**PRESS RELEASE**

**18 March 2021**

**Saint Patrick’s Day in Monaco** **at the** **Princess Grace Irish Library**

To celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day, the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco hosted an afternoon of music and drama in the presence of H.S.H. Prince Albert II.

Pupils from the Académie de Musique ‘Fondation Prince Rainier III de Monaco’ displayed their talent under the caring eye of Director Jade Sapolin and actors from Monaco-Ireland Arts Society provided entertainment.

On the programme:

* Two harpists (Elia Eastwood and Anaïd Conquet) and two harpsichordists (Léo Curran and Marcello Formenti) had the audience tapping their feet as they played traditional airs including Molly Malone and music by Irish composer Turlough O’Carolan.
* A semi-dramatized reading of a short story by Frank O’Connor brought laughter to the room with a superb performance by actors Birgitt McDonagh, Nick O’Conor and Andrew Riley.

The afternoon ended with a presentation of two Irish apple tarts, decorated with shamrocks, made by pupils from the Lycée Technique & Hôtelier de Monaco.

The Library is under the ægis of the Fondation Princesse Grace with H.S.H. Prince Albert II as Vice-President.

**The Library team and trustees wish to thank** **the following for their support:**

Monaco-Ireland Arts SocietyFounder Mrs Virginia Disney Connell;

Academie teachers Mrs. Noëlle Vera and Mrs. Camille Mugot;

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