

An Evening of Song  
Celebrating 175 Years of Fordham Prep

Starring

ronan  
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World-Acclaimed Tenor

With Special Appearance by  
Dominic Chianese



March 11, 2017

Leonard Theatre





## Dominic Chianese

Dominic is an Emmy and Screen Actors Guild-nominated actor best known for his role as "Junior" in "The Sopranos." Dominic has appeared in many films and television shows, including The Godfather II, All the President's Men, Law & Order, and Boardwalk Empire. He's an accomplished tenor and musician having released two CDs. Born in the Bronx, we are thrilled to welcome Dominic home!





## Ronan Tynan

A founding member of The Irish Tenors and famous for his stirring renditions of *God Bless America*, we are honored to have Ronan grace the stage of Leonard Theatre. We thank Ronan for sharing his moving story with our students yesterday and his life story is an inspiration to us all.

Ronan was born with a lower limb disability and had his legs amputated at age 20. Within a year, he competed in the Paralympic Games, both in track and field and as an equestrian. He won 18 gold medals and set 14 world records, nine of which stand today.

The first disabled person ever admitted to Limerick's National College of Physical Education, Tynan became a physician specializing in orthopedic sports injuries and was the subject of the BBC documentary, *Dr. Courageous*.

In 1992, less than one year after he began studying music, Tynan won the John McCormack Cup for Tenor Voice. In 1998 Tynan joined Anthony Kearns and John McDermott as The Irish Tenors, an instant worldwide sensation. Tynan's album *Ronan* debuted at #2 on Billboard's Classical Crossover Chart. Tynan captivates audiences with his humor, lively spirit and inspirational message about overcoming obstacles and living life to the fullest.

Over his singing career, Ronan has performed for audiences across the globe, including three former United States Presidents and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. In 2004, his stirring rendition of *Amazing Grace* at Ronald Reagan's funeral was viewed by an estimated 21 million people worldwide.



# Fordham Prep's 175th Anniversary

During this school year, Fordham Prep is celebrating its 175th anniversary. Founded in 1841 as St. John's College, and officially chartered Fordham Preparatory School in 1937, the Prep has educated thousands of young men, creating men for others for the greater glory of God.

On June 24, 1841, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Fordham Prep and University were founded together as St. John's College by the Most Rev. John Hughes, the Bishop of New York. Six students arrived in Fordham, New York for that opening summer session. The first president of Hughes' institution was Rev. John McCloskey, who would later become the first American-born Cardinal. In 1846, Bishop Hughes invited members of the Society of Jesus from Kentucky to take over operations at St. John's. Originally housed in a long-demolished wing of the University's Administration Building, the Prep was moved into a newly-constructed Hughes Hall in 1890. The home of Fordham Prep until the early 1970s, Hughes Hall still stands today as the University's Gabelli School of Business.

In 1937, the name Fordham Preparatory School was officially adopted when the school was given its own certification by the University of the State of New York. For the next three decades, under the watchful eye of Rev. Arthur Shea, SJ, generations of young men from the Bronx, Manhattan and surrounding areas helped to re-forge what had been born as part of St. John's College into an institution unto itself.

After 129 years as one of the founding divisions of Fordham University, Fordham Preparatory School legally separated from the University in 1970 and secured its own educational charter from the New York State Board of Regents. Construction of the current Prep building soon commenced and Shea Hall opened in 1972. Maloney Hall, containing the Hall of Honor, a second gymnasium and the Leonard Theatre was added in 1991 coinciding with Fordham's 150th anniversary. A fourth-floor addition, the state-of-the-art Boller Science Center, was dedicated in 2009.

From its humble beginnings Fordham Prep has grown into a diverse community of 1,000 students from 110 zip codes. The Prep stands ready to meet the educational needs of students, carrying out the work of the Jesuits and their lay associates ad maiorem Dei gloriam, for the greater glory of God, as it has since 1841.



# With Appreciation and Gratitude to our Concert Committee

*Sheila & Michael Sohr '83, P'15*

*Patricia & Fred Berrios P'17*

*Beth & Neal Bronzo P'10, '11, '15*

*Linda & Joe Costelloe P'10, '11, '14, '16*

*Andrea & Roger Padilla P'18*

*Linda & Carl Triscari P'18*

The songs and hymns for Ronan Tynan's special concert tonight were selected to celebrate the significant events and time periods of the Prep's first 175 years. They celebrate our faith, our great country, New York and our common bonds as members of the Prep community.



Fordham Prep  
gratefully acknowledges



*The Honorable*

**PAUL VICTOR `50, P`83**

**MRS. TERESA VICTOR**

**&**

**THE ALBERT P. VICTOR FOUNDATION**

*for their premier sponsorship of tonight's concert,  
in loving memory of their son, Albert P. Victor.*

# Concert Program

6:00-7:45PM

Cocktail Party & Socializing

The Commons, Hall of Honor & Library



8:00PM

Welcome & Prayer

OPENING PERFORMANCE BY DOMINIC CHIANESE

## **ACT I - RONAN TYNAN**



15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

Please remain in the theater if possible

Bars are closed



FORDHAM PREP STUDENT CHOIR PERFORMANCE

A Medley of Favorites

## **ACT II - RONAN TYNAN**



POST EVENT COCKTAILS, COFFEE & SOCIALIZING

The Commons & Hall of Honor

*VIDEOTAPING IS PROHIBITED  
EXCEPT DURING THE STUDENT PERFORMANCE!*

# Tonight's Concert Benefits the 175th Anniversary Annual Fund and the Prep's Fine Arts Program

## FINE ARTS AT THE PREP - AN OVERVIEW

The Fine Arts Department at Fordham Prep is flourishing. The Prep's oldest club, the Drama Society, has sixty members and recently finished another successful season with their February performances of *Don't Drink the Water*. We congratulate the actors, stage, lighting and sound crews for all their fine work as we look forward to next fall's musical!

Fine Arts held a successful winter event of music and art on December 22, 2016 in the Hall of Honor with performances by the Vocal Choir and the Fordham Prep Jazz Ensemble. The visual arts were represented with works by students from Studio Art I, II, and AP, plus Computer Graphics and Web Design. Two art display cases featured works curated by students from AP Art History. There was a great turnout for the event enjoyed by students, faculty, parents and friends. We are looking forward to our spring event scheduled for Thursday, April 27.

Among the recent improvements to the Art Room have been the addition of corkboard walls providing more display area for student work and a document camera for use with presentations and demonstrations.

The Music Room also saw some improvements over the past year with additional soundproofing, a second practice booth, a portable white board, multiple keyboards and thanks to tonight's Premier Sponsor, The Honorable Paul Victor, Mrs. Teresa Victor and the Albert P. Victor Foundation, a new piano! Throughout the day and after school, the Music Room is filled with students learning, practicing and enjoying all that the Prep has to offer.

The Fine Arts Department is grateful for all the support it receives from the administration, faculty, parents, alumni and friends of the Prep. We'll keep playing, singing, drawing and designing for years to come thanks to your generosity.



# Concert Supporters

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*The Honorable Paul Victor `50, P`83, Mrs. Teresa Victor P`83  
& the Albert P. Victor Foundation*

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## BEER SPONSOR

*Pat & Fred Berrios P`17  
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*Beatrice & Terry Peel P`17  
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*As of March 6, 2017*



# Concert Underwriters & Donors

*Anonymous (5)*

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*Sheila & Michael Sohr `83, P`15*

*Margaret & Noel Tannian P`14, `19*

*Peggy & Larry Thomas*

*Linda & Carmelo Triscari P`18*



# Fordham Prep Student Choir Performers

*Under the Direction of Kenneth A. Farnum Jr. '75*

*Kyle Breen '17 (Brass)*

*Michael Blackwell '19 (Baritone)*

*Brandon Castillo '19 (1st Tenor)*

*Luis Chavez '17 (1st Tenor)*

*Aidan Donnelly '17 (Bass)*

*Myles McKenzie '19 (Baritone)*

*Blaise Narciso '17 (Bass)*

*Jonathan Robles '19 (1st Tenor)*

*Reyd Williams '17 (2nd Tenor)*

*Kevin Woods '20 (2nd Tenor)*



## Fordham Prep Jazz Ensemble

*Under the Direction of*

*Dylan LaGamma '09, Jazz Ensemble Director*

*Rashad Griffith '18*

*William O'Connor '18*

*Sean O'Shea '18*

*Antonio Oshiro '17*

*John Woodruff '18*





The Society of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick  
in the City of New York

Welcomes The Greatest Irish Tenor  
Ronan Tynan

and

Congratulates Fordham Preparatory School  
on the Occasion of its 175th Anniversary!

Throughout the Society's 233 Year History, We  
Have Been Blessed to Have Many Fordham Prep  
Alumni and Parents As Members and Officers  
Including Those Currently Serving the Society

*President*

Matthew T. McLaughlin P'18 and '21

*First Vice President*

Kevin J. Rooney '88 P'17

*Almoner*

Stephen J. Fearon P'82

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# Special Thank You's

Fordham Prep is deeply grateful for the hard work of so many who contributed to the success of tonight's event.

- Ronan for his uplifting performance, good humor and willingness to share his story with our Prep students.
- To Liz O'Connell, Ronan's assistant and Bill Lewis, his accompanist, who devoted so much time ensuring the success of this special concert.
- Dominic Chianese for coming home to the Bronx to be part of this amazing night.
- Prep President Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ, and Principal Joseph Petriello, PhD '98 for their support and assistance throughout the planning stages for this concert and all the Prep's 175th Anniversary special events.
- Vice President Jose Gonzalez & his entire Engagement, Development and Communications team for orchestrating and coordinating the concert.
- Sheila and Mike Sohr '83, P'15 who first brought the idea for the concert to the Prep and worked tirelessly to ensure its success.
- Pat and Fred Berrios P'17 and Anheuser-Busch InBev for their generous donation of the beer for tonight's cocktail party.
- Beatrice and Terry Peel P'17 and Vines on Pine for their generous donation of the wine for tonight's cocktail party.
- The members of the Ronan Concert Committee for helping to plan this special event.
- Members of the Fordham Prep Administration who helped manage tonight's logistics and kept everything running smoothly.



## Special Thank Yous *(Continued)*

- The Fordham Prep Facilities Staff who worked long hours this week in support of this wonderful night.
- The Fordham Prep Faculty Bartenders who ensured we were well hydrated with our favorite libations.
- The Fordham Prep Student Singers and Jazz Ensemble for sharing their amazing talent with all of us.
- The Fordham Prep Student Volunteers who enthusiastically worked in so many capacities – on a Saturday night!.
- Mr. Louis DiGiorno '88 for his creative input in our set design and dedication to his work as the Prep's historian and archivist.
- The Fine Arts Department Faculty for their support of this event.
- Mr. Thomas O'Sullivan '98 for his guidance and direction with our staging and lighting for the show.
- Mr. Kenneth Farnum, Jr. '75 and Mr. Dylan LaGamma '09 for their devotion to the Prep's music program and for their work with our student performers.
- Biltmore Tuxedo for outfitting our handsome student volunteers and singers.
- And to you, the Attendees, your generous support of this event has made the evening a great success!



# Alma Mater

LYRICS BY REV. H.A. GAYNOR, S.J. CLASS OF 1888  
MUSIC BY FREDERIC JOSLYN

*O Alma Mater Fordham,  
How mighty is thy power  
To link our hearts to thee in love  
That grows with every hour.  
Thy winding elms, thy hallowed halls,  
Thy lawns, thine ivy-mantled walls,  
O Fordham Alma Mater,  
What memories each recalls.*

# The Ram

LYRICS BY J. IGNATIUS COVENEY, CLASS OF 1906

*Hail! men of Fordham, hail! on to the fray!  
Once more our foes assail in strong array.  
Once more the old Maroon, waves on high  
We'll sing our battle song.  
We do or die.*

*With a Ram, a Ram, a Ram for victory  
With a Ram, a Ram, a Ram for loyalty.  
To the fight, to fight,  
To win our laurels bright!*

*Hail! men of Fordham, hail! on to the fray!  
Once more our foes assail in strong array.  
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*Thank you for attending tonight's performance and supporting Fordham Prep.*

*Please visit [fordhamprep.org](http://fordhamprep.org) to learn more about some of our other special events in celebration of our 175th Anniversary:*

**MARCH 17, 2017**

*St. Patrick's Day Brunch and Parade in New York City*

**APRIL 2, 2017**

*America Media*

*Racial Justice: A Gospel Invitation & Challenge at Fordham Prep*

**MAY 10, 2017**

*Dinner-Dance at La Sirena in New York City*

**JUNE 13, 2017**

*Golf & Tennis Outing at Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY*

