

COMMUNITY REGENERATION PROJECTS, North Belfast



New Life for Brookfield Mill – Town Houses and Apartments. The old mill building contains 55 apartments and an additional 22 town houses.

New “shared” Community / Education, Health & Leisure Centre



Flax Trust is working in collaboration with ABC Trust and Urban Villages to develop this Community Regeneration project providing health, recreational and training facilities and an arts centre.

Galgani New Housing Development



The Galgani development consists of 53 new affordable housing units of which 29 are houses, 24 apartments and 5 retail units

**Flax Trust Scholarships and Apprenticeships 2021
Young People from North Belfast win Flax Trust Scholarships and Apprenticeships for third level education**



Antoin Morelli Aimee C Whelan Brendan T Keenan Christina Davis
 Chloe Hamill Callum McGilloway Chloe McKinley Clodagh Benson
 Danielle McClurkin Ethan R Dodd Eva McKernan Eimear T Quinn
 Eimear McAllister Grace Smyth Hayley Coulter Holly Ewings
 Mollie Tolan Maryanne McDonald Burns Georgia O’ Neill Jack Burns

The Flax Trust Music Bursary Awards 2021

Queens University Belfast



Katie Lyons, Soprano



Colm Mohan, Cello

The Flax Trust Conductor’s CBYO Award

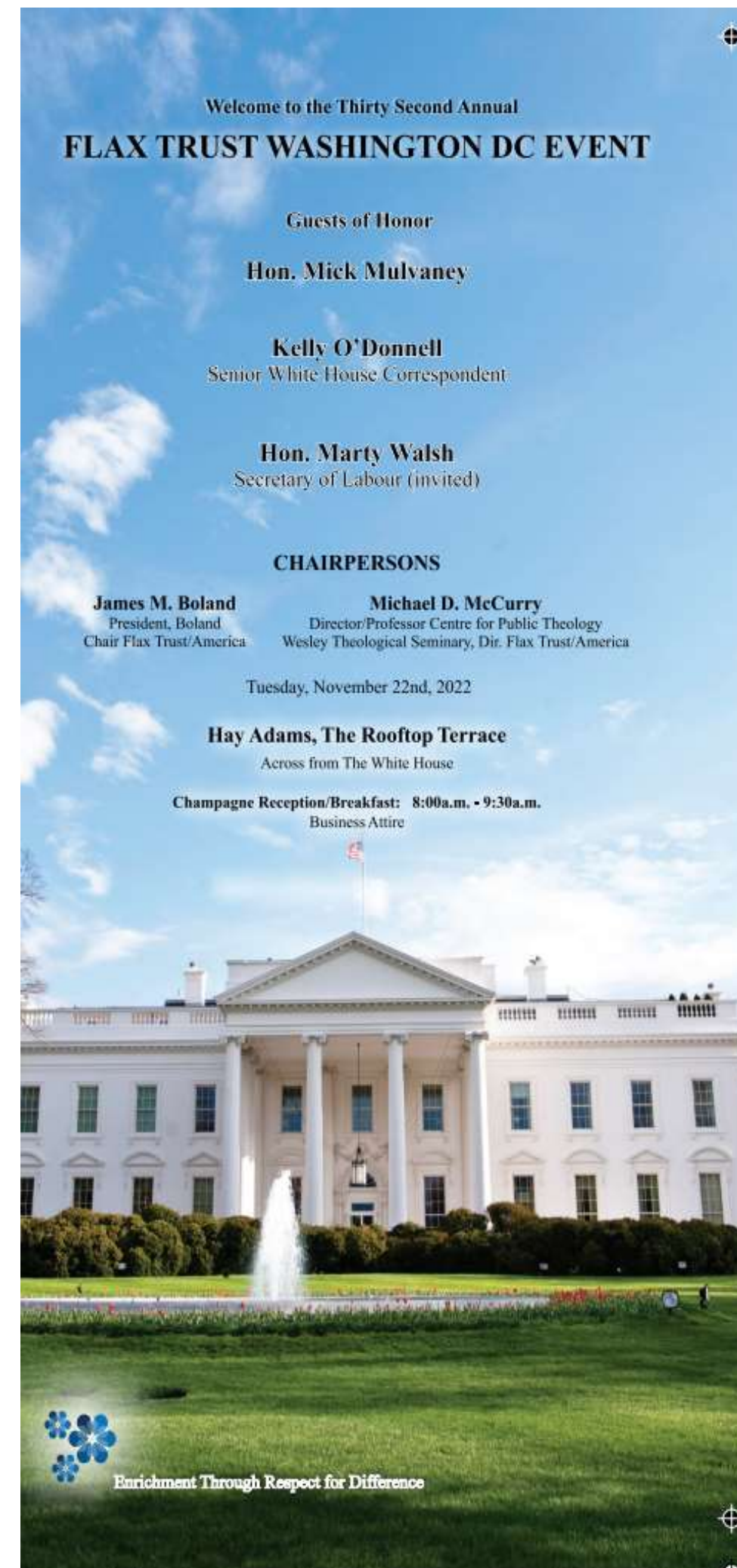
Tilly Martin, Oboe. Winner of The Flax Trust Conductor’s Award City of Belfast Youth Orchestra Conductor Paul McBride



Naimh McCloskey, Flute



Dairine McCaughley, Soprano



Hon Marty Walsh
United States Secretary of Labour



Martin J. Walsh was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of Labor on March 23, 2021. A lifelong champion of equity and fairness, and a proud product of the City of Boston, Secretary Walsh leads the U.S. Department of Labor with a strong connection to working people, and a commitment to creating an economy that works for all.

In 1997, he was elected to serve as a State Representative for one of the most diverse districts in

Massachusetts. There, he focused on creating good jobs, protecting workers' rights, expanding mental health treatment, and investing in public transit.

Following his time as a State Representative, Secretary Walsh spent the last seven years as the Mayor of the City of Boston. While mayor, he led the creation of close to 140,000 jobs and helped secure a statewide \$15/hour minimum wage, paid sick leave, and paid parental leave. He established Universal, high-quality Pre-Kindergarten for all children, and free community college for low-income students.

Secretary Walsh was a national leader in the response to COVID-19, getting PPE to first responders and nursing homes; funding emergency child care for healthcare and frontline workers; halting evictions and providing rental relief; and setting up multiple funds to help small businesses survive. His work early in the pandemic to pause construction and establish safety requirements has been lauded as a model by both unions and employers alike.

As Mayor of Boston, Secretary Walsh also made his mark as a labor leader. After following his father into Laborers Local 223 in Boston, he rose to head the Building and Construction Trades Council from 2011 to 2013. He worked with business and community leaders to promote high-quality development, and he created a program called Building Pathways that has become a model for increasing diversity in the workplace and providing good career opportunities for women and people of color.

Born and raised in the neighborhood of Dorchester by immigrant parents, Secretary Walsh is driven to ensure our nation's economy works for everyone. Secretary Walsh is a survivor of Burkitt lymphoma and is a proud member of the recovery community who has worked to expand addiction treatment throughout his career. While working full-time as a legislator, he returned to school to earn a degree in Political Science at Boston College.

The Flax Trust as a registered, charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with inter-community activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes and personal development.

Kelly O'Donnell
Senior White House Correspondent NBC News



Kelly O'Donnell is Senior White House Correspondent and covers the United States Supreme Court for NBC News. She contributes to NBC Nightly News, TODAY, MSNBC and NBC News Now. She appears as a panellist on programs including "Meet the Press" and PBS' "Washington Week."

O'Donnell's award-winning reporting has taken her to all 50 states and to 60 countries. From the Rose Garden to Baghdad, four Olympic Games, to campaigns, the courts and Capitol Hill, the scope of her assignments is uncommon. That experience includes reporting on all three branches of government.

A veteran of presidential politics, O'Donnell has covered four administrations: Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, and George W. Bush. She has been on the campaign trail for seven presidential cycles. Her Capitol Hill reporting tracked the extended battle over health care, the rise of the Tea Party movement, government shutdowns and Supreme Court nominations.

Among her varied assignments: O'Donnell was embedded with the Third Infantry Division in Iraq. She covered Britain's Royal family and followed Pope John Paul II on international tours. She followed major domestic events including the September 11th attacks, Oklahoma City bombing and the OJ Simpson saga.

On the lighter side, O'Donnell appeared in "House of Cards," competed on "Jeopardy!" and was spoofed in a skit on "Saturday Night Live."

Washington DC Honoree Co-Chairs

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Hon. Mick Mulvaney



Few people are as familiar with Washington, DC, from the inside, as Mr. Mulvaney. In the last decade he served in more and varied positions than likely any other person. He managed the White House as Chief-of-Staff to the President during both an impeachment and the first days of the Coronavirus pandemic. As the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and a Cabinet Member he oversaw the broadest

deregulatory initiative in 40 years and managed the longest government shutdown in history. He also served as Acting Director of one of the most controversial federal regulators, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and was Ambassador and Special Envoy to Northern Ireland during the height of Brexit.

Prior to his executive branch service, he was elected four times to the United States House of Representatives, where, amongst other things, he co-founded the Freedom Caucus and the Bitcoin Caucus. He also served in the SC House and Senate.

Prior to public service, he worked in various roles: lawyer, real estate developer, restaurant owner/operator and franchisor, and homebuilder.

He is married to Pam. They have 22-year-old triplets, and live in South Carolina.

Previous Flax Trust Music Bursary recipients



Megan Mooney
 (Soprano)
 Performing an Irish traditional song **The Last Rose of Summer** by Thomas Moore

Megan was awarded a BMus (Hons) from Queen's University Belfast & DipMus (Hons) in Performance & Teaching from the Royal Irish Academy of Music. A Flax Trust bursary allowed further studies with the world-renowned Dr Veronica Dunne at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. Megan is the Artistic Director for the Flax Trust Arts.



Bethany Simpson
 (Clarinetist)
 Performing **Moon River** by Henry Mancini

Bethany graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a first-class honors Bachelor of Music Degree. A Flax Trust bursary enabled her to continue studies in clarinet with world renowned clarinetists. Along side her clarinet career she now enjoys working as Events Manager at Flax Trust Arts, bringing people from different backgrounds together through a mutual love and appreciation of music

The School for Social Enterprises in Ireland (SSEI) founded in 2005 as a strategic alliance between Flax Trust and Ulster University is devoted exclusively to leadership, management, business development programmes and events for the social economy sector.



Rosie McCreight



Gerard Gray



Catherine Barr



Ronagh O'Donnell



Linzi A Webb



Rachel Duffy



Alison Keenan



Gearoid MacSiacas



Aoife Hughes



Niamh Logan



Lisa McCaul



Barbra Snowarska



David Crooks



Lauren Cunningham



Cara McLoughlin



Julie Clydsdale

- 1 Supported Employment Worker, Alternative Angles
- 2 Digital Fabricator, Play for care / Fabrication
- 3 Centre Director, Women Centre Derry
- 4 CEO, Oak Counselling Services
- 5 Housing Officer, Clanmil Housing Association
- 6 Project Co-Ordinator, Liberty Consortium /Thrift
- 7 CIC Director, Eos Community Consulting
- 8 Director, Forbairt Feirste
- 9 Founder, Accent All
- 10 Project Lead, Autistic Products & Services
- 11 Social Enterprise Manager, Women's TEC
- 12 Community Devt Office, Polish Language, Culture, and Affairs (POLCA)
- 13 Project Manager, Newtownabbey Arts & Cultural Network
- 14 Community Engagement, BITC
- 15 Project Coordinator, St Columb's Park House
- 16 Business Development Lead, Groundwork NI



Flax Trust Arts production of Fiddler on the Roof 2022 MAC Theatre, Belfast - cast of 60

Leads:

Tevye:
Bass/Baritone
Jim McGuigan

Golde:
Soprano
Megan Mooney

Washington DC & New York 2021 Flax Trust Award Recipients



Lisa Kardell
Director of Government & Public Affairs Waste Management



Charles (Chuck) Mc Donnell
Founding Partner at Rockport Capital Partners



Gerald C. Crotty
President, Weichert Enterprise LLC



Shawn M. Griffin
Partner, Harris Beach PLLC



Sean McGarvey
President, North America's Building Trade Union (NABTU)



Flax Trust Arts production of the Wizard of Oz performed in the Crumlin Road Jail