

## European School Brussels 1 Secondary Choir

### **Voices of Unity – EEB1 Secondary Choir at the Fingal International Festival of Voices 2026**

From 5 to 8 March 2026, the European School Brussels 1 Secondary Choir took part in the Fingal International Festival of Voices in Dublin, Ireland. The group consisted of 88 participants, including students from years S3–S7 of the secondary school as well as teachers, educational advisers and a science technician, who are also active members of the choir.

The Fingal International Festival of Voices is an international choral festival held in Balbriggan, near Dublin, bringing together choirs from Ireland and abroad for several days of concerts, workshops and competitions celebrating the diversity and cultural power of choral singing.

This year's festival gathered over 1000 singers performing in 33 choirs, with 30 competition programmes presented in various categories. Alongside leading Irish choirs, ensembles from North Macedonia, the United States and Belgium also took part.

The European School Brussels 1 Secondary Choir achieved outstanding success, winning 1st Prize with the highest score in the Sacred Music category. This was one of the most demanding competition categories, requiring ensembles to present two contrasting works: one piece of early music composed before 1780 and one freely chosen work.

The choir presented a programme combining Baroque and Orthodox sacred repertoire. The first work was *In Virtute Tua* by the Polish Baroque composer Grzegorz Gerwazy Gorczycki, one of the most important representatives of early Polish sacred choral music. The second piece was *The Lord's Prayer (Oche Nash)* by Nikolai Kedrov, a celebrated cappella setting of the traditional prayer that is widely performed by choirs around the world.

A major distinction was the nomination of our choir, together with three other top ensembles of the competition, to the Grand Prix of the festival. In this final stage, the European School Brussels 1 Secondary Choir competed with outstanding choirs from Ireland and the United States, representing some of the highest artistic standards of the festival.

Festival concerts and competition performances took place in two important venues: St Peter and Paul Church and The Lark Concert Hall. All performances were evaluated by an international jury composed of distinguished choral conductors and educators from the United States, Norway, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

One of the highlights of the trip was a special concert and cultural exchange with students, teachers and the school director of Standford Park School in Dublin, one of the highly regarded secondary schools in the city. This meeting provided a valuable opportunity for musical exchange and for young people from different countries to connect through singing.

The trip was made possible thanks to the financial support received through the Call for Projects, which helped fund the choir's participation in the competition and partially covered the coach transport for the visit to the campus of Standford Park School.

Participation in the Fingal International Festival of Voices was an inspiring and enriching experience for all participants. The students had the opportunity to perform at an international level, meet young singers from other countries and represent the European School Brussels 1 community with great success.





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Dr Rebecca Gilbert





**Rebecca Gilbert**

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**Secondary Choir**



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*In the run-up to the competition !*

# CONCERT

## European School Brussels 1 Secondary Choir

Conductor: Joanna Musko

Piano: Agnieszka Zywert

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Thursday, 5 March 2026

14:00



SANDFORD PARK SCHOOL

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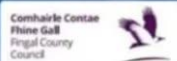
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## SCHEDULE

### FREE EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED

#### THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

##### CONCERT

The Lark Concert Hall, Church St., Balbriggan

Tickets €10

7:30pm - 8:30pm

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT

Featuring The Holy Cross Choir USA

and Maynooth University Chamber Choir

#### FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

##### COMPETITIONS - FREE

The Lark Concert Hall, Church St., Balbriggan

**ALL FREE ENTRY - Come and check it out!**

11:00am Secondary School/Youth Folk Music

12:30pm Primary School Choirs

2:00pm Secondary School/Youth Choir of the Year

6:00pm Workplace Choir of the Year

##### CONCERT

The Lark Concert Hall, Church St., Balbriggan

Tickets €10

7:00pm - 8:15pm

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT

Featuring the Chester River Chorale, USA,

The Gospodnetić Singers, Croatia &

The European School Brussels

1 Secondary Choir.

#### SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

##### COMPETITIONS - FREE

The Lark Concert Hall, Church St., Balbriggan

**ALL FREE ENTRY - Come and check it out!**

10:10am Barbershop Quartet

11:15am Folk Music

1:00pm Open Competition

4pm Barbershop Chorus

5:30pm Sing For Joy (non-competitive category)

##### COMPETITIONS - FREE

St Peter & Paul's Church, Dublin St., Balbriggan

**ALL FREE ENTRY - Come and check it out!**

2:00pm Small Ensembles

3:30pm Sacred Music

##### GRAND PRIX CONCERT

The Lark Concert Hall, Church St., Balbriggan

Tickets €15 + fees

7:30pm Grand Prix Final

Performances from the top prize winning choirs from the festival, as they sing to be crowned "Choir of the Festival".

Special Performance by Award-Wining Loric Choir.

#### SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

##### WORKSHOPS - FREE

IIMS Campus, Church St., Balbriggan

**ALL FREE ENTRY - Come and check it out!**

10:30am to 2:00pm

Various workshops from

our judging panel & festival team.





