Press Release for World AIDS Day 2008

A Feast of Festive Music for AIDS West

Since its beginning the AIDS West Candlelit Memorial Service has become a firm favourite with the people of Galway and this year, the 21st anniversary of AIDS West, they will be treated to a feast of festive music when the award-winning choir, Cois Cladaigh, will perform not one, but two concerts to commemorate World AIDS Day, so make sure you mark the following dates in your diary.

The Candlelit Memorial Service which is free to the public takes place on World AIDS Day, Monday 1st of December, at 8.00pm in St Nicholas' Church. The choir's programme will include music from the 12th to the 20th Century, such as In Dulci Jibilo, Bach's Christmas Greetings and a Christmas Medley as well as some Christmas favourites such as 'O' Holy Night'. They will be joined by our ever popular Galway soloists, Delia Boyce and Sandra Schalks who have kindly offered their services again this year.

The other date to mark is Cois Cladaigh's annual concert on Saturdayh 29th November also in St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church at 8.00pm, when the choir will perform its rich repertoire of Renaissance and comtemporary music. All proceeds from this concert go to AIDS West.

World AIDS Day is an opportunity for Galwegians to come together and remember nearly 5,000 Irish people living with HIV as well as the 40 million HIV positive people worldwide. As it is the 21st anniversary of the organisation it is also an occasion for AIDS West to acknowledge the many kind and generous people who have played a role in the development of the organisation throughout those years.

The Candlelit Memorial Service is free of charge and everyone is welcome. For further information contact rosaleen@aidswest.ie or telephone 091-566266

The only HIV organisation in the west of Ireland, AIDS West delivers the highest quality care and support to people living with HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STI's) in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Anyone worried about his or her sexual health can contact the helpline number at 091-562213 or email info@aidswest.ie

The office is situated at Ozanam House, St. Augustine St. Galway. Opening hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm.

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