



Being a member of Aspiro is a wonderful way to meet new friends. If you know anyone who would like to join any of the choirs, please invite them along in September or indeed pass on the contact details. New members are always welcome and remember no audition is necessary!

Outstanding A/C's



Unfortunately the financial aspect of the choir also needs to be kept updated.

To this end could anyone owing monies please pay them into the office as soon as possible. Aspiro T-Shirts are available to members at a cost of €5.

Many thanks for your continued support.

♪♪ **Choir resumes w/c
7th September 2009**



It is important to acknowledge the great work done by so many people throughout the year that makes our organisation the success it is. To the members of each of the Choirs from the youngest to the oldest, we say many thanks for your commitment and dedication and for being such a good team player.

To the parents who ferry their children week after week to sessions, rehearsals and trips - To those who have supervised, collected and bag packed, again many thanks.

To our musical accompanists Laura and Maeve without who the music wouldn't sound the same.

To our Board of Directors, Committee Members, Friends and Sponsors we say a grateful thanks for all your hard work and effort on our behalf.

And to all who contribute in any way -



We are currently working on our website which will be completed shortly so watch this space!



Summer Newsletter June 2009

Dear All,
As yet another year draws to a close, we can look back with great pride at the achievements of all our choirs and indeed each individual member who has both contributed and gained so much by their involvement with Aspiro.

In this newsletter we take the opportunity to review all the activities since the beginning of 2009 and outline some of what we hope will happen for the next year.

Everyone has worked very hard and tiredlessly this term and now it is time to take a break, chill out and enjoy the summer so that we can return refreshed in September.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer, with plenty of sunshine - See you next term!

Yours in music,

Mary Amond O'Brien

Name Change

Of all the events of 2009 saying goodbye to 'Carlow Young Artists' and welcoming our new identity 'Aspiro' was the highlight. On 24th April a large number of invited dignitaries and guests gathered in St. Patrick's College to launch the name change. We were privileged to have the support and attendance of Mr Denis O'Brien, Bishop Moriarity and members of the Arts Council and Carlow Local Authorities as well as a large and appreciative audience of family and friends who were treated to an evening of magical music.

Our new name 'Aspiro' conjures up images of each member aspiring and being inspired to achieve their potential. Each individual voice is special and important to the overall tone of the choir and just like being a member of rugby or football team, each member must and should play their part for the good of all. We look forward to watching all our members grow in confidence & pushing their abilities to the outer limits of what they each are capable of achieving.

Size 2 shoes

At a recent musical event Aspiro members had the pleasure to meet Eoin and Moley O'Suilleabhain of Size 2 Shoes - two guys in their 20's from famous musical family who write songs under the shelf title of 'Inspirational Pop' and who specialise in rap music in Ireland.

Having played with everybody from violinist Nigel Kennedy, Russell Crowe and singer Julie Feeney we are delighted that they are at present in discussion with Aspiro about the possibility of working together to produce an original piece that will be performed by the choir in 2010.

Arts Council - Our last newsletter mentioned that following our award from the Arts Council, we had commissioned Elaine Agnew to write a new piece for us to perform at the opening of Carlow's new Visual Art Centre. Elaine did a composing workshop with the choir at the beginning of March which was followed by Sean Hardie coming on board to do a workshop for writing the lyrics. The world premier will take place at the opening in late September 2009.



Association of
Irish Musical
Societies
- AIMS Choral

On Friday 22nd May choirs traveled to New Ross in Wexford to participate in the AIMS Choral Festival. Judging was very tough with a large number of entries and so we were delighted when the Intermediate/Male Voice choir was awarded 2nd place. Our Senior choir performed very well on the day and were unfortunate not to be among the prizewinners. Taking part in competitions is important for all members as it gives an opportunity to see and hear other choirs present and perform.



Aspiro are always delighted to help & with two of its members, Aisling Kearney & Uilleann Harney part of the team from Presentation College heading to Zambia, the choirs of Male Voice, Intermediate and Senior sections performed a concert in Benekerry Church on Saturday 16th May as a way of raising funds for this worthy undertaking. We were also pleased to perform at a benefit night for Noel Kelly's family. Uncle of Karen, Noel sadly passed away suddenly.



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On Thursday 4th June, at the kind invitation of South Dublin County Council Arts and Library Services, the Intermediate & Male voice choir traveled to Lucan to participate in the Summer Festival. The Nursery Rhyme Cantata was performed to a fun loving audience who appreciated hearing the childhood verses once again. Of course no trip to Dublin could be taken without the usual stop off in McDonalds on the way home!

This group were busy again on Saturday 20th June when they



performed at the Arboretum, to a packed and appreciative audience as part of Eigse, the Carlow Arts Festival.

In order to help us maintain an updated database, please keep us informed of any changes to mobile numbers and email addresses as they occur. These are our preferred methods of contact in an effort to keep costs down.

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