

## C.B.S. Christmas Concert 2009

Bedevilled by anticipation of festive merriment, students and teachers followed the meteor of stars to centre stage at the C.B.S. to witness the rebirth of the Christmas Concert, aptly entitled "Renaissance". As the Principal, Mr. John Murphy announced that there was plenty room at the inn, brethren packed the rafters to glimpse old footage of a students versus teachers soccer match, whetting the appetite and reminding us of our dear departed friends, Pat Holloran and Tony Lake. Then Eoin Whelan and Mark O'Keeffe, in the guise of "Jedward" shepherded each act to the stage. First up was Declan Power who bedazzled us with his banjo playing, accompanied later by Brian Hughes on drums.

Mr. Ger Cummins, whose boyish charm and evident psychotic tendencies, turned up as Wee Willie Winkle, dancing and entertaining all and sundry and singing that well-known lederhosen favourite, "Ich stehe auf!" However on came the men in white coats, (Declan Power and Tony Walsh) to cart him off for his medication.

"Rusted Clockwork", a movie production company created by Adam Hart, Luke Moore and Sam Martin entertained us with a selection of their compositions. Not a heralding angel in sight! Instead Mr. Peter Morley sang Robbie Williams' "Angels", accompanied by Mr. Johnny Hughes, Mr. Michéal ÓCionnfhaidh and Mr. Anthony Kelly and then Mr. Kelly (who looked sensational, by the way! Is he really only thirty-two?), sang Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'", even though we've stopped...till next June anyway! Up the Deise!

But the magical moment came when Mr. Peter Morley and PLC's Ms. Ursula Flynn amazed us by their rendition of "Fairytale of New York", inspiring the audience to sing along with the chorus. Adam Kelly set the music for the 6th Years, Mark O'Keeffe, Eoin Whelan, Stevie McGrath, and Eoin Healy to perform the neo-burlesque, insouciant rollick "Tonto Dance Song". A hush descended from the Heavens as pupils were enticed to come to the stage to play an accompaniment on the drums to a piece of music. Cormac O'Grady and Aaron Fraher took up the challenge until the multi-talented Brian Hughes showed us how it should be done. With the musical wisdom of three men, Brian Hughes on drums, keyboards and vocals, Darragh Coleman on guitar and Donagh Kavanagh on bass, the students took over and rocked the hall with Muse's "Uprising" and "Chelsea Dagger" by The Fratellis, with everyone singing along. The Wii-Sport challenge gift-wrapped the concert as Mr. Eanna McGrath, and

Ms. Brenda Hunt took on Darragh Hayes and Ian Sheehan in a game of tennis.

We'd like to thank those who laboured, those who played, those who watched! Ms. Michelle Lyons, (Computer Engineer), Mr. Paudie Kennedy, (Stage builder), Ms. Laura Power, (costumes and wigs), Mr. Pat Whelan (Stage builder and wizard!), Principal, Mr. John Murphy, whose encouragement and patience knows no bounds, Mr. Michael Scanlon and Nathan Troy, (sound and mixing), Mr. Pat Stack (cameraman), Mr. Johnny Hughes, (the magician!), Ms. Brenda Hunt (Art Director)...and of course our students without whose help we couldn't have achieved it. Already Paul Curran and Robert Shine of First Year are making out their Act list and checking it twice for Christmas Concert 2010 as this year's meteor shower comes to an end. Till then Happy Christmas and roll on 2010! We'll be watching for those bright stars in the sky!