In a stunning achievement assisted by three short courses in Gaelic at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, the inspirational Gaelic college on the shores of the Sound of Sleat on Skye, a Sardiniap-born singer,Elena Piras has won the Margot Campbell Trophy at the 2012 Royal National Mod in Dunoon after one year learning the language.

She also reached the final for the Silver Pendant, for non-native Gaelic speakers.

Living now in Pitlochry, Elena Piras was born blind and was caught up in the July 2005 bombings in London which left her with severe tinnitus.

A beautiful woman whose hair would see Rebekah Brooks off the park, Elena's debut album is now out and she is interested in doing gigs to earn a living. With a singing range from classical through jazz to folk, she is hardly going to be short of interest.

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