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## What a scoop for Cork students at awards

■ Audrey Ellard Walsh

**THE future of journalism is safe as Cork students take some of the top prizes at this year's Press Pass awards in Dublin's Convention Centre.**

The awards were the culmination of an educational initiative organised by **NewsBrands Ireland**, which saw transition year students in schools around the country learn all about the writing, analysis, preparation, and photography that's involved in putting a newspaper together.

Some 7,500 students took part this year, with schools putting forward their top three to the national competition, which was judged by a panel of journalists and editors from NewsBrands titles, chaired by former Press Ombudsman Prof John Horgan.

Cork students took four of the 15 prizes up for grabs.

Ciarán Sheehan from CBS Charleville took first place in the sports journalism category for his interview with hurler Seamus Callinan. Judges praised Ciarán as "clearly someone who displays a passion for writing and passion for

great sport" and stated that he "nailed his interview" with the hurling great.

There was no shortage of opinion in Cork, with Eoin Hartnett, a student at Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy, coming first in that category and Aoife Ní Éalighthe from Pobalscoil na Trí-nóide, Youghal, coming second.

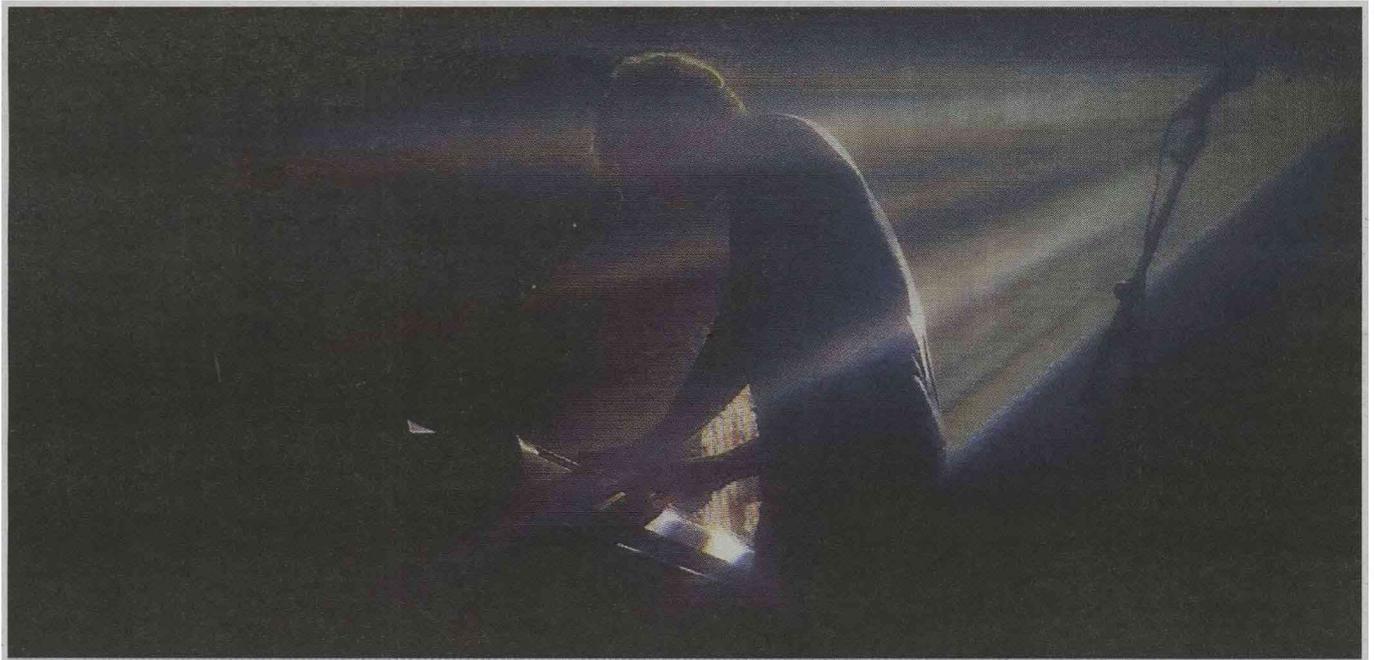
Judges described Eoin's work as offering the reader "a privileged glimpse into a conversation with his dad about a bygone era when children would be out with a hurley at the crack of dawn". Aoife's writing was said to provoke and take the audience "on a journey that challenges their own morality and sensibilities".

Niamh Cronin Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, came second in the photojournalism category with a striking image taken at a concert which "put the stage lighting to excellent use to capture the atmosphere of a Kodaline concert at the right moment".



Brian McCrory, ILCU; James McNamara, judge; opinion winner Eoin Hartnett, Fermoy; NewsBrands' Vincent Crowley; and Minister Damien English.  
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Niamh Cronin, from Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, won in the photojournalism category with this live shot of Kodaline.