Wicklow's biggest Singing Festival is back...

<u>February 2023:</u> 'Wicklow Sings' is back for one night only on Saturday March 11th 2023 in Temple Carrig School, Greystones, County Wicklow, doors open at 6pm.

Wicklow Sings Festival will bring together 15 of the best choirs in Wicklow, boasting voices from over 400 people from all corners of the county.

This is the fifth year the festival organisers, Dara Mac Mahon and Jamie Lyon have brought this event to Wicklow. Speaking about the event, Festival Founder and Artistic Director, Dara Mac Mahon said: "We started this community arts event in 2016 and it has grown from strength to strength since. We are so delighted to be back after having to take the last three years off due to Covid restrictions. The 15 Choirs participating love entertaining and are busy preparing for their return to the big stage. Since we have announced our date and venue, we have been inundated with ticket requests. So, I'm pleased to announce our website is now live and people can go ahead and book on <u>www.wicklowsings.ie</u>."

Festival organiser and co-director of Greystones' very own 'Unity Choir' (alongside Neville Cox), said: Wicklow Sings is an uplifting evening of music that really highlights and promotes the wonderful singing communities around Wicklow. Singing promotes all aspects of well being, happiness and relaxation boosting confidence and promoting social bonding, we are delighted to celebrate all of those things with Wicklow Sings."

The evening event will see performances from: Unity Choir, Greystones: Voices of Bray, Wicklow; Wicklow Parkinsons Choir; Beating Time, Bray; Serendipity, Bray; Avondale Voices, Rathdrum; Temple Carrig School Choir; Wicklow Singers, Wicklow Town; Bella Voce, Delgany; Wicklow Male Voice Choir, 'Wicklow Town, Blessington Millennium Choir; Wicklow Choral Society, Wicklow Town; Le Cheile Community Choir, Bray; Greystones Community College Choir and Newtownmountkennedy Male Voice Choir.

Wicklow Sings is hosted by Temple Carrig School, the school principal and Festival Co-Founder, Alan Cox said:

"We are delighted to host Wicklow Sings again. Audiences will enjoy the diversity of choirs from all over the County. It is a fantastic evening and provides a great opportunity for the community to use the facilities of the school." Dara Mac Mahon continued : "We would like to thank Alan Cox and Temple Carrig School for hosting our special event, also to the Wicklow Arts Officefor their continued support over the last few years. We would also like to thank this years' sponsors: <u>The Whale</u> <u>Theatre</u> and <u>Spintelligent Ireland</u>.

Wicklow Arts Officer, Jenny Sherwin, stated that 'Wicklow Sings' is a pivotal moment in the Wicklow Arts event calendar, bringing together passionate singers and concert goers from across Wicklow to celebrate choral music. Supporting 'Wicklow Sings' fulfils a key priority in Wicklow's Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027 thanks for Creative Ireland funding.

Wicklow Sings are pleased to be partnering with the Fields for Life this year alongside the Transition Year students from Temple Carrig School who are fundraising to support their volunteering trip to Uganda before the summer." Dara concluded.

Check out <u>www.wicklowsings.ie</u> to find out more about the choirs and to buy tickets - 15e per person and 10e for students. You can follow further announcements from @Wickowsings on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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