

Choral Music Education (CME) Training Programme Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 July 2015, NUI Maynooth

A number of our choral directors - Sara, Evan and Triona - participated in a [CME Institute](#) Choral Training Programme during the 2013/14 academic year, culminating in the Big Sing performance, April 2014, in the Mansion House, Dublin. Members of our Youth and Junior Choirs participated in this wonderful performance joining other choristers from around the country.

The Choral Music Education (CME) Institute is based in the United States and led by Professor Doreen Rao, an internationally renowned choral master teacher, conductor, author and editor. It currently runs accredited choral training programmes in the United States, Canada, UK and Ireland, encouraging ongoing, long-term professional development in choral music education.

As a follow-on to the 2013/14 training, the CME Institute, in partnership with [Music Generation](#) and [AOIC](#), is holding a residential training programme for choral directors in NUI Maynooth this summer from Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 July, and once again Sara, Evan, Triona and new addition Riana are participating.

A Young Artist Choir is brought together for the training programme who study alongside the conductors, and there are times when these young artists are in a 'lab' type setting working with the faculty observed by conductors, and also a live performance involving all.

We were delighted to receive an invitation for Donegal Youth Choir to be part of this Training Choir hence we have 16 young, excited choristers in NUI Maynooth from 15 – 17 July.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday 15 July

Boyces Minibus

- 9am Pick up at **the Filling Station** opposite the Clanree Hotel, Dry Arch, Letterkenny.
Please try to arrive 10mins early so there are no delays in leaving.
- Time TBC Stopping for lunch shortly before arriving in Maynooth or in Maynooth itself.
You will need pocket money for this.
- 1.30pm Arrive at NUI Maynooth.
- 2pm Workshop rehearsals begin. There will be short breaks in between.
- 5pm Singing, dancing & drumming.
- 5.45pm Dinner
- 7pm Masterclass for conductors with Dr. Rao & Young Artists Choir.
- 8.30pm **Free time ! (You do not have permission to leave the campus.)**

Thursday 16 July

- 9.15am Workshop rehearsals with short breaks.
- 11.30 Singing, dancing & drumming.
- 12.15pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Workshop rehearsals with short breaks.
- 4.30pm Singing, dancing & drumming.
- 5.15pm Dinner
- 7pm Masterclass for conductors with Dr. Rao & Young Artists Choir.
- 8.30pm **Free time ! (You do not have permission to leave the campus.)**

Friday 17 July

- 9.15am Workshop rehearsals with short breaks.
- 11am Masterclass for conductors with Dr. Rao & Young Artists Choir.
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 2pm CME Sing! - Rehearsal for concert.
- 3.30pm Break
- 4pm Certification and CME Sing! Concert.
- 5.30pm Depart Maynooth on Boyce's bus to return to Donegal.
- Time TBC Stopping for food shortly after leaving Maynooth.
You will need pocket money for this.
- 10.30pm Arrive back at the **Clanree Hotel**. (This is an approximate time.)

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Your checklist / what you need to bring with you:-

- Your designated **copies of the music** – please check that you have everything together on Tuesday evening and place in a folder so that they do not get damaged or dog-eared.
- Your usual **black performance clothes** as you will wear these for the final performance on Friday afternoon.
- **Swimming gear** – while it hasn't been confirmed as yet, there is a possibility that you will be allowed access to the pool on campus.
- Your **instrument(s)** if you have one as no doubt there will be opportunities for music-making and singing outside of rehearsal time.
- **Packed lunch / drinks / snacks** for the journey down as you will only have a comfort stop, if required, on the way down until you stop for lunch, somewhere close to Maynooth.
- **Pocket money** to buy lunch on the way to Maynooth on Wednesday and to buy dinner on the way back from Maynooth on Friday evening.

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