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MEDIA RELEASE



The Salvation Army New York Staff Band Prepare To Play to Dublin Audience

The Salvation Army New York Staff Band will play in Dublin in the Round Room of the Mansion House on Tuesday 31st May. The 'one-night only' concert will be the band's first visit to Dublin and part of a week long visit by the band to Ireland. The band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Ronald Waiksnoris, will be joined by An Garda Síochána Male Voice Choir, delighting an audience, with high calibre music, of classical, jazz, much loved gospel hymns, Salvation Army favourites and much more!

The visit of The New York Staff band to Ireland precedes the largest gathering of Salvation Army Staff Bands in London at an International Brass Weekend celebrating the 120th anniversary of the London based International Staff Band of The Salvation Army. The New York Staff Band will join staff bands from Amsterdam, Canada, Chicago, Germany, Japan and Melbourne at The Royal Albert Hall in London for an unforgettable musical experience which is already sold out.

The New York Staff Band is regarded as one of the most technical and professional Salvation Army bands in the world and now features in over 60 musical recordings. Favourite well know pieces include lively Army marches to Mozart, well loved hymns such as Amazing Grace and pop classics like Frank Sinatra's 'New York New York' and The Beatles 'All You Need is Love'.

The band has premiered works penned by renowned composers such as Eric Ball, Erik Leidzen, James Curnow, Emil Soderstrom, Peter Graham and Ray Steadman-Allen and toured extensively throughout the world, performing in many prestigious venues alongside performers such as the New York Philharmonic, Sir Elton John, Joseph Alessi and Harvey Phillips. The band also brings their music to many local churches, community centres and prisons.

The Garda Male Voice Choir have also toured internationally delivering a repertoire, which crosses a broad spectrum of music including Yeats, Moore, Wagner and Verdi, to sacred music, traditional songs and well known show and opera numbers. The Choir, which has several recordings, radio, and T.V appearances to its credit, has become firmly established as one of the major cultural arms of An Garda Síochána.

The choir also sang at Ground Zero, Manhattan, on the first anniversary of the 9/11 atrocity where The Salvation Army had been one of the first relief agencies to attend the devastating scene and offer practical, emotional and spiritual support. **(Con't)**

Don't miss your chance to be part of a memorable evening with The New York Staff Band and An Garda Síochána Male Voice Choir in Ireland.

Tickets for the Dublin event can be ordered by sending a stamped address envelope, including your contact details and a cheque made payable to 'The Salvation Army' for the relevant amount (€15 per ticket) to:

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Or by calling into Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street, Dublin 2 (Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:30pm).

Tickets for the Belfast event on Saturday 28th May at Carnmoney Presbyterian Church are available from Iris Corry at 028 9067 5009 (iris.corry@salvationarmy.org.uk) and for the Londonderry/Derry event on Wednesday 1st June at The Guildhall with special guests City of Derry Youth Choir, from Lieutenant Dominic Eaton at 028 7126 4895 (dominic.eaton@salvationarmy.org.uk). --ENDS--

Notes to Editors:

Pictured: Caitlin Mylechreest (3 year old) is getting ready for the first visit of The Salvation Army New York Staff Band who will play in The Round Room on Tuesday 31st May. Tickets now on sale and available from The Salvation Army or Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street

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- **The Salvation Army** is a worldwide Christian church and registered charity, working in 123 countries, offers unconditional friendship, support and very practical help to people of all ages, backgrounds and needs. **In the UK and Republic of Ireland** there are more than 800 Salvation Army social service centres and corps (community churches). This includes more than 70 Lifehouses for men, women and families where 3,500 people stay each night. More than a place to stay a Lifehouse focuses on purpose and relationships to help people rebuild confidence, learn and develop skills, improve their employment prospects and to move into a place of their own.
- **The Salvation Army in Ireland** comprises of 20 churches, 6 Lifehouses and a residential care home. Each church is a centre of worship and reaches into the local community through a range of activities such as luncheon clubs, parent and toddler groups, drop in centres, youth activities, and visitation. In extreme circumstances, churches will offer practical support such as food hampers. The Salvation Army also have a Chaplain based at Dublin Port and Airport, available for staff crew and passengers.
- Our six Lifehouses provide accommodation and offer skills training, accommodation, resettlement and rehabilitation programmes to men, women and families in need of a home. Lifehouses are places of change where service users are helped to regain their confidence, develop skills, and re-engage with mainstream society to enable them to ultimately move into a place of their own or supported housing project.
- Three Lifehouses in Belfast include two centres for homeless families and one for homeless men. A residential care home caters for 40 older people and those with dementia. A further three Lifehouses in Dublin provide over 190 beds each night for homeless, men, women and young people.
- The Salvation Army Registered Charity Nos 214779, 215174, CHY 6399 in Ireland and SC009359, SC037691 in Scotland.
- For further information log onto www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ireland