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# THE "GREAT" CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at the NATIONAL CONCERT HALL  
Wednesday, 8th December 2010 at 8.00 p.m.

featuring 2010  Feis Ceoil Prizewinners

Mark Irwin (*Winner of Tenor Solo*)

Muireann Ni Dhubhghaill (*Winner of Senior Flute*)

Joseph Ryan (*French Horn - Winner of Yamaha Brass Bursary*)

The LASSUS SCHOLARS and PICCOLO LASSO

Guest Soloist: Imelda Drumm (*mezzo-soprano*),

The Orlando Chamber Orchestra

(*Leader: Gillian Williams*)

ITE O'DONOVAN (*Conductor*)

## PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:

Adams: *The Holy City*,

Barber: *Adagio*,

Bizet: *Habanera*

Durante: *Magnificat*,

Elgar: *'The Angel's Farewell'*  
from *The Dream of Gerontius*

Gluck: *Dance of the Blessed Spirits*

Mozart: *Laudate Dominum*,

Mozart: *Rondo from Horn Concerto K.447*

Saint-Saëns: *Mon Cœur souvre a ta voix*,

Leroy Anderson: *Sleigh Ride*,

**Audience and Choir Carols and singalong *Hallelujah Chorus*.**

**Tickets:** €30, €25, €20 and €15 (Choir balcony) **Concessions for Groups**

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## The "Great" Christmas Concert 2010

*"ESB is delighted once again to sponsor **The "Great" Christmas Concert** in the National Concert Hall. As sponsors of ESB Feis Ceoil we are very proud that three of the winners from the ESB Feis Ceoil 2010 competition have been chosen to perform at this great concert acknowledging the high standard of the ESB Feis Ceoil competition".*

**Wednesday, December 8th at 8.00 p.m.**

For many years this family concert, presented by **Dublin Choral Foundation** and featuring **The Lassus Scholars and Piccolo Lasso with the Orlando Chamber Orchestra**, has heralded the beginning of Christmas for our many friends and supporters. This year promises to be an equally inspiring occasion with an exciting programme of carols, choruses, instrumental and vocal soloists and will conclude with a singalong Hallelujah Chorus.

Sponsored by ESB, **The "Great" Christmas Concert** will feature ESB Feis Ceoil 2010 Prize-winners, including French Horn Player Joseph Ryan, winner of the Yamaha Brass Bursary, who is a former member of Piccolo Lasso.

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Established by **Dublin Choral Foundation** in 1996 *The Lassus Scholars* and *Piccolo Lasso*, directed by Ite O'Donovan, cater for singers of all ages. They are named after the great composer and virtuoso of Renaissance polyphony, Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594). The boys and girls of *Piccolo Lasso*, aged between nine and fifteen years, receive a unique musical education through choral activities.

*The Lassus Scholars*, a chamber choir in the university tradition, continues the musical education to a higher level. Recent performances in Cork were reviewed as follows:

*"The Lassus Scholars made an enormous contribution to the recent FOTA III conference in Cork (10-12 July 2010). Over the three days they provided some of the most extraordinary readings of both 'classic' sacred repertoire and some newer music as well. The standard of the performances was remarkable. Whilst used to hearing such quality on recordings, where the possibility of retakes is a blessing, such high standards, given the difficulty of the music, is unusual within the liturgical context."*

<http://jubalsreview.blogspot.com/2010/07/circle-of-light.html>

Since its foundation in 1896, the **Feis Ceoil** has made an immeasurable contribution to the study and cultivation of music at all levels in Ireland

*"The good that the Feis Ceoil has done since its inception is truly inestimable. It has given encouragement to large numbers of young musicians, many of whom have since become famous outside Ireland."*  
Dr. Annie Patterson, Music Notes Journal of the Ivernian Society (1914)

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