

## **LSMD Excellence Awards for Performance**

- **Excellence Awards** – Following on from success of the LSMD special *Centenary Competition* and last year’s awards (please see the winners listed) we are delighted to announce that we plan to continue to hold *The Leinster School of Music & Drama Excellence Awards* again this year. Here we will ask Examiners to highlight a student that they feel *shows excellence in performing music pieces or speech & drama pieces*. We will ask them to put forward students for this award – these students are not necessarily “medal winners” or students who attain 95% or higher...these are going to be students who excel in performing a particular field of Speech & Drama or Music or Singing. These students will be invited to take part in “**call-backs**” for **finalists and winners**.
- Examiners will go to the centres and examine in the usual way. While there they will make note of any special candidate that they feel has excelled in certain field – for example best piece of music played, best drama piece and as one Examiner suggested “best poetry speaking” – as this would encourage and improve the art of poetry speaking.
- **Students who are nominated for the Excellence Awards will be asked to submit a video link of their performance**, this video link should be emailed to [leinster.school@griffith.ie](mailto:leinster.school@griffith.ie) and should be submitted as soon as possible after the student has received their results. The video link should be emailed with a link to you tube or dropbox and should be in the format of **one video link file**. These emails will be viewed by the judges; students will also have the option to attend the call-backs rounds here in the LSMD.
- Teachers and students are reminded that all video links should be in an exam style setting with a plain wall/curtain backdrop and should not involve students being filmed outside of this backdrop. Please include **Music/drama Excellence Award Video Link** in the subject line of the email, also include the students name and reference number spoken by the student and typed in the email.
- Students will also have the option to attend the **call-backs rounds in Griffith College Dublin in early July and should complete the call-backs request form on the website when nominated**. Teachers will be informed if any of their students have been nominated in a letter we send with the results and will include video/call backs information.
  - Finalists in the Speech & Drama category and students in the Music category will then be invited to perform in the – *All Ireland Excellence Awards Prizewinners Concert held here in the Griffith College Auditorium*.

*In short, the competition will take the following format,*

- **Round 1.** *Student nominated at exam time and letter issued to teacher with results.*
- **Round 2.** *Student nominated submits a video link of the nominated piece.  
Alternatively, can apply to attend the callbacks, which take place in Dublin.*
- **Round 3.** *Winners announced in the Teachers Information Pack.*
- **Round 4.** *Excellence Awards Concert takes place in GCD in October/November (midterm).*

When judging the examiners will use the following categories –

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place = Overall Winner**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Runner up (all ages)**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place = Runner up (all ages)**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Place = Runner up (under 12s)**
  
- The overall prize for Music will include a cheque for **€300 & the LSMD Perpetual Silver Cup.**
- The overall prize for Drama will include a cheque for **€300 & the LSMD Perpetual Silver Cup.**
- Finalists/Runner up candidates will receive a cheque for **€100 each & silver medal.**
- Finalists & prizewinners invited to perform in the **Excellence Awards Concert** in GCD.
- The prizewinners listed on the LSMD news webpage.
- Please find a poster enclosed detailing the Excellence Awards.
- All elements of the Excellence Awards are subject to change at the discretion of the LSMD and judging panel and all decisions are final.

***All students selected will receive a certificate stating that they were nominated for the Excellence Awards. These certificates will be posted out to teachers after the Excellence Awards concert.***