



DEWAR

ARTS AWARDS

CELTIC CONNECTIONS:

St Andrew's on the Square, Glasgow 23 January 2012

A Celebration of the Dewar Awards

Celebrations of the Dewar Arts Awards tenth anniversary continue on the 23rd of January when there will be a special concert at St Andrews in the Square in Glasgow as part of Celtic Connections.

The incomparable Sheena Wellington, recently retired as a Dewar Arts Awards trustee, will be the mistress of ceremonies for our Tenth Year Ceilidh which has been curated by awardee Lauren MacColl and friends.

Appearing with Lauren on the night will be pipers Angus Nicolson and Calum MacCrimmon, Fraya Thomsen on the clarsach, fiddlers Graham MacKenzie and Sarah Naylor, Nuala Kennedy on flute and whistles, and Mhairi Baird on banjo and flute. It certainly has the makings of quite a hooley!

The Ten Year Prom for classical and jazz awardees in Perth on the 25th of November was a great success with performers flying in from Chicago and Delhi among other less exotic resting places! The programme, put together by James Waters, creative director of classical music at Perth Concert Hall, was a rich and eclectic mix which provided a superb showcase for both solo and ensemble performances. The ever popular Jamie McDougall, BBC Scotland's voice of classical music, was host for the evening.

This followed our Ten Year Cut, a compilation of the work of Dewar Awardees from the film industry which screened as part of the Glasgow Film Festival in February. It was edited by awardees and narrated by celebrated actor, Bill Paterson.

Next up will be an exhibition of work in the applied and visual arts which will go on show at the Royal Botanical Gardens exhibition hall for three weeks from December of this year. Details of how this will be curated, and how the works will be selected, will be posted on the website shortly.

The aim of all these events has been to celebrate and publicise the extraordinary skills and talents of well over three hundred young people who have received Dewar Arts Awards over the first decade of the scheme, and who have richly deserved and capitalised on the investment made in them.

Ruth Wishart
Chair of the Trustees