12 October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian and young musician

**Music Generation Laois Tionól – Harps and Pipes**

 Music Generation Laois, with the support of Music Generation National Development Office National Projects funding, will deliver a Tionól for Harps and Pipes in Portlaoise on the **3, 4 and 5 November 2017.**

The purpose of this weekend is to bring together pipers and harpers, and their Tutors from Music Generations throughout Ireland, for a weekend of workshops and performances, including an opportunity for students to get workshops from well-known non Music Generation guest tutors.

For those who took up pipes and harps this September, there is a class suitable for you also – and this weekend will give you a great boost as a beginner.

The International Uilleann Pipes Day will be celebrated on Saturday 4 November.

**Confirmed Music Generation Tutors:** Siobhan Buckley, Ramune Sakalauskaite, Grainne Hambly, Billy Jackson, Deirdre Ní Bhuachalla, Kerri Mullan, Fionnán MacGabhann, Joseph Byrne, Timothy Doyle & Paul Harrigan

**Confirmed guest tutors:** Catriona McKay (harp), Michael Rooney (harp), Triona Marshall (harp), and David Power (Pipes)

The cost for the entire weekend is €70 and this covers workshops and concert entry. Overleaf is a draft schedule of the weekend. Lunch and dinner where scheduled is included in the overall cost. Some younger students may not wish to attend all events, and that is understandable. Just let the office know.

Please note, as there is a large amount of planning with this event, we need to know numbers in advance, therefore we need to receive a completed application form and payment by **Tuesday 24 of October**. Applications can be given to your tutor, sent in by post to the office, or emailed to musicgenerationlaois@laoiscoco.ie.

Payment can be made in the usual way, listed below. Due to the scale/cost of this event, unfortunately refunds are not available for anyone unable to attend.

I really hope you can attend, this is a wonderful opportunity!

Best wishes,

Rosa Flannery

Co-ordinator, Music Generation Laois

**Payment:**

* Telephone payments: By Laser or Credit Card, Contact Laois County Council Cash Office on 057 8674308 Quote Revenue Code AR022
* In Person: By cash, laser or credit card in the Cash office of Laois County Council, Opening Hours are 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, including lunch-time.    Quote Revenue Code AR022
* By Post: Cheques or Postal Orders to Music Generation Laois, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois. Please make cheques / postal orders out to: ‘Laois County Council’

**Schedule – draft**

All workshops and events take place in Portlaoise Youth Education Centre on Railway Street, unless otherwise stated.

**Friday 3 Nov**
12noon-2pm: Registration
2-4pm: Instrumental workshop
5-6pm: communal music-making/ session
7pm **Opening Gala Concert** featuring the premiere of a newly composed suite of music by Michael Rooney for the Music Generation Laois Harp Orchestra, Tionól Tutors, Michael and June McCormack and the Music Generation Laois Trad Orchestra

Portlaoise Further Education & Training Centre, Free admission to students of the Tionól/ General public €5

(all students are to attend and student tickets are free of charge, parents can book tickets through Dunamaise.ie/ call 057 8663355)

**Sat 4 Nov**
10am-11:30am: Instrumental workshops

12noon-1pm: Instrumental Workshops
2pm-4pm: Instrumental Workshops/Reed Making Workshop
7pm: Concert featuring Tionól participants and harp ensembles in the Dunamaise Arts Centre. Free admission to students of the Tionól/General public €5.

 **Sun 6 Nov**
10am-11:30am: Instrumental workshops
12noon-1pm: Instrumental Workshops
2pm: Closing Student Concert – Tionól 2017, programme of music made up of repertoire covered throughout Tionol. Admission free of charge, donations welcome
4pm: Depart

**Tionól – Harps and Pipes** **3, 4 and 5 of** **November 2017**

**Application Form:**

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DOB\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please give details of any medical conditions/disabilities the Music Tutor/Music Generation Laois Co-ordinator should be aware of:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please give details of any dietary requirements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Musical Experience, how many years have you been playing harp/pipes :

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Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_