura Cosgrove, Sarah Loughran, Kelly-Marie Smith, Dermott Austin, Andrew Haugh, Christine Cunningham, Ryan O'Loan, Niamh Haughey, Rebecca Morgan, Peter O'Keefe, Dearbhla Haughey, Edward Fitzpatrick, Emma McElroy, David Douglas, Michael O'Hare, Katherine Donaldson, Conor Mulvenna, Ellen Thompson, Caislin Hynes, John McAleavey, James Murphy, Niall Burke, John-Benedict Farrell, Conor Murray, Sinead Fegan, Niall McMurray, Niall McCartan, Lorna Crawley, Stephen Newell, Margaret Doran, Ros Carvill, Clare McShane, Siobhan Henry, Keven McNulty, Nicola Magee, Kevin Hegarty, Stephen Keenan, Colleen Magennis, Maeve McCormack, Dara Walker, Laura Connolly, Nicola Magennis, John Cosgrove, Lindsay Henning, Robert Magowan, Cathy Henning, Niall Byrne, Christopher Cousens, Caroline Stanyer, Aislinn Armstrong, Niamh O'Gorman, James McDowell, Sean McCullough, Alexander Speers, Simon McAtee, Noelín Bradley, Matthew Kinkaid, Ryan Lewis, Cailina Parr, Aaron O'Hare, Rachel Hanna, Aidan Deery, Fionnuala Savage, Clive Gibney, Tom O'Dubhain, Colm McCabe, Julie Donnelly, Aine Loy, Joe McConville, Colin McNamee, Enda O'Reilly, Emma Toner, Suzanne Morrison, Jade Alexander, Susan Bailey, Megan Doran, Jonathon Downing, Lisa Gibson, Hannah Graham, Jona Graham, Eimear Hackett, Zoe Liggett, Bethany Luke, Helen Madden, Gavin McCormick, Eoin McGeown, Orla McIluff, Bronagh McKeown, Victoria McNaughton, Danielle McParland, Kirsty Moffett, Niamh Murphy, Hannah Richardson, Aislene Scullion, Hannah Shanks, Caoimhe Skelton, Sinead Magee, Niamh McGivern, James McGuinness, Aaron Murphy, Damien O'Hagan, Kathryn Stevenson, Keir Crozier, Rory Cullen, Sinead Davidson, Hannah Duffy, Michael Girvan, Nathan Grimley, Aine Hamill, Elizabeth Harper, Samuel Harper, Sean McConville, Claire McNamee, Ruth Weir, Aidenn

Hagan, Adam Hamill, Kate Hardy, Helena Hendron, Suzanne O'Donnell, Helen Andrews, Scott Gilliland, David Feeney, Mark Fitzpatrick, Sheena Kerr, Lisa Renegan, Kirsten Masters, Emma Spence, Rebecca Spence, Joshua Campbell, Stephen Campbell, Brian Lavery, Michael Lavery, Nuala Monaghan, Louise Sharkey, Timothy Cooke, Rebecca Emerson, James Kennedy, Ciaran Martin, Christopher McCullough, Jack Miller, John O'Donnell, Charlotte Reynolds, Alex Shields, Ryan Stevenson, Laura Strain, Cahal Masterson, Michaelagh Tennyson, Helen Bloomfield, Emma Gilbert, Katie Lucas, Jill Mehaffy, Laura Connolly, Timothy Doran, Cathal Harnett, Olivia Hicks, Gareth Hooks, Cherry McCaughey, Janessa Menary, Claire Parks, Jennifer Rafferty, Peter Rowntree, Alison McStay, Victoria Black, Naomi Clarke, Lucy Donnan, Adele Gass, Lee Geary, Stuart Hooks, Nicole Lavery, Sophie McNeill, Neill Mooney, Melissa Newell, Conor Williamson, George Williamson, Jenny Wilson, Emily Colvin, Sarah Hagan, Emma McNamee, Lauren Murphy, Barbara Bingham, Stephanie Girvan, Laura Kennedy, Kirsty Bleakly, Thomas Cuddy, Gordon Anderson, Janette Trimble, John Condy, Rebecca Kelly, Shizuka Chan, Gail Norris, Allan McGuffin, Joanne McCann, Colleen McGlone, Claire Mullan, Claire Hegarty, Michelle Monaghan, Diane Erskine, Robyn Hobson, Jan Crooks, Daniel Loughran, Leanne Ross, Joanne Somerville, Rebecca Loughran, Ronan McStravick, Richard Lamb, Michelle Skeath, Sarah O'Hanlon, Gerald Maguire, Aine Symington, Emma Mitchell, Natalie Burrows, Samantha McCurdy, Ursula Gervin, Emma Sherry, Lucia Campbell, Joline Donnelly, Carla Rafferty, Tamara Scullion, Emma Quinn, Peter McMullan, Niamh McCaughey

### HERE ARE SOME POINTS WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR A FORTHCOMING MUSIC EXAMINATION !!

- Feeling nervous before an exam is quite natural. Try smiling before you go into the exam room – this can give you extra confidence. And remember your examiner is looking forward to hearing you play.
- Use the time just before the exam to get your music and instrument ready.
- Make sure you are comfortable before you begin.
- Don't worry about short pauses between your pieces – your examiner will be writing and will tell you when to start your next piece.
- Remember, the examiner is on your side and wants you to do your very best.

### NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Which famous songwriter wrote "White Christmas"?
2. Who was 1st to the microphone on the original 1984 Band Aid Christmas hit "Do they know it's Christmas?"
3. Which famous Christmas song connects the following artists The Crystals/Bruce Springsteen/The Jackson 5/Frank Sinatra and others?
4. Who was "Driving home for Christmas"
5. "I will always love you" was a big U.K Christmas hit for Whitney Houston. Who did the original version?
6. Who were "Walking backwards for Christmas"?
7. What was the first Beatles hit to occupy the U.K Christmas No.1 position in 1963?
8. What was the first Beatles hit to occupy the US Christmas No.1 position in 1964?
9. Which Christmas hit was the first UK No 1 of the 70's?
10. The Pet Shop Boys had a UK Christmas No. 1 in 1987 co-written by Willie Nelson. Name the song.
11. This song has been the UK Christmas No.1 in two separate decades, sixteen years apart. Name the song?
12. Name Elvis' first U.S. Christmas chart topper(1960)?

Congratulations to Aidan Clarke, St. Dallon's PS, Warrenpoint, on winning the last "In Tune" Quiz.

If you think you know the answers to the questions above, write them on a sheet of paper and put your name at the top of the page. Answers sheets are to be returned to: Mrs Nuala Curran, Newry Music Centre, Downshire Road, Newry, BT34 1EE no later than **Friday 10th December**. The first correct entry will receive a £10 CD voucher.