



**Launches on THE DEN on RTE Two on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March through to the Friday (finale) at ..... and repeated at ..... (To be confirmed)**

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**‘CLASSIC JAM’ COMES TO THE DEN FOR A UNIQUE TELEVISION EVENT THAT SHOWCASES IRELAND’S TALENTED YOUNG CLASSICAL MUSICIANS**

CLASSIC JAM follows 12 talented, young, classical musicians who come together to form 3 ensembles and learn from 3 top class mentors over a series of masterclasses. Presented by Paul Walsh and Kathryn McKiernan - two of Ireland's hottest young TV talents – and filmed on location in the magnificent rooms of Castletown House, Co.Kildare, JAM promises to take the viewer behind the scenes and up close to the ensembles as they have only a few days to pull together 3 show stopping performances for a grand finale concert.

Following a nationwide search of young musicians between the ages of 13 and 18, applications were assessed on a number of criteria including their ability to play an instrument at grade 5 level, sight-reading, musical knowledge and experience in playing in ensembles. Classic Jam was open to wind, string, percussion, brass and piano applicants. From a shortlist, 12 young musicians were chosen by the mentors to go forward to the Jam School. The final 12 are:

**Patrick Rafter**

- Patrick plays violin, is 16 years old and from Co. Kilkenny. Patrick has played hurling since he was 3 but had to give it up in order to avoid any broken fingers which would stop him from playing!

**Carla White**

- Carla plays violin, is 14 years old and from Rathfarnham in Dublin. Carla has played the violin for as long as she can remember and says it is her most enjoyable past time.

**Rory White**

- Rory plays the cello, is 13 years old and from Rathfarnham in Dublin. The favourite thing that he owns is his cello but after that is his BMX bike.