

## CAMERATA IRELAND PRESS RELEASE

### 13 Young Irish Competitors announced for Clandeboye Festival 2005

Camerata Ireland's annual Clandeboye Festival will take place from 22 – 27 August this year. This well-established musical event brings Camerata Ireland to the Courtyard at Clandeboye for a week. The festival offers exceptionally talented young Irish musicians an extraordinary opportunity to work with top-class international soloists and orchestral musicians.

International guest artists and tutors this year will be Barry Douglas, piano, Chee-Yun, violin, Andres Diaz, cello and Michel and Karine Lethiec, clarinet and viola, from France. All the young musicians are aged between 18 and 24 and come from all over Ireland.

Since winning the Camerata Ireland Young Musician of the Year 2004, Michael McHale has had a fantastic year, the highlight of which was playing the Mozart Two Piano Concerto with Barry Douglas and Camerata Ireland at the National Concert Hall in Dublin in January.

Barry founded Camerata Ireland in 1999 and together they have successfully completed tours of North and South America, Italy, Poland, Germany and China. Speaking from France, Barry expressed his delight at the quality of the young people that would be coming to the Festival.

Camerata Ireland is one of only two organisations that have Joint Patronage from Her majesty The Queen and Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. The Festival is supported by Tesco Finest, FJ Malcolm, The Belfast Telegraph, The Arts Council of Northern Ireland, North Down Borough Council and the Northern Ireland Events Company.

Tickets and information for the Festival are available from North Down Tourist Office on 028 9127 0069 and can also be bought at [www.camerata-ireland.com/tickets](http://www.camerata-ireland.com/tickets).

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