



## THE FR. FRANK MAHER CLASSICAL MUSIC AWARDS

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The awards were established in 2001 and are sponsored by the Top Security Group to honour the late Father Frank Maher, Teacher at Castleknock College From 1959-1998

**T**he Awards aim is to promote musical life, assist cultural exchange and promote young and talented musicians. The Winner's bursary is the largest classical music awards in Ireland and has been a jewel in Ireland's classical cultural crown for over 15 years. From the outset, exceptional and highly talented young musicians have performed to invited audiences in a bid to win this award. Past winners have used their bursary to attend many of the world's most prominent music Academies such as  
**Shenandoah University, Virginia, U.S.A**  
**Conservatoire Nationale Supérieur de Musique et de Danse Paris**  
**Kronberg Academy, Germany**  
**Meadows School of the Arts, Dallas Texas**  
**RAM London**

These elite and internationally recognised Music Academies and their teachers who are world famous musicians appreciate the importance of the Father Frank Maher Classical Music Awards and have always encouraged the students to return to perform at the next Awards.

Top Security are proud to announce that the 2016 competition will be held once again at the magnificent setting of No 6, Kildare Street, home to the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

### Bursary

A Bursary of €5,000 (Five Thousand Euros) will be awarded to the Winner.  
A Bursary of €250 will be awarded to each of the other Finalists.

### The Competition

The competition is open to sixth year students attending any Post Primary School in Ireland. From the applications received an independent Board of Adjudicators will decide and select the Finalists to attend and perform in front of an invited audience. Closing date for applications is Thursday 13th October 2016.

### Venue

The competition will be held at The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6, Kildare Street.

### Date & Time

Friday 11th November 2016, at 7.45pm

### Application Forms

Students can download application forms at [www.topsecurity.ie](http://www.topsecurity.ie)

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## Rules

- The competition is open to 6th year students for Strings, Woodwind & Brass, and Piano only.
- A classical programme only may be entered for consideration to the competition.
- Own compositions not acceptable.
- The competition is open to all Post Primary Schools in Ireland.
- Applicants are required to complete the Scholarship Application Form, which must be returned on or before Thursday 13th October 2016 to, Helene Devlin, Top Security Limited, Westgate House, Westgate Business Park, Ballymount, Dublin 24.
- Applications must be accompanied by a CD Recording (No Mini Discs) of one piece for consideration and must not exceed 10 minutes duration in total. Professional studio recordings are not acceptable.
- Four passport sized photograph to be signed and attached to the completed application form.
- The Adjudicators in their absolute discretion shall select from the entries submitted applicants to participate in the competition.
- Competitors will be informed by Top Security as to their selection or otherwise. The competition will be held on Friday 11th November 2016 at 7.45pm before an invited audience.
- Each finalist will be entitled to a number of complimentary tickets for family and friends.
- Finalists must supply their own accompanist.
- Each applicant agrees to abide by the rules of the competition and to accept the decision of the Adjudicators.
- Formal performance dress code is required.
- On the competition night each competitor will perform two contrasting pieces not to exceed 10 minutes duration in total and provide for the Adjudicators 3 copies of each performance piece.
- The bursary of €5,000 (Five Thousand Euros) will be retained by Top Security and may be used by the Award Winner for attendance at a recognised place of tuition, a course of study (in Ireland or abroad), or on a purchase deemed necessary to assist in the development of their talent. The bursary must be used by the Award Winner within 12 months of being awarded.
- The other Finalists will be awarded €250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Euros) on the competition night.