County Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir

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St Patrick's Week USA 2016 - CHOIR TOUR

Dear Liam

Please allow me to introduce ourselves. Formed just five years ago - we are a group of seventy singers - "teenagers" of mature vintage you might say !!! At the core of the choir's ethos is singing excellence - enjoyment and fun – for both ourselves and the audiences we entertain.

We have ambitious plans to visit the USA next year. These plans are at an early stage of development – and will entail, as you can imagine, a substantial amount of logistical groundwork – flights, visas, accommodation, uniforms, performance venues, amplification, local transport etc.

Our live performance venues and audiences have ranged from over 75,000 (plus an additional 8million TV viewers) at International Rugby matches – to concerts in Churches – to open air performances at commerative events. Our repertoire ranges from traditional Irish ballads – to American musicals – to Sacred Church music – all under the superb leadership of our Musical Director Anne-Noelle Bennett.

My committee has tasked me with establishing initial interest in such a tour from the viewpoint of local <u>organisations in the USA</u> who would be interested in a performance visit from our choir. We are also mindful of the significance of the 100th anniversary commemoration of 1916 at that time.

I would very much welcome your initial expression of interest in such an event.

- 1) We envisage a travelling party of about 100/120 (included in entourage would be choir singers and of course our "choir fan-club!!!")
- 2) At the moment, a 3 to 5 day visit is planned centred around the 17th Mar. (length of stay will be dependent on performance requirements of our hosts)
- 3) We would obviously like to have some indication of logistical costs, transport and accommodation, proposed venues etc
- 4) Is it possible that we may secure some small contribution towards costs through "donation" to Choir funds ??
- 5) The Choir can of course tailor its performance (repertoire) to suit the requirements of our hosts.

An early reply would be very much appreciated. Yours sincerely	In song and in anticipation
John-Joe Lennon CHOIR CAPTAIN	