

waltons RTÉ lyric fm music *for* schools

2025 Finalists Concert

Monday, 24 March • National Concert Hall

Welcome • Evelyn Grant

Gaelscoil Ó Doghair • Caisleán Nua Thiar, Co. Limerick

Piece 'Eochair an tSaoil'

Group Raic sa Teach • First – Sixth Class

St. Joseph's Secondary School • Rochfortbridge, Co. Westmeath

Piece 'A Life Well Lived'

Group St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge Ensemble • First – Sixth Year

St. Marnock's National School • Portmarnock, Co. Dublin

Piece 'The Key of Life'

Group Marnock's Music Group • Junior Infants – Sixth Class

Coláiste Pobail Setanta • Clonee, Dublin 15

Piece 'Dream On'

Group Setanta Choir and Band • First – Sixth Year

Scoil Chuimín agus Caitríona • Oughterard, Co. Galway

Piece 'Níl tú leat féin'

Group Scoil Chuimín agus Caitríona Ensemble • Third – Sixth Class

Ardscoil na Mara • Tramore, Co. Waterford

Piece 'What About Us'

Group Ardsoil na Mara Ensemble • First – Sixth Year

Gaelscoil Shlí Dála • an Bealach Mór, Co. Laois

Piece 'Gléas na Beatha'

Group Gaelscoil Shlí Dála Grúpa Ceoil • First – Sixth Class

Coláiste Mhuire • Bothar Rath Tó, Dublin 7

Piece 'Ta Sonas Eochair'

Group Grúpa Mhuire • First – Fifth Year

Woodbrook National School • Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon

Piece 'The Magic Drum'

Group Woodbrook National School Ensemble • First – Sixth Class

Sancta Maria College • Louisburgh, Co. Mayo

Piece 'Gaelforce'

Group School of Rock • First – Sixth Year

Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan • An tAonach, Co. Tipperary

Piece 'Beatha cheoil é a sheinnt, beatha muidne le ceol a sheinnt'

Group Grúpa Ceoil na Gaelscoile • First – Sixth Class

The King's Hospital School • Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20

Piece 'The Keys of Life Medley'

Group KH Performing Arts Ensemble • First – Sixth Year

Interval Performance • The Ocelots

Prize Giving and Closing



MC

Evelyn Grant

Adjudicators

Aedín Gormley

Lisa Hannigan

Aideen Walton

The Ocelots

The Ocelots are twin brothers Ashley and Brandon Watson from Wexford, now living in Leipzig, Germany. Formerly a school band, they learned their craft by playing blues standards and indie-rock songs during school lunchtimes. After finishing school, they released their first EP, and over the next three years, backpacking and street-performing turned into extensive touring, headlining shows and festivals all over Europe and Australia. They have released two acclaimed albums, their most recent *Everything, When Said Slowly*.

Thank You

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- **Sinéad Wylde**, head of RTÉ lyric fm
- **Niall Walton and Waltons Music**
- **Robert Read**, National Concert Hall Director, and the wonderful NCH Stage and FOH Teams
- Our Guest Adjudicators, **Aedín Gormley** and **Lisa Hannigan**
- **Ian McGlynn** and **Evelyn Grant**, RTÉ lyric fm
- **Ashley and Brandon Watson**
- **Dr. Regina Murphy**, School of Arts Education and Movement at the DCU Institute of Education
- **Music Generation**, **Music Network**, the **Post-Primary Music Teachers Association**, the **Irish Association of Youth Orchestras**, and all schools that have helped to promote this initiative

Waltons RTÉ lyric fm Music for Schools

Produced by **Waltons New School of Music** and generously supported by **RTÉ lyric fm** and **Waltons Music**, the Waltons RTÉ lyric fm Music for Schools Competition is a non-profit annual national event celebrating and supporting music in Irish schools. All primary and post-primary schools, as well as special schools, recognised by the Department of Education in the Republic of Ireland are eligible to enter, and to date schools from all 26 counties have taken part.

Founded in 2011, with our first Finalists Concert in 2012, Music for Schools' objectives are:

1. To promote the enormous benefits of creative music making for young people
2. To provide Finalist performing groups with the opportunity to perform their finished works in the National Concert Hall
3. To incentivise schools with annual awards totalling €7,000 worth of musical instruments and equipment

Open to a wide range of performing groups and music genres, Music for Schools offers schools the opportunity to think and work creatively in any genre (or genres) of music and with any combination of students, developing an original musical project that has learning, growing and mentoring potential at every stage of the process.

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'Music is life itself. What would this world be without good music? No matter what kind it is.'

– Louis Armstrong