



## Silent Night

Audience: Verse 3

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
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Dr Una Hunt, Pianist

Internationally acclaimed Belfast pianist was honoured by Queen's University Belfast with a D.Mus (honoris causa) for her contribution to the performing arts in Ireland. Mrs Hunt has toured worldwide with her violinist sister Fionnuala as well performing with major Orchestras throughout Ireland. Una is an experienced producer and broadcaster and has appeared with notable international soloists such as flautist James Galway and violist Bruno Giuranna. Mrs Hunt grew up in Belfast and led the establishment of the National Archive of Irish Composers as a music consultant to the National Library of Ireland.



Giselle Allen,  
Belfast Soprano

Highly acclaimed Opera singer Giselle Allen has sung worldwide including Canada, Brussels, Berlin, English National Opera, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, Welsh National Opera, and Opera North. Ms Allen has worked with some of the finest conductors in the world including Sir Antony Pappano, Sir Mark Elder, Sir Simon Rattle and Sir Andrew Davis. Giselle was born in Belfast and was a member of the City of Belfast School of Music for 8 years. She is regarded as a singing-actress for her intense and dramatic portrayals and for her fine musicianship. Ms Allen performed the role of Tosca in Northern Ireland Opera's award winning production and is a keen supporter of children having music as an inspiration in their lives.

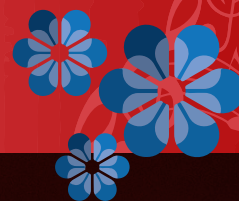


George Fleeton,  
Producer & Arts  
Correspondant

George Fleeton is an Arts Correspondant for Down News. He regularly covers the Wexford Festival Opera, the Puccini Festival Tuscany and the Venice Film Festival. Mr Fleeton is a past director of the annual Opera Fringe Festival and regularly produces and presents weekly Classical Music programmes. Educated in Dublin and Paris and as a solo chorister and boy Soprano he sang a vast range of Sacred music and Art Songs at Feiseanna and several Gilbert & Sullivan roles onstage. As well as teaching languages in further Education, George continues to teach Literature, Opera and Theatre studies in Higher Education and for many years he held a lengthy management career in Ulster Television.

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# Christmas Gala Competition



## The Flax Trust

Thursday 5th December 2013 – 7.30 pm



Master of Ceremonies: Noel Thompson BBC

Flax Trust wishes to thank:

Lord Mayor Mairtin O Muilleoir  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christopher Stalford  
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**Adjudicators:** Dr. Una Hunt, Pianist  
Giselle Allen, Soprano  
George Fleeton, Producer & Arts Correspondant

**Artistic Director:** Marcella Walsh BMus.(Hons.), PGDipMus. MMus. Perf.

## *Programme*

7.30 pm - Dr Peter Smyth: Flax Trust Welcome  
Introduction of Deputy Lord Mayor Christopher Stalford  
Noel Thompson BBC

## *Primary Schools*

**Choir 1:** Holy Cross Girls' & Kings' Park Primary  
Butterfly - Simmons  
Let's all join hands together - Wright

**Choir 2:** Holy Cross Boys' & Cavehill Primary  
Carol of the Bells - Leontovich (Arr. Spina)  
Together - Marsh

**Choir 3:** Mercy Primary & Ligoniel Primary  
Don't Worry Be Happy - McFerrin (Arr. O'Brien/Young)  
Silent Night - Gruber (Arr. Tredinnick/Young)

**Choir 4:** Holy Family & Currie Primary  
Maliswee & Twendee (Trad. African)  
Winter Nights - Marsh

8:10 pm - INTERVAL 20 MINUTES

8:30 pm - Noel Thompson, BBC Welcome Back

## *Post-Primary Schools*

**Choir 5:** St. Patrick's College & Ballyclare Secondary School  
Carol of the Bells - Leontovich (Arr. Spina)  
Hall of Fame - The Script

**Choir 6:** St. Malachy's College & Hazelwood Integrated College  
Hallelujah - Cohen (Arr. Emerson)  
Down by the Riverside (American Traditional, Arr. Rutter)

**Choir 7:** Mercy College & Boy's Model  
Viva La Vida - Coldplay  
Why We Sing - Gilpin

**Choir 8:** Dominican College Fortwilliam & Boys Model  
Adiemus Jenkins  
O Holy Night - Adams

9:00 pm Noel Thompson BBC, announces Adjudicators Deliberation &  
Introduction of Tir na n'og' - North Belfast Dance Company

9:15 pm Awards Ceremony:

## *Prizes*

The George Mitchell Cup for Most Captivating Performance  
Presented by The Lady Empey: Bursary Award £3000 presented by  
Sr. Dr. Mary Turley

The Tom Foley Cup for Most Promising Junior Choir  
Presented by Gregory Burton US Consul General: Bursary Award £1000  
presented by Sr. Dr. Mary Turley

The George Quigley Cup for Most Accomplished Senior Choir  
Presented by The Lady Quigley: Bursary Award £1000 presented by  
Sr. Dr. Mary Turley

**Finale: Silent Night**

Verse 1 - Marcella Walsh, Soprano

Verse 2 - All School Pupils

Verse 3 - Everyone (including Audience)