



**PORTORA ROYAL SCHOOL
ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE
2012 PRESS RELEASE**

Portora Royal School's 66th Annual Christmas Carol Service 2012 will take place in St Marcartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Friday 21st December at 2pm. The service has long been seen as one of the focal points of the music department's performance calendar.

The service will follow the format of 'The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols'. As in keeping with the traditional aspect of this annual event, the specific service has been highly popularised and adapted the world over. The origins of the service are attributed to Archbishop Edward Benson who used it at his Truro Cathedral in Cornwall. The format was modified by Reverend Eric Milner-White for use at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, where it has been famously performed every Christmas Eve for many years. Portora Director of Music Ian C Hodgson and Old Portoran Organist/Composer in Residence William McBride, both Cambridge graduates, are continuing this tradition in Fermanagh.

A plethora of musical ensembles will perform during the service, including the school's 1608 Choir (formed in 2008 to celebrate the school's 400th anniversary), the Brass Band and Pipe Band. Music from Rutter, McBride (including a world premiere performance of his new carols) and others will complement the formal service.

The hard work and preparation by the school's musical team Mr I C Hodgson, Ms J Munroe, Mr W McBride, Mr S Magee & Mr C Jones have all contributed to what promises to be a true celebration of a traditional Christmas.

Please contact the school for ticketing details on 028 6632 2658.

LATEST NEWS

- **In addition the School Choir will be playing at the Diamond on the morning of Tuesday 18th December from 11am and the Brass & Pipe Bands on the same day from 2pm. Carols galore!**
- **Any OP's that play Brass instruments are welcome to re-join the Brass Band on Fri 21st for the Carol Service. Please meet Mr Hodgson in the Vestry of the Cathedral to confirm attendance and sort out music at 115pm at the latest.**