

Frank Forde

Castlebar's Frank Forde is well established as a comedian on the Theatre circuit around the country and abroad. Frank's impersonations of Irish sporting personalities have earned him coverage on the Late Late Show, and on the Joe Duffy Show. He writes most of his own material which includes the use of regional accents. His brand of humour is very much rooted in the Irish way of living. He has perfected the art of allowing people to laugh at themselves. He has won many Entertainment Awards recognising his unique ability to make people laugh. He is particularly popular on the cabaret scene.



About the Mayo Male Voice Choir

As well as regular performances the choir participates in competition and has won numerous awards at Sligo International Choral Festival, Kiltimagh Choral Festival and at Mayo International Choral Festival under the direction of Deirdre Lee. The choir has performed in Germany, England and Prague and looks forward to another trip abroad next year! Since the choir was established in 2000 it has grown from strength to strength and now has a total of 48 men who travel from all parts of Mayo to rehearse and perform together. The choir has been under the direction of the very accomplished and talented Ms. Deirdre Lee since its inception. Deirdre is a music teacher at St. Joseph's Secondary School so her expertise and experience are invaluable to the choir.

Web site: <http://www.mayomalevoicechoir.org/index.html>

Some Recent events 2015/6

Kiltimagh 2015 – We had a great win in Kiltimagh Choral Festival Many pictures on our web site

May 2015: Mayo International Choral Festival. The Choir were second in their section, pipped by just one point.

Sept 2015 - Big night in Holy Rosary Church, Castlebar with Canadian Orpheus Choir

Dec 2015 - carol singing in Tescos, Abbeybreaffy and Knock Airport.

April 2015 - Concert in Louisburgh in aid of Louisburgh Order of Malta.

Obituaries

Two stalwart members of MMVC have sadly passed away since our last Spring Concert:

Nov 2015 - Stan Glynn, Blakehill, Cong, Co. Galway. Died November 9th 2015. Stan was a valued member of our choir for several years who travelled to practices with the Ballinrobe members.

Jan 2016 - Newport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Died January 20th, 2016, peacefully at the Mayo University Hospital, Castlebar. It was with great sadness that we laid to rest one of our choir founders Michael. Read the full obituary on the MMVC web site (Obituaries button). Whether it be Castlebar Town Band, the Youth Orchestra, the Holy Rosary Church Choir or the MMVC, Michael's life was dedicated to music. He wasn't one to delegate from on high, Michael was a worker, a man who had no difficulty being the first to arrive early in order to be set up and ready to go. He was also one to volunteer for committees and served on the MMVC committee every year since the choir was founded. He will be a huge loss to the choir which was his brainchild.

Tenors - Calling for your talent

The choir is actively looking for Tenor voices. If you would like to join our august body of singers and have some fun please contact any choir member, or go to our web site (See above)

Sounds of Spring

8pm, Thurs 28th April 2016

MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR
IN CONCERT

BREAFFY HOUSE HOTEL
Special Guest: Tenor Seán Costello
MC ~ Frank Forde. Tickets ~ €15.

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MC ~ Frank Forde
Musical Director ~ Deirdre Lee
Accompanist ~ Rebecca Crisham
Tickets: From any member of the choir,
or Breaffy House Hotel reception desk,
or phone 086 0770338 (Adrian),
or on the door on the night.

www.mayomalevoicechoir.org

MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR SPRING CONCERT 2016 PROGRAMME

**Compere: Frank Forde,
(TV & Radio Comedian)**

PART ONE

MMVC

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH A DRUNKEN SAILOR

Traditional, Arr: David Eddleman

THE WEST'S AWAKE

By Thomas Davis

The Garvey Brothers

SUMMER WIND

Music: Heinz Meier. English lyrics: Johnny Mercer

UNCHAINED MELODY

Music: Alex North. Lyrics: Hy Zaret.

MMVC

WORRIED MAN BLUES

Folk song. Arranged by Gwyn Arch.

THE PILGRIMS' CHORUS

Music and lyrics by Richard Wagner

Seán Costello (Tenor)

THE NIGHTINGALE SONG

Music: Peppe & Zeller

FAREWELL, MY LOVE, FAREWELL

Music: Franz Lehár. Lyrics: Alfred Maria Willner and Heinz Reichert

MACUSHLA

Music: Dermot MacMorrough. Lyrics: Josephine V. Rowe

MMVC

JUG OF PUNCH

Irish folksong, Arr: Mark Sirett.

INTERVAL (and Raffle)

PART TWO

MMVC

A NATION ONCE AGAIN

Music & Lyrics by Thomas Davis. Arr by Deirdre Lee.

GRACE

Music and Lyrics by Frank and Sean O'Meara

Seán Costello (Tenor)

ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Music: Renato Rascel, Lyrics: Pietro Garinei and Sandro Giovannini.

YOU RAISE ME UP

Music: Rolf Løvland, Lyrics: Brendan Graham

Seán Costello (Tenor) and

MMVC

LET THE REST OF THE WORLD GO BY

Music: Ernest Ball. Lyrics: J Keirn Brennan

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GOSPEL GLORY

Music and Lyrics: Various Composers, Trad., Ackers, Howe etc. Arr: Gwyn Arch.

The Garvey Brothers

CONCRETE AND CLAY

Music: Arthur Sullivan and libretto by W. S. Gilbert

The Garvey Brothers & Steven Brady (MMVC)

I'M GONNA BE (500 MILES)

Music: The Proclaimers. Arr: Ronan Scolard

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JUST JOLSON (MEDLEY)

Music and Lyrics: Various composers inc Silver, Sylva, Kahn, Donaldson etc. Arr: Gwyn Arch.

AN AMERICAN TRILOGY

Traditional, Arr: Mickey Newbury, Adapted by Alwyn Humphries

Deirdre Lee—Musical Director

Deirdre Lee is an honours music graduate of NUI Maynooth. She has been musical director of the Mayo Male Voice Choir since its formation in 2000 leading them to success in International Competitions. Deirdre is a secondary school music teacher at St. Joseph's, Castlebar. Her senior school choirs have appeared on RTE in the 'All Island School Choir Competition' several times and have won many awards. She is currently Musical Director of annual school productions and also of award winning Claremorris Musical Society and Castlebar Musical and Dramatic Society. Most recent productions include 'Beauty And The Beast', 'Fiddler On The Roof' and 'Anything Goes'. Deirdre is also on the Executive Committee of the Mayo International Choral Festival, now in its fifth year.



Rebecca Cresham—Accompanist

Rebecca Cresham holds an Honours Degree in Music and English. Trained both classically and traditionally, she has taught music at secondary level throughout Mayo. Rebecca is a fully qualified piano teacher with The Royal Irish Academy of Music and having been awarded RIAM High Achiever awards herself, she now enjoys this success with her own students. Rebecca has vast experience as accompanist, appearing on RTE and Lyric FM. She is the Musical Director for Parke Musical Society, and is also one half of the duo, 'Music by Rebecca & Mary'. Rebecca is very proud to be resident accompanist to the award-winning Mayo Male Voice Choir.



The Garvey Brothers

James and Joseph have been involved in live music in Castlebar and the greater Mayo area for a number of years. Older brother James is known for his versatile tenor voice and for tackling styles such as Gospel, Sacred, Traditional and Folk and has taken to the stage alongside some of Mayo's talented casts in several of the county's music and drama productions. He is currently the musical director of the new choir, the Westport Singers, and an active member of several others.



Multi-instrumentalist Joseph can be seen accompanying many of Mayo's most celebrated choirs. A talented band leader on either guitar or piano, he is also a notable singer in his own right and an award winning Barbershop tenor. The brothers perform locally as well as nationally and occasionally, internationally as a two piece harmony group. Most recent in their adventures was a brief trip to New York with Castlebar Gospel Choir, as well as an appearance on Irish TV's: Songs and Stories of Connaught.

Seán Costello (Tenor)

Seán Costello is one of the leading Irish Tenors of his generation. A multi award winner noted for his enthusiasm and presence on stage, Seán is a true cross-over artist with a repertoire ranging from classical to contemporary music. Seán has had very successful national tours and has starred in the leading roles in musicals including The Desert Song, Jesus Christ Superstar, Fiddler On The Roof, The Gondoliers, Titanic and many more. Seán is five time Best Male Voice award winner with AIMS with a total of ten nominations in this category to his credit. He is a regular performer on national Radio and Television with recent broadcasts on the Late, Late Show and the John Murray RTE 1 radio show.

