

Aisling Triumphs in the Music Competition

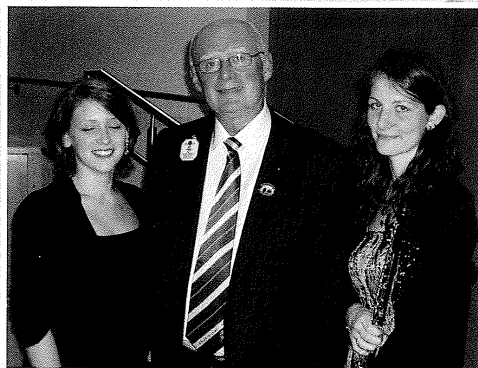
Following her success in the finals of the Multiple District Music Competition held in the Birmingham Conservatoire in April oboist Aisling Maguire travelled to Belfast in May where she enthralled those attending the MD Convention with her playing. Aisling, who was sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club of 105-A, started learning the oboe when aged ten and gained a place at the Junior Guildhall School of Music when she was 12. She is now studying at Guildhall School of Music and Drama and has a wide portfolio of musical success built up over the years.

In 2004 Aisling was the winner of the BBC Radio London Young Musician Competition, since when she has performed at the Wales Millennium Centre, was runner-up in the Louis Watt Competition and in 2009 was the North London Music Festival Recital winner and Premier Challenge Cup Winner. She is a passionate chamber musician and regularly plays in a variety of ensembles, and as an orchestral player she has performed in many prestigious venues including the Barbican, the Royal Albert Hall, the Queen Elizabeth Hall, St John's Smith Square and Birmingham's Symphony Hall.

Runner up to Aisling in Birmingham was Hannah King, sponsored by Bury Lions Club of 105-BN, third place going to Rees Webster, sponsored by Buxton and District Lions Club of 105-C.

Aisling's winner's prize was £500, with the second and third placed musicians being awarded £200 and £100 respectively.

She will go on to the European Finals at the 2011 Europa Forum in Maastricht in October.



● **Top Right: Aisling with PCC Jeff Byers and her accompanist Odette Collins**

● **Middle Right: With International President Sid**

● **Bottom Right: With Council Chairman Jacquie**

● **Left: Aisling and Jacquie**

● **Below: Applause from admirers**