



Ireland's National Music Education Programme
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MUSIC GENERATION, FIVE YEARS ON

2015 MARKED THE CULMINATION OF MUSIC GENERATION'S FIRST FIVE-YEAR PHASE. PUNCTUATED BY EXCITING MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, THIS SEMINAL YEAR SAW MUSIC GENERATION INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSICIANS IN 12 AREAS OF IRELAND.

IN JUST FIVE YEARS MUSIC GENERATION HAS TRANSFORMED THE LANDSCAPE FOR PERFORMANCE MUSIC EDUCATION IN IRELAND. THE SUCCESS OF ITS FIRST PHASE IS A RESULT OF THE PIONEERING MODEL OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PHILANTHROPY, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.

Reach and Impact, 2015:

- 38,000 children and young people reached
- 350 employment opportunities
- 610 tuition centers
- 51,000 tuition hours
- 99 different programs across all genres of music
- 6,800 musical instruments for young musicians



THANK YOU!

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS FROM U2 (€2M) AND THE IRELAND FUNDS (€1M) IN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER 2015 HAS OPENED UP THE POSSIBILITY FOR EXPANSION OF MUSIC GENERATION INTO NEW AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. IN JANUARY 2016, THE FUTURE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN IRELAND RECEIVED A FURTHER BOOST AS THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS COMMITMENT TO CO-FUND NEW PARTNERSHIPS INTO THE FUTURE, FROM 2020. MORE GOOD NEWS CAME IN MAY 2016, WHEN A \$1M DONATION BY THE STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION TO MUSIC GENERATION WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND'S 41ST ANNUAL NEW YORK CITY GALA DINNER.



Throughout 2015, Music Generation provided access to music education for thousands of children and young people through song-writing initiatives, brass bands, orchestras, choirs, rock groups, rap projects, grúpaí cheoil and more.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- A national summer tour of The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, where 100 young musicians performed and recorded original tracks on board a state-of-the-art mobile recording studio
- Professional development opportunities for musicians, including the Choral Music Education experience with master choral teacher Doreen Rao in partnership with Dublin Institute of Technology
- Collaborations between world-class musicians, composers and conductors who shared their creativity and expertise with young musicians through Music Generation / Arts Council Partnership Projects –
 - SOUNDWAVES, a collaborative songwriting and production residency for teenage musicians in Donegal
 - BOLD AS BRASS, an intergenerational jazz project led by UK composer Jason Yarde with local musicians in Cork City
 - SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS WITH SINGER DUKE SPECIAL, working with 20 young musicians from the Laois School of Rock and Pop
 - SONGSPARKS, a songwriting project for teenagers in Mayo, culminating in a public performance and CD launch



“It was a life-changing moment... The Edge is such an inspiring and brilliant musician and we learned so much from performing with him... The whole experience was like a dream.”

— Claudia and Nicole, Music Generation Young Ambassadors, Cork City

THE MUSIC GENERATION YOUNG AMBASSADORS INITIATIVE...

OFFERS YOUNG MUSICIANS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. THROUGHOUT 2015, YOUNG AMBASSADORS PERFORMED AT THE IRELAND FUNDS' CHRISTMAS RECEPTION AT THE US AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, DUBLIN CASTLE, THE GLOBAL IRISH ECONOMIC FORUM, THE IRELAND FUNDS WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE IN KILLARNEY AND THE 2015 BRITISH IRISH COUNCIL SUMMIT. IN APRIL 2016, A CHOIR OF SEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM CARLOW, CORK CITY AND MAYO MADE THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL OUTING BY MUSIC GENERATION YOUNG AMBASSADORS TO PERFORM WITH THE EDGE IN THE SPECTACULAR SURROUNDS OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL, ROME. THE YOUNG PEOPLE MADE HISTORY AT THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENT AS THEY JOINED THE U2 GUITARIST IN THE FIRST EVER PERFORMANCE BY A CONTEMPORARY ARTIST AT THE VATICAN VENUE.





250 YOUNG VOICES JOIN IN MAJOR NATIONAL CHORAL PROJECT

TO MARK EASTER SUNDAY 2016, 250 MUSIC GENERATION SINGERS JOINED A 1,100 VOICE-CHOIR AND THE RTÉ NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT AT COLLINS BARRACKS, FEATURING THE WORLD PREMIERE OF A NEW WORK BY COMPOSER SHAUN DAVEY AND WRITER PAUL MULDOON – ‘ONE HUNDRED YEARS A NATION’. A NATION’S VOICE WAS PRESENTED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL AND RTÉ IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND, THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH CHOIRS AND MUSIC GENERATION, AS PART OF IRELAND 2016. THE YOUNG CHOIRS – FROM 12 AREAS OF IRELAND AND RANGING IN AGE FROM 8 TO 18 – HAD REHEARSED FROM JANUARY FOR THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT, WHICH WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION, RADIO AND ONLINE. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CONDUCTOR DAVID BROPHY AND THEIR LOCAL CHOIR DIRECTORS, THESE WONDERFUL YOUNG AMBASSADORS GAVE A TRULY INSPIRING PERFORMANCE ON THE DAY.

“It was a day I will never forget. It made me feel proud of myself to have a role in the Commemoration... Thank you for giving us the opportunity.” – *Hugh, young musician, Music Generation Sligo*

MUSIC GENERATION HAS SET ABOUT PLANNING FOR ITS NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, 2016 - 2021, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN UP TO NINE NEW AREAS OF IRELAND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.