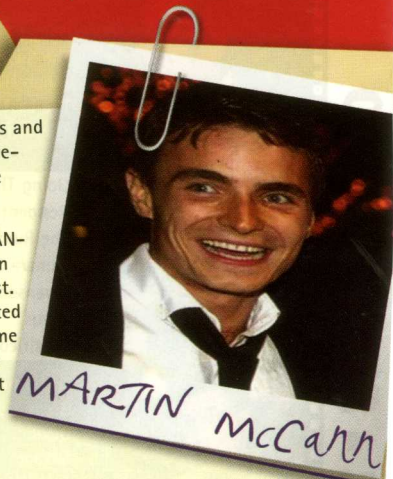


CINEMA PROFILE

Every month we profile different celebrities and get the low down on the nation's movie-watching habits. This month we profile actor Martin McCann.

Martin is star of new Irish movie "SWANSONG - The Story of Occi Byrne". Set in 1970s Ireland, Austin Occi is an outcast. He doesn't know his father, he is taunted by his classmates and he spends his time chatting with the swans on the town's quayside. There is only one person that Occi loves just as there is only one person who loves him: his doting but damaged mother.



"SWANSONG - The Story Of Occi Byrne" opens on September 10th 2010

M+: How often do you get to sit down and watch a movie?

I would try to watch a good few films a week, I'll try to get a good foreign film that the video store recommends. There are some wonderful foreign films out there that are overlooked.

M+: Tell us about the last movie you saw?

The last movie I saw was Inception. It got me thinking and the special effects were second to none. Di Caprio was brilliant, again.

M+: What is your favourite Irish movie?

My favourite Irish movie is In The Name of The Father. It's a brilliant and touching film. The performances by Day Lewis and Postlethwaite are incredible. The direction is perfect. Also, being a Belfast boy I could relate to the story, Pete Postlewaite should have won the Oscar that year for his portrayal of Guiseppe Conlon.

M+: What is your favourite movie of all time?

My favourite movie of all time is 'Once Upon a Time In America'.

M+: Have you ever cried during a movie?

I cried during 'The Lion King' when Simba's father dies.

M+: Favourite Movie Snack?

My favourite movie snack would have to be popcorn. Love it.

M+: Who would play you in the movie adaptation of your life?

If I could choose an actor to play me, I would choose Pete Postlethwaite, I don't know how that would work though, him being a little bit older but I would choose no one else but him. He's my favourite and a great friend of mine, I think he'd turn the role down though for something more interesting.)