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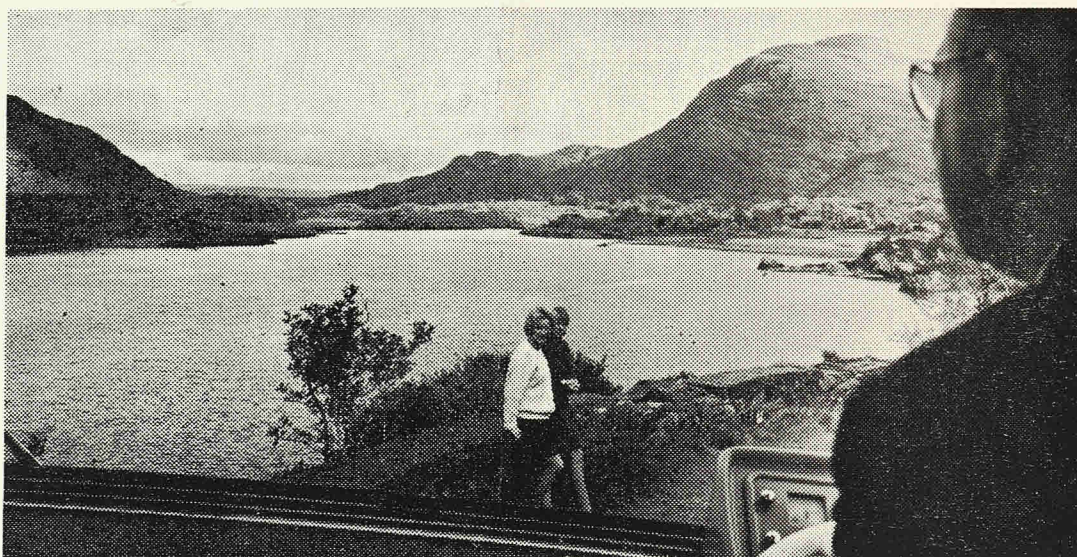
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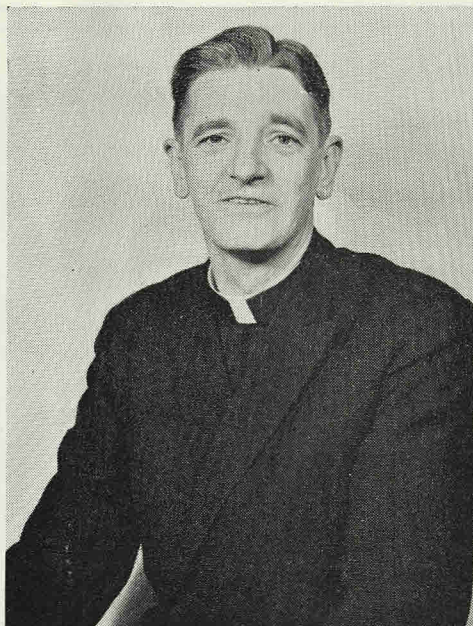
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The Annual St. Patrick's Festival Concert in the Royal Albert Hall fulfils a dual purpose. The most famous Irish entertainers and variety artistes gather in this magnificent hall to present a show of outstanding merit in the best Irish tradition. This in itself is a fitting celebration of our National Day. Yet, this celebration, this concert, has as its primary aim the financial support of two organisations—the Irish Centre and the Emigrant Chaplaincy Scheme. Their work for Irish immigrants is not confined to one day only, but must continue daily, year in year out. Therefore this festive celebration is practical, it is true to the real spirit of Irish hospitality because the money paid here to-night will help those Irish men and women who most need support.

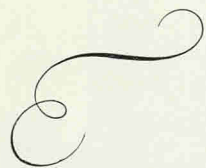
We sincerely thank His Eminence, Cardinal Heenan and His Excellency The Irish Ambassador, Mr. John G. Molloy for their patronage of this concert, and our distinguished guests for being with us tonight. We also thank our able producer, Mr. Tom McGrath of Radio Telefis Eireann, our talented artistes and the management and staff of the Royal Albert Hall for their unfailing kindness. Our unbounded gratitude, however, must go to you our loyal audience who, each year, make this concert not only a gala occasion but by your subscriptions help to make our work for Irish immigrants possible.

May I wish you and yours all God's blessings.

Sincerely,

Rev. P. HACKETT, O.M.I.,

for the Organising Committee.



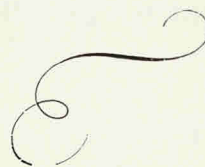
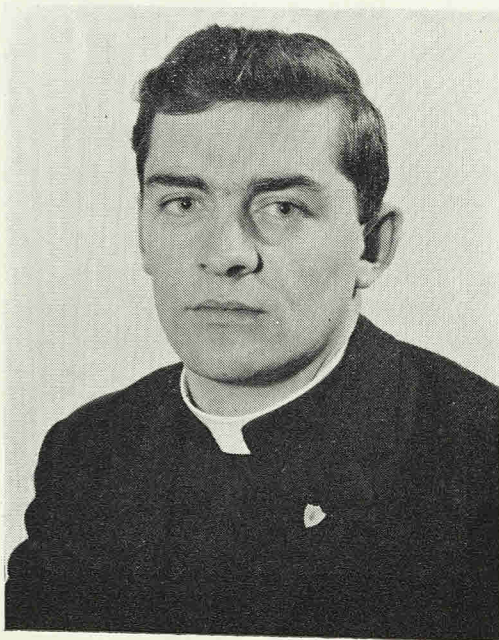
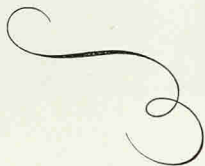
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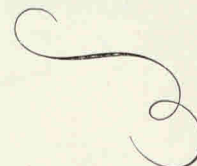
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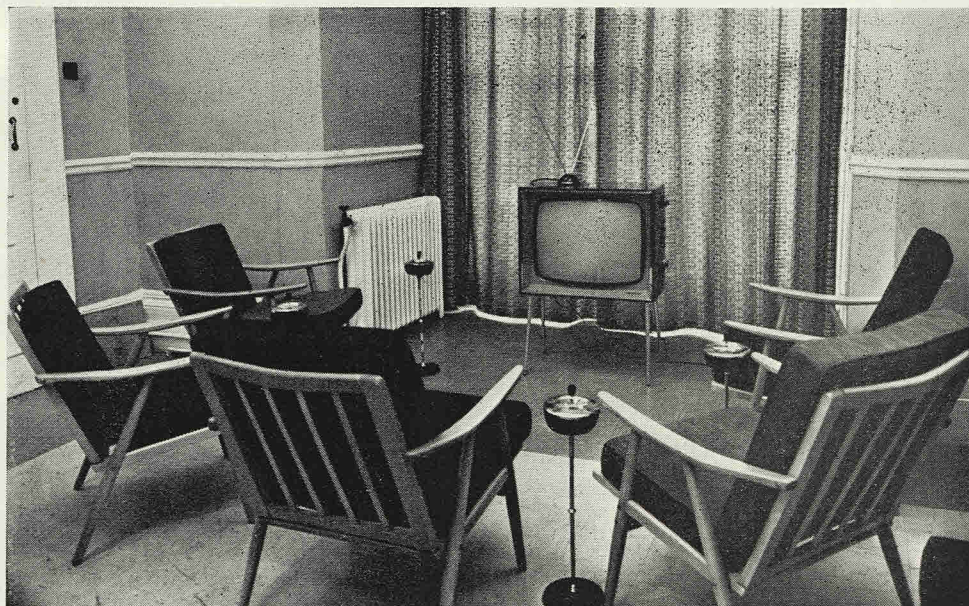
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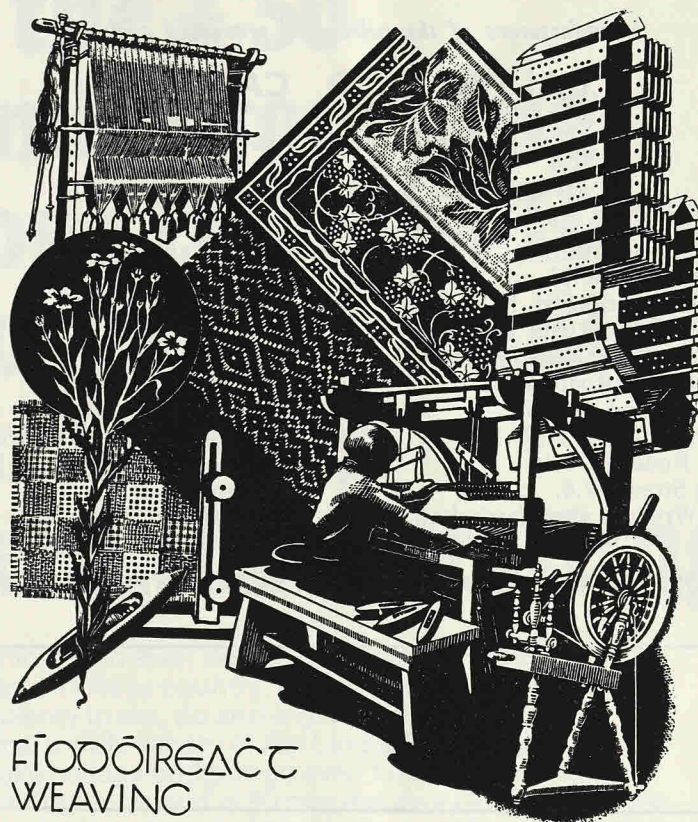
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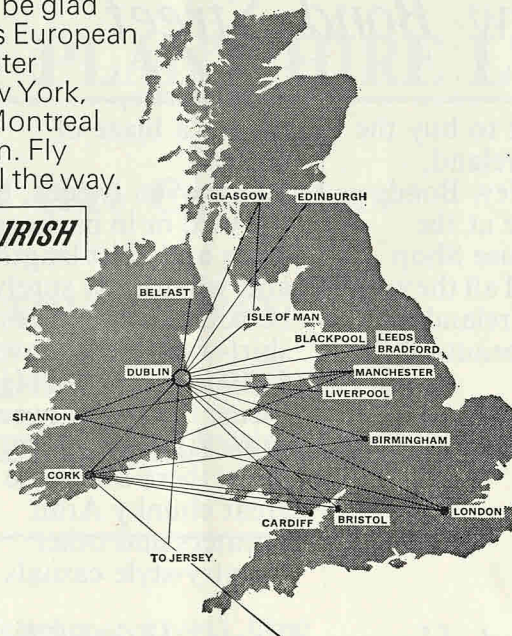


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HOEDOWNERS

12 FINALE

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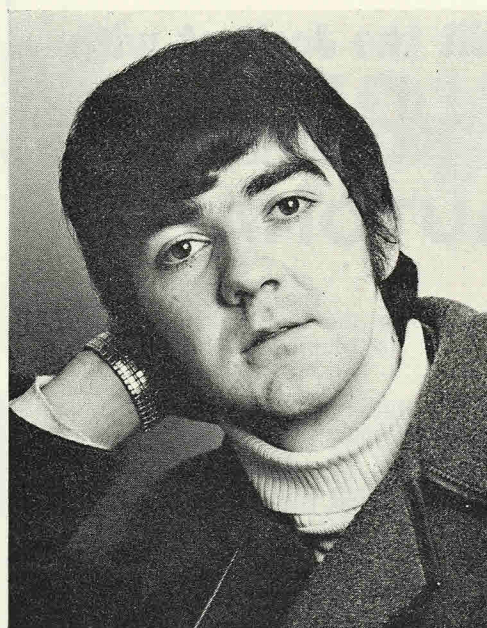
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### JOHNNY McEVOY

Johnny McEvoy is currently appearing to capacity houses at one night stands all over Ireland. He has appeared in New York's Carnegie Hall, on March 9th. He has also been awarded a Silver Disc by Pye to mark the fantastic sales of his first record 'Muirsheen Durkin'. He again reached No. 1 with 'Boston Burglar' and his L.P. 'For the Poor and for the Gentry' is the most successful ever by an Irish artiste. He was featured on the Christmas Day Show on Telefís Éireann and on two other shows the same week, and also on Ulster Television—making it four television appearances in one week. For the second year running he has been voted Ireland's No. 1 solo artiste and has also been the biggest record-selling artiste.



### EARL GILL and THE HOEDOWNERS

Earl Gill Doyen, one of Ireland's musicians, and one of the youngest members to start a band. He started in the professional class when only twelve years of age, and his Band was the first to be featured when the first programmes went out over the T.V. (Telefís Éireann). The Hoedowners have appeared all over England, Scotland and Wales—they have also travelled to Germany and played for one of the biggest Society events in Monte Carlo. Once resident in the Shelbourne Hotel for five years, Earl has enjoyed the name of talent spotter for many of the leading names in the business. While on tour in England he heard the voice of Sean Dunphy and decided that Sean had the making of star quality. How right he was; Earl entered Sean in the National Song Contest and as we now know Sean did Ireland proud in Vienna last year. The band has many records to their credit. You may have heard their record of 'Showball Crazy', a skit on the showbiz football matches with Michael O'Hehir doing the commentary. We feel sure you will enjoy their performance tonight.

### **KATHLEEN O'CONNOR**

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### **THE GLENSIDE CEILI BAND**

The band was formed some four years ago by members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, South London Branch, with the object of promoting Traditional Music and Song. Since its formation the band has competed at numerous Fleadhs and always appeared among the prizewinners. They were the All Ireland and Overseas Champions in the 1966 Fleadh held at Boyle. They have several broadcasts with the B.B.C. and Radio Eireann to their credit. Their new L.P. is on sale and offers a wide selection in the best of Irish Music.

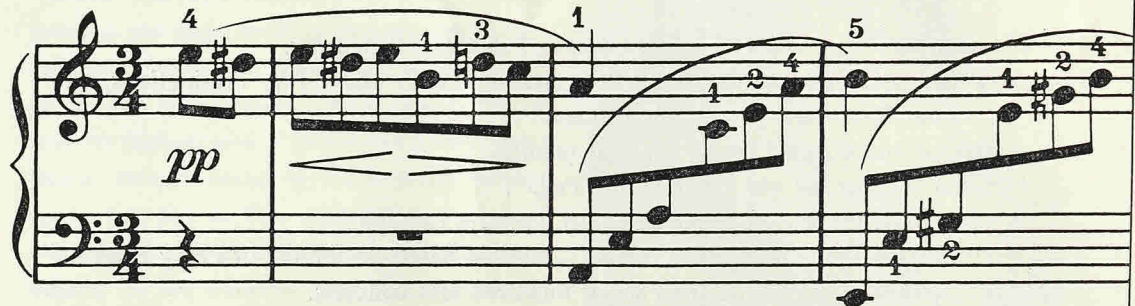
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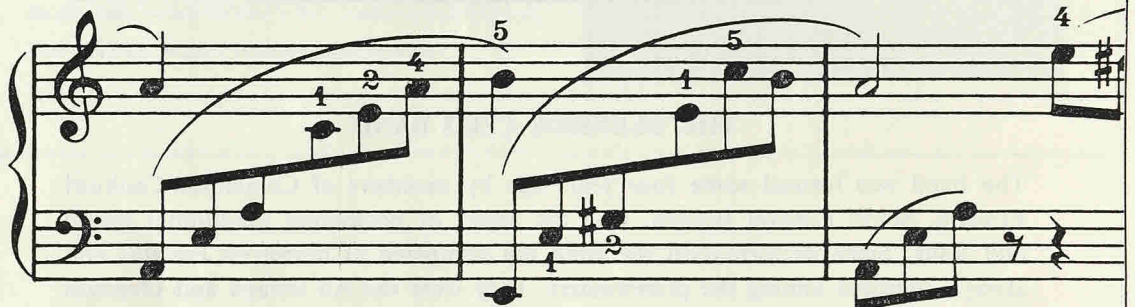
This year the Borough Pipers and Dancers make their first appearance at the Albert Hall. In 1967 they did a tour of Ireland and played in the towns and cities where their parents were born. They also made a trip to Rome and were presented to Pope Paul. This year they go to America. The founder of the band, Mr. Carter, one of the oldest Gaels connected with these traditions in this country, has been awarded THE ORDER OF BENE MERENTI BY THE POPE. The Pipers have appeared free for many charity concerts all over London.



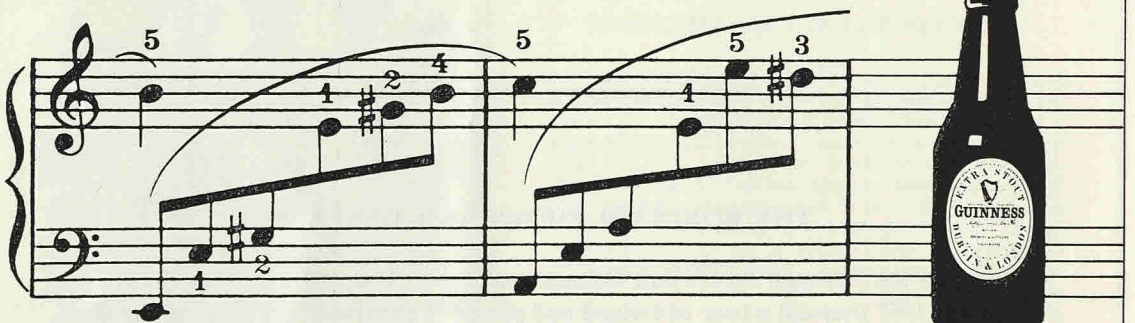
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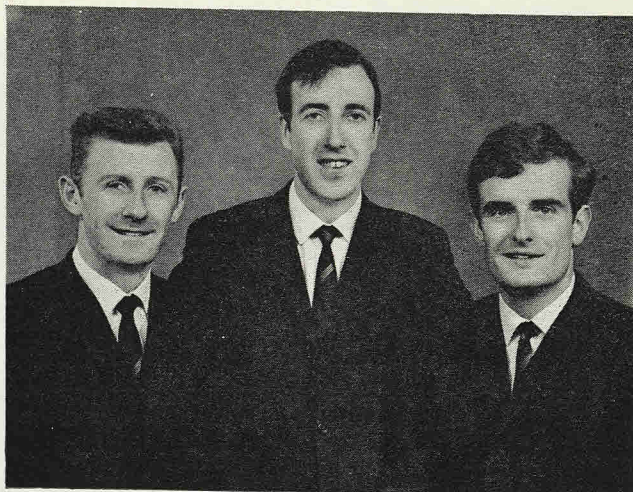
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for the J. F. Kennedy Memorial Concert. The Emeralds have appeared on television in Ireland and on 'Sing North and South' on B.B.C.-T.V. Their first record is now in the shops and we sincerely hope that it enjoys the success that the boys from Wexford deserve. In a recent poll in Ireland The Emeralds were placed top semi-Professional Group and overall fifth including Professional and semi-Professional Groups.



### THE DRAGOONS

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### **BRENDAN McGLINCHEY**

Brendan McGlinchey is a former All Ireland Fiddle Playing Champion, and has taken the sound of Irish Airs all over the world. He has made quite a few records and has appeared at Irish functions up and down the country. He has appeared on television in America and has been voted top musician in his field on many occasions. This is his first appearance at the Albert Hall and lovers of Irish music are assured of an excellent performance.

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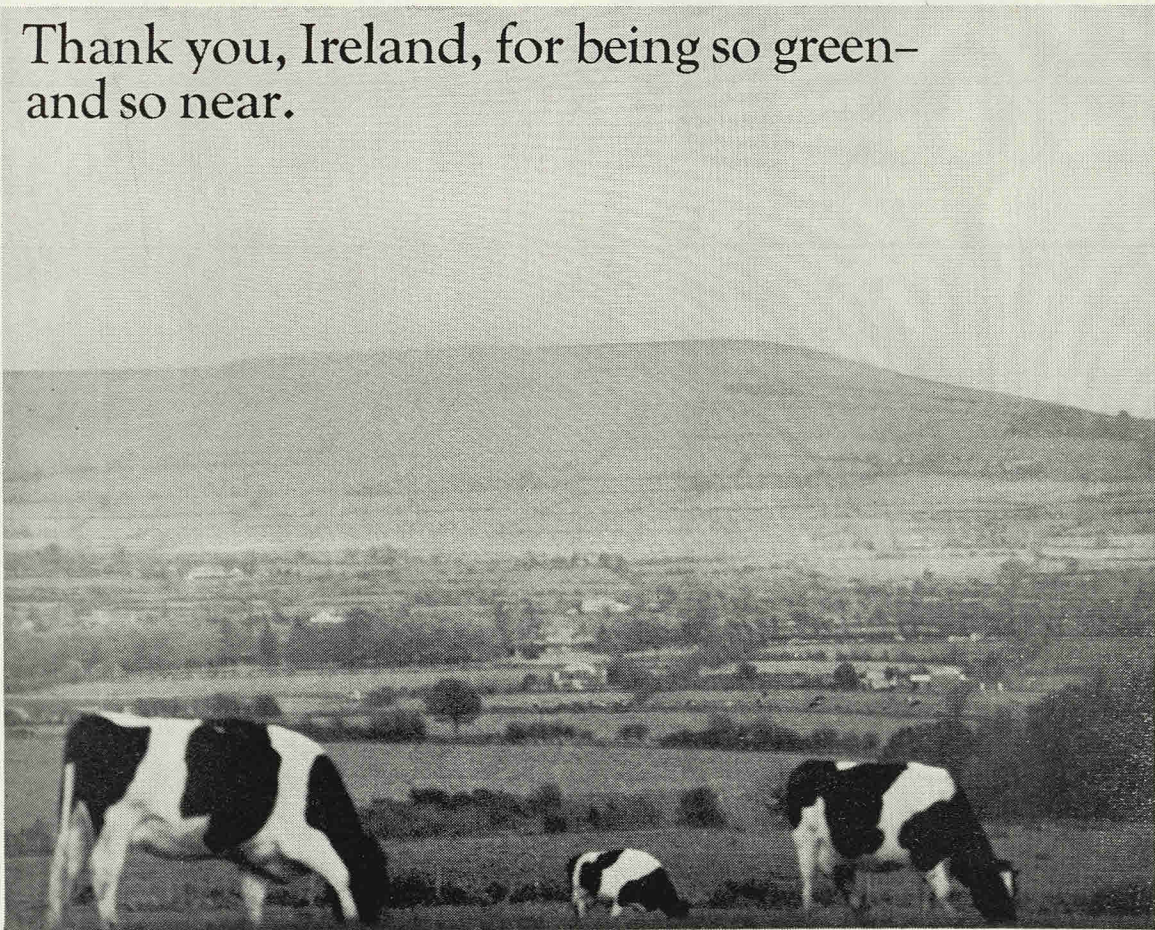


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Thank you, Ireland, for being so green—and so near.







#### MIKE NEWMAN

Mike comes from Dublin and has been for years working as a comic. Started as most artists do working on local parochial halls and shows. He was resident entertainer in Butlins (Mosney) for two years. It was his success there with the visitors that prompted him to pursue the comedy business. To-day Mike is at the top with many T.V. spots to his credit (Val Doonican Show, Simon Dee Show and Rolf Harris Show). He has just finished a very successful pantomime season in Liverpool. Mike is off for a summer season to the coast with the Bachelors.

#### PATRICIA CAHILL

Patricia Cahill started singing at the age of twelve years. When she left boarding school at the age of seventeen years she went for an audition in the famous Theatre Royal in Dublin, at which she was so successful that she was asked to join the Jack Cruise Company. She stayed with this company for the next seven years, during which time she starred in all the productions in the Theatre Royal, Dublin, and the Olympia Theatre. She has played Leading Lady in 'Student Prince', 'The Belle of New York', 'Gypsy Love', 'Carousel', 'Sir Buccaneer' and 'Sweethearts'. Her appearance in Light Opera also playing Leading Lady have included: 'Maritana', 'The Bohemian Girl', and 'Die Fledermaus'. Her latest single recording entitled 'One and One are Two' is at present in Ireland's Top Ten, and an L.P. which was brought out before Christmas entitled 'Patricia, with Love' is enjoying phenomenal sales. She was voted one of the top personalities of 1967 in Ireland in a list of names which included The Taoiseach, Jack Lynch and President De Valera.



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