

Tadhg Maher

Tadhg Maher is a Leaving Certificate student in Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré. Last August in Listowel at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil he won 4 titles, English singing, Irish singing, Whistling and Liltling under 18 years. This now brings his total of All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil titles to 13. In July 2001 he won his 2nd Scóráíocht All-Ireland singing with Camross Comhaltas.

Last September Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann celebrated their 50th anniversary since their founding with a concert in the Mansion House with President Mary McAleese as special guest. Tadhg had the distinction of being chosen as the only singer to perform on the night.

As a result of this he sang at the State funeral Mass of the late Patrick Maher, one of the ten volunteers executed in Mountjoy who was reinterred in his native Ballylanders.

Tadhg has been resident singer and bodhrán player with the renowned "Brú Ború" group in Cashel Heritage Centre for the past five years and with them he has toured the Czech Republic. With Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann he has toured America, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland as solo singer.

As a member of Roscrea Musical society Tadhg has taken leading roles in "Finian's Rainbow", "The Music Man", "Me and My Girl" and more recently "Hello Dolly".

Tadhg is a prefect in Coláiste Phobal and is also a member of the 6th year 'Cáirde' group who help First Year students settle into the school. Last Christmas the school produced a CD to raise money for the local Lions' Club. Tadhg was chosen to sing a hit song especially written by Matt Dillon called "It's Christmas Time".

Over the past year he has sung in many concerts and churches both locally and further afield and also he has sung on several TV and radio programmes.

In 2000 he won the GAA Scór na nÓg All-Ireland solo singing title representing his local hurling club Ballyskenach. He is very interested in hurling and has played with Ballyskenach seniors and also on the school senior team and is now part of the Offaly Minor hurling panel.

He enjoys playing the piano, guitar and bodhrán and hopes to study music next year at University.

Ba mhaith le Tadhg buíochas a ghabháil le gach éinne a chabhraigh is a spreag é thar na mblianta ina iarrachtaí uile.



Tadhg Maher with some trophies from 2001