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Searching for missing dogs

Two of two missing dogs have appealed to their family pets. A beige and white Shitzu pup, went to its Foxfield Dooradoyle home. A ferret, please phone 061-304706 or

is a dog who answers to the name is missing since last Saturday, when he disappeared at the Parkway Centre. He is a child's pet, neutered and is on medication. A reward offered for his recovery. Please call 087-6558351.



up: missing from Dooradoyle

Bill Whelan to fund studies

By ALAN JACQUES

INTERNATIONALLY-acclaimed Limerick-born composer Bill Whelan has announced the foundation of a music bursary to help Irish students to pursue their music studies abroad.

The Bill Whelan Music Bursary will help gifted Irish students who have been selected to further their studies at participating third level institutes, primarily based in the United States and United Kingdom.

The renowned Berklee School of Music in Boston and the University of Southern California are amongst a number of colleges identified for inclusion in the scheme for 2003.

The bursary will run for five years and it is anticipated that a wide number of students from many different disciplines ranging from film scoring, orchestration, conducting and music composition will be able to avail of the scheme.

Speaking at the launch, the world famous composer said "It is a great honour for me to be in a position to contribute to the Irish music industry in such a way as to help emerging composers gain access to some of the foremost music institutions in the world."

"Education is so vital in developing one's own musical expression, and I have no doubt that there are many



Composer Bill Whelan who is setting up a bursary to assist young Irish music students

young Irish composers ready to seize upon such an opportunity," he said.

Bursary grants will range from €4,000 to €7,000 and the bursary programme will be administered with the assistance of The Irish Music Rights Organisation (IMRO).

Bill Whelan, best known as composer of Riverdance The Show, a Grammy award winner for Best Musical Show, has worked extensively in theatre, television and film. His orchestral works include the specially commissioned piece, The Seyville Suite

and The Spirit Of Mayo.

His work in international film includes Lamb which he co composed with Van Morrison, his emotive score for the Jim Sheridan Terry George film Some Mother's Son and the original score for the film version of Brian Friel's award winning Dancing At Lughnasa which starred Meryl Streep.

Whelan's production and arranging credits include U2, Van Morrison, Kate Bush, Richard Harris, and The Dubliners. He has also served on the IMRO board from 1989 to 1997.

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