

## **Exciting Young Dublin Musician Scoops Top Award and Bursary**

The exciting young Dublin musician Lynda O'Connor has been named Accenture / Camerata Ireland Young Musician of the Year for 2006. The award, a joint initiative of Camerata Ireland and Accenture, was presented by Mark Ryan at a special concert in Dublin on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

DIT student Lynda O'Connor, who studies with Michael D'Arcy in DIT's Conservatory of Music and Drama, has previously won many awards including the Briscoe Cup and the Arthur Nachstern Bursary for young musicians. A Bank of Ireland 'Millennium Scholar', her many awards at Feis Ceoil include the Aileen Gore Cup and the Arthur Catterall Cup. She has played with many orchestras including the RTE Concert Orchestra, the Irish Chamber Orchestra and the Young European Strings. Lynda previously played at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast with Camerata Ireland in October 2005.

The Accenture / Camerata Ireland Young Musician of the Year award aims to encourage established orchestras and artists to take talented young musicians under their wing, helping to ease them into public performance.

Camerata Ireland is a chamber music ensemble of exceptional distinction, which brings together fine musicians who live and work in Ireland and Irish musicians who work and live abroad. Formed by Barry Douglas in 1999 during the peace process, Camerata Ireland shares the ethos of co-operation in Ireland; namely that when people from north and south of the border work together great things can be achieved.

The joint patrons of Camerata Ireland are Mary McAleese, President of Ireland and Her Majesty the Queen. For further details visit [www.camerta-ireland.com](http://www.camerta-ireland.com)

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