

Wednesday 1st May 2013, 8pm, Cork City Hall: Gala Opening Concert

The Festival's Opening Gala Concert will feature the **Band of 1st Southern Brigade** under conductor **Capt. Brian Prendergast** in the first half of the concert. Their programme will include works by Eric Coates, Gustav Holst, Malcolm Arnold, and A. J. Potter. The second half will feature a very special performance of composer **Michael Tippett's renowned oratorio 'A Child of Our Time'**. Conducted by **Geoffrey Spratt** and featuring the **Fleischmann Choir** and **members of Cologne Philharmonic Choir** as well as some of Ireland's leading soloists, the **Cork School of Music Symphony Orchestra** will lead what is sure to be an unforgettable performance of this evocative work.

Tickets €30/€25/€15



Thursday 2nd May 2013, 8pm, Cork Opera House: The Real Group

Building on last year's sold out show with The King's Singers and 2011's popular Ommm concert, 2013 will present another top-class co-production featuring one of **Europe's finest vocal ensembles. The Real Group**, an a cappella group and **Sweden's number one**, is one of the leading forces on the vocal music scene today. Their repertoire consists of a mix of jazzy vocal music – sometimes leaning towards folk music, sometimes towards pop. **A night not to be missed!**

Tickets: €35/€30/€25



Friday 3rd May 2013, 7.30pm, St Fin Barre's Cathedral: National Chamber Choir of Ireland

Ireland's premier ensemble, the **National Chamber Choir**, return to St Fin Barre's Cathedral to continue **their residency in Cork**. Under the direction of **Conductor Paul Hillier**, and comprising Ireland's top choral talent, 2013 will see the NCC embark on another unique musical journey, specially developed for the Festival. Premiered on the night will be a commissioned piece from up-and-coming composer **Enda Bates**, as well as a performance of the winning composition from the **2013 Séan Ó Riada Competition** for Irish composers. **Tickets €20**



Friday 3rd May 2013, 10.30pm, Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne: Evocations- The Songmen

A perennial favourite late night concert with a sacred and reflective atmosphere, this year's Evocations will feature the Songmen. With an enviable reputation as one of the UK's finest and most versatile a cappella groups, The Songmen possess a wealth of experience from the worlds of classical, sacred, and popular music, balancing their love for the old Renaissance masters with a passion for exciting contemporary composers through commissioning and performing their own original material. **Tickets €15**



Saturday 4th May 2013, 3pm/8pm, Cork City Hall: Fleischmann International Trophy Competition

Join us to witness some of the world's top amateur choirs compete for one of the most prestigious prizes in European choral music. With interest from as far as the USA and Belarus, to our European neighbours, to the best of home grown talent; this year's competition will no doubt offer the best of choral music throughout the festival weekend.

Tickets €25/€20/€15



Sunday 5th May 2013, 8pm, Cork City Hall: Closing Gala Concert

International choirs present choral music representative of their musical and ethnic backgrounds in a celebratory cabaret style concert. The week draws to a close, and our international choirs mark the end of a superb festival with a joyful celebration of song and colour, with a few surprises!

Tickets €30/€20/€15

