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A message from Mary Byrne

“I’m honoured and delighted to be involved in this Clane Concert and I am looking forward to performing in the magnificent Westgrove Hotel and Conference Centre, Clane - one of Kildare’s finest venues.

Coming from Ballyfermot in Dublin, I’m a great believer in the importance of community.

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Love Mary xxx



The Eugene McCarthy Big Band

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“CHASING A DREAM”

- Interview with Mary Byrne

Mary Byrne, born and raised in Ballyfermot, is relishing the opportunity which she has now been given of a music career – one which in the past had always been her dream. It has not been easy for Mary who tells stories of chronic knee pain, being mobbed by fans in Penneys and trying to keep her music fresh but it isn't a career that she would change for the world and it's a chance she has grabbed with both hands. Mary is very aware how blessed she is and realises the role that her music and story play in people's lives and does not take this “role model for people chasing their dreams” for granted.

Mary explains that she grew up in a musical household. There was no secret to her beautiful singing voice - only plenty of unscheduled practice during the music sessions after the pubs closed at night. There were no classes, training routines or voice enhancement tools. Mary Byrne's voice that blew judges and viewers away during the 2010 season of X-Factor and continues to do so was borne from singing her party piece, “All kinds of everything” by Dana, whenever anyone asked.

“There was always music on in our house when I was growing up”, Mary says. Her dad would get the sweeping brush and tap lightly on the ceiling just below Mary's bedroom and she knew that this was the indication that Treble TR was starting on the little transistor radio. Mary and her Dad would tune in every Saturday and it was the music she heard here that helped transform her life, taste in music and her on-stage performances. But Mary can't put a finger

on any one artist because “there are just too many. We were forever buying vinyl albums and I listened to so many people that I have been influenced by - Marty Robbins, Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra and a whole host of great performers”.

As daunting as facing Simon Cowell might sound, Mary was fine with the famous music critics' comments and reveals that she got on very well with him off stage. This persona that we all know and either love or hate is all part of the act and when he's not being a “pain in the neck”, Mary tells us that he was just a very friendly, normal and personable man.

Being able to face the likes of Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell took a long time for Mary to be able to do, “I didn't have the confidence before the show but when it came to X-Factor, I had gotten to the point in my life when I said either do it now or forget about it for the rest of my life.” Mary's introduction into television started before X-Factor when she won

a TG4 Production that, “wasn't on the same scale as X-Factor by any means” but it gave Mary insight into how it all worked. She realised then that if she could just ignore the cameras to the best of her ability and for want of a better expression, sing like she was on her own, then she could certainly go places. The talent was clearly there. The desire to sing for a living and the supporting structures in her life provided by friends and family were there too but there was a distinct lack of belief in herself as a performer- something she knew wasn't going to come naturally to her. She had to actively start believing in herself and make the necessary changes in her life in order to chase her dreams.

Mary's regrets are few and far between. She is a very practical person and her honesty is refreshing. She says that she wishes she was slightly younger at the time of pursuing a career but she is also aware that she had to get to a certain point in her life before she could get up on stage and wow her listeners and wow her listeners she most certainly did!

Mary doesn't think she has changed a single bit, stating that she still has a drink in her local pub, goes on

holidays with the same friends that she grew up with and still walks through Ballyfermot like the Mary Byrne that she has always been. The only aspect of her life that has changed is her job, instead of working in Tesco which she points out was a job that she loved, she now gets to do something she is passionate about while inspiring other people to chase their dreams. As career changes go, that doesn't sound too bad at all ...

Robbie Dunne

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