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2024/25

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THU 10 OCT	7.30pm	EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT: MAURIZIO BAGLINI
WED 23 OCT	7.30pm	CASSIOPEIA WINDS
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THU 31 OCT	1.05pm	ADAM BUTTIMER
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Welcome



We have finally come back down to earth following Cellissimo in May. Delivering this large project has proven to be transformative for Music for Galway. It was hard graft, a privilege, and ultimately the festival itself turned into pure joy. This brings us to our 43rd season feeling invigorated and with renewed resolve to inspire you with a treasure trove of ambitious programmes. As the season took shape, quite organically, a theme emerged: there were either Irish-based artists or an Irish historic connection or composer in almost every concert. So we have decided to name our season *Irish Connections*. The Irish connection to our Midwinter Festival, dedicated to Maurice Ravel, will be in the form of performers, as half of the cast is Irish.

We pledge to continue delivering on our goals as set out in our strategy *From Galway to the World*: delivering experiences of excellence, aiming to be embedded in the community, connecting with and communicating to you, leveraging our resources by forging partnerships and collaborations, developing ourselves as an organisation, and doing our utmost to deliver all of this in a sustainable way. *Irish Connections* very much plays into that.

We thank all of our funders, partners, our sponsors and supporters, our volunteers, artists, and, above all you, for your trust, for opening this booklet now and discovering what treasures it may hold for you.

ANNA LARDI, CEO
FINGHIN COLLINS, Artistic Director

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER / 7.30PM
LEISURELAND, SALTHILL



SPORT, MUSIC, STORIES & CRAIC

RTÉ Concert Orchestra | Gavin Maloney, conductor
Presented by Marty Morrissey, RTÉ

Marty Morrissey presents his sporting life – the games, the music and the craic – performed by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and Gavin Maloney.

With accompanying footage from sporting wins and iconic moments over the years, Marty Morrissey takes us on a journey through the very best of Irish sporting life, with musical themes and images from the archives, chatting to special sporting guests and sharing some of his own memories. Music will include *Put Em Under Pressure*, *Chariots of Fire*, themes from *The Sunday Game* and *Match of the Day*, *You'll Never Walk Alone*, *From Clare to Here* for the hurlers and plenty more bound to get the blood pumping and sporting spirit ignited.

TICKETS

Standard €35
Concession €31.50
Social Inclusion €17.50
MfG Friends €31
Family (2 adults + 2 children) €95

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RTÉ CONCERT ORCHESTRA

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THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER / 7.30PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT

Maurizio Baglini, piano

BEETHOVEN

Sonata Op. 27 No. 1
Symphony No. 9 in D minor
(arr. Liszt)

Each year Music for Galway honours the legacy of Emily Anderson, an extraordinary Galwegian who lived a truly remarkable life. This year's all-Beethoven programme features a unique opportunity to hear Liszt's flamboyant transcription of the Ninth Symphony, performed by the fearless Italian pianist Maurizio Baglini.

TICKETS

Standard €22
Concession €19.80
Social Inclusion €11
MfG Friends €18

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WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER / 7.30PM
GENESYS BUILDING (TOP FLOOR), BONHAM QUAY

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER / 7.30PM
KILCUMMIN CHURCH, OUGHTERARD



CASSIOPEIA WINDS

Matthew Manning, oboe | Catriona Ryan, flute
Deirdre O'Leary, clarinet | Cormac Ó hAodáin, French horn
John Hearne, bassoon

GIULIO BRICCIALDI
PAUL HINDEMITH

ADELE O'DWYER
CARL NIELSEN
VALERIE COLEMAN

Quintet in D Major, Op.124
Kleine Kammermusik für
fünf Bläser
Three Chromatic Miniatures
Quintet, Op.43
Umoja

Cassiopeia Winds is a quintet of Ireland's finest wind players, named after a constellation in the northern sky which is formed by five bright stars. The group will perform in an intimate space on the top floor of the Bonham Quay development in Galway's docks with spectacular views over the city and the bay.

As part of the MfG Encore series, a slightly shorter programme will be repeated the following evening in Oughterard in partnership with Kilcummin Church of Ireland.

TICKETS

Standard €20
Concession €18
Social Inclusion €10
MfG Friends €16

MfG Encore: €15
Concession €13.50
Social Inclusion €7.50
MfG Friends €11

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER / 7.30PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM



CUSHENDALL

Sharon Carty, mezzo-soprano | John Finucane, clarinet
Finghin Collins, piano

BRAHMS / SCHUMANN / STANFORD / MURIEL HERBERT
REBECCA CLARKE

Galway audiences will recall MfG's 2022 Midwinter Festival dedicated to the Dublin composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and his extraordinary legacy as composer and professor of composition. This year we mark the centenary of Stanford's death with a concert dedicated to music by those who influenced him (Brahms and Schumann), those who followed him (Rebecca Clarke and Muriel Herbert) and music by Stanford himself.

TICKETS

Standard €22
Concession €19.80
Social Inclusion €11
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FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER / 7.30PM
NUN'S ISLAND THEATRE



A MOTHER'S VOICE

Musici Ireland

Beth McNinch, viola | Jane Hackett, violin

Katie Tertell, cello | Vourneen Ryan, flute

A Mother's Voice, commissioned by Musici Ireland, is a commemorative dedication to the many women affected by the mother and baby homes in Ireland during the 1900s. It is a multidisciplinary production in honour of these women, a collaboration between artists and living survivors to shed light on this veiled era of Ireland's recent history.

TICKETS

Standard €20

Concession €18

Social Inclusion €10

MfG Friends €16

FRIDAY 17 — SUNDAY 19 JANUARY
TOWN HALL THEATRE

MIDWINTER FESTIVAL

This January we celebrate 150 years since the birth of Maurice Ravel, one of the most original and sophisticated composers of the twentieth century. Our Midwinter Festival presents a wide-ranging survey of his solo piano, chamber and vocal music, as well as a new choreography of his world-famous Boléro, in partnership with Galway Dance.

We have invited Swiss pianist François-Xavier Poizat - currently recording all of Ravel's piano and chamber music - to perform the bulk of the programmes together with violinist Gwendolyn Masin and cellist Benedict Kloeckner. Irish mezzo-soprano Gemma Ni Bhriain will perform a selection of Ravel's songs.

Maurice Ravel



RAVEL

PERFORMERS

François-Xavier Poizat, piano | Gwendolyn Masin, violin
Benedict Kloeckner, cello | Finghin Collins, piano
Gemma Ní Bhriain, mezzo-soprano | Riona Ó Duinnín, flute
Diarmuid Armstrong Mayock, dance artist

TICKETS

All tickets can be booked through the
Town Hall Theatre - tth.ie | 091 569777

FRI 7.30pm, SAT 7.30pm and SUN 3.00pm:

Standard €25 | Concession €22.50 |

Social Inclusion €12.50 | MfG Friends €21

FESTIVAL TICKET (INCLUDES ALL 3 CONCERTS):

Standard €70 | Concession €63

THE MIDWINTER FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY
AND THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND IN IRELAND

MIDWINTER FESTIVAL



17.01

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY / 7.30PM HOMAGES AND LITERARY INSPIRATION

François-Xavier Poizat, piano | Finghin Collins, piano
Gemma Ní Bhriain, mezzo-soprano

Selected piano pieces:

A la manière de Chabrier
A la manière de Borodin
Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn
La Valse

Selected songs:

Chanson du rouet
Ballade de la Reine morte d'aimer
Sainte
Noël des jouets

Ma Mère l'Oye
Gaspard de la Nuit

18.01

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY / 7.30PM FOLKLORE OF FRANCE

François-Xavier Poizat, piano | Gwendolyn Masin, violin
Benedict Kloeckner, cello | Finghin Collins, piano
Gemma Ní Bhriain, mezzo-soprano

From Le Tombeau de Couperin: Prelude, Menuet, Toccata
Sonata for violin and cello
Chansons populaires
Piano Trio

Maurice Ravel



19.01

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY / 3.00PM
EXOTIC INFLUENCES

François-Xavier Poizat, piano | Gwendolyn Masin, violin
Benedict Kloeckner, cello | Finghin Collins, piano
Gemma Ní Bhriain, mezzo-soprano | Riona Ó Duinnín,
flute | Diarmuid Armstrong Mayock, dance artist

Cinq mélodies populaires grecques
Violin Sonata
Chansons Madécasses
Tzigane for violin and piano
Boléro

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MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY / 7.30PM
HARDIMAN HOTEL BALLROOM



FIDELIO TRIO

Darragh Morgan, violin | Tim Gill, cello
Mary Dullea, piano

BEETHOVEN
SCHOENBERG

SCHUBERT

"Ghost" Trio Op. 70 No. 1
Verklärte Nacht
(arr. Steuermann)
Trio in E flat major Op. 100

The Fidelio Trio returns to Galway to perform a programme of pillars of the piano trio repertoire. Masterpieces by Beethoven and Schubert frame Edward Steuermann's transcription for piano trio of Schoenberg's sensuous 'late Romantic string sextet "Transfigured Night", inspired by a poem by Richard Dehmel.

TICKETS

Standard €20
Concession €18
Social Inclusion €10
MfG Friends €16

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TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY / 7.30PM
LEISURELAND, SALTHILL



NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Alexander Shelley, conductor | Simone Lamsma, violin

BRAHMS
SCHUMANN

Violin Concerto
Symphony No. 3, Rhenish

Hear the soul-baring Violin Concerto by Brahms and Schumann's simmering, slow-burning Rhenish Symphony brought to life by the National Symphony Orchestra and violinist Simone Lamsma, under the baton of Alexander Shelley.

TICKETS

Standard €30
Concession €27
Social Inclusion €15
MfG Friends €26

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ORCHESTRA

TUESDAY 11 MARCH / 7.30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PRESENTATION ROAD

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH / 7.30PM
CAMPBELL'S TAVERN, HEADFORD, CO. GALWAY



BRITTEN OBOE QUARTET

Nicholas Daniel, oboe & cor anglais
Jacqueline Shave, violin | Ting-Ru Lai, viola
Caroline Dearnley, cello

MOZART
MACONCHY
MOERAN
SHAVE
Danish trad
MOZART

Adagio K. 580a
Oboe Quartet
Phantasy Quartet
Artin
Sonderho Bridal Trilogy
Oboe Quartet K. 370

The Britten Oboe Quartet, led by star oboist Nicholas Daniel, presents a typically eclectic programme including two masterpieces by Mozart and two composers with strong Irish links - Elizabeth Maconchy always considered herself an Irish composer, while Ernest Moeran spent much time in Kenmare, where he died in 1950.

As part of the MfG Encore series, a slightly shorter programme will be repeated the following evening in Headford in partnership with The Platform Series at Campbell's Tavern.

Standard €20
Concession €18
Social Inclusion €10
MfG Friends €16

MfG Encore: €15
Concession €13.50
Social Inclusion €7.50
MfG Friends €11

TICKETS

SUNDAY 30 MARCH / 3.00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PRESENTATION ROAD



VANBRUGH & FRIENDS

Keith Pascoe, violin | Marja Gaynor, violin
Simon Aspell, viola | Ed Creedon, viola
Christopher Marwood, cello

MOZART
BRAHMS

Quintet in C major K. 515
Clarinet Quintet (version
for string quintet) in B minor
Op.115

The word Vanbrugh has been synonymous with music-making of the highest quality in Ireland for many decades now. The Vanbrugh Trio will be joined by two guest string players from Cork to perform two beautiful works for string quintet.

TICKETS

Standard €20
Concession €18
Social Inclusion €10
MfG Friends €16

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THE NATIONAL STRING
QUARTET FOUNDATION

FRIDAY 18 APRIL / 5.00PM
ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH



MISERERE – MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Collegium | Mark Duley, director

PALESTRINA
ALLEGRI
ZELENKA
MICHAEL HAYDN
POULENC
JAMES MACMILLAN

Popule meus
Miserere
Vinea mea electa
Vinea mea electa
Vinea mea electa
Miserere

Collegium's programme features two versions of the great penitential psalm *Miserere mei Deus* – Allegri's famous 17th century setting, and a contemporary version (2009) by James MacMillan. These extended works are framed by shorter motets in which the voice of the crucified Christ addresses the penitent believer directly, and to which the *Miserere* settings act as a response.

TICKETS

Standard €18
Concession €16
Social Inclusion €9
MfG Friends €14

ANONYMOUS SPONSOR

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY / 7.30PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



ANNE-MARIE McDERMOTT

piano

BACH
BACH-BUSONI
BRAHMS

English Suite No. 2 in A minor
Chaconne
Variations and Fugue on a
Theme of Handel

One of the most dazzling pianists on the American scene today, Anne-Marie McDermott is a true force of nature. Anne-Marie is the Artistic Director of several festivals and a member of the Chamber Music Society at Lincoln Center, New York. She will be in Ireland to participate as a member of the jury of the Dublin International Piano Competition. MfG is seizing this opportunity to present her début in Galway, where she will perform an unmissable programme of works by Bach, Busoni and Brahms.

TICKETS

Standard €22
Concession €19.80
Social Inclusion €11
MfG Friends €18

MfG LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



31.10

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER / 1.05PM

Adam Buttimer, tuba

MfG is delighted to present young tuba player Adam Buttimer, winner of the RDS Music Bursary winner 2024. This is the third time that MfG presents the RDS Music Bursary winner as part of its AiA lunchtime season and a rare opportunity to hear this instrument in a solo performance. Expect a suitably spooky performance for the day that's in it!

14.11

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER / 1.05PM

Aimee Banks, soprano | Dearbhla Collins, piano

The first of our two Galway performers in this series, award-winning vocalist Aimee Banks is currently pursuing her studies at the RIAM in Dublin. She is joined by Dearbhla Collins on piano, renowned internationally for her work with singers. Together they will perform a programme of popular operatic arias.

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VENUES TBC / ADMISSION IS FREE



13.02

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY / 1.05PM

Laoise McMullin, piano

Galway musician Laoise McMullin is no stranger to MfG. In years gone by she was a trusted page turner but now we are excited to welcome her on stage as pianist and composer. She will perform works by Bach, Chopin and Albeniz.

27.03

THURSDAY 27 MARCH / 1.05PM

Cahal Masterson, piano | Rebecca Murphy, soprano
KRAINA by Anselm MacDonnell

The song cycle KRAINA was inspired by themes in our current world - including immigration, feelings of displacement, and longing to find that place we can call 'home'.

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MfG OFFSHOOTS

SCHOOL OUTREACH - SONGS OF TRAVEL

As part of our Songs of Travel project, our Norwegian partners have created an interdisciplinary suite of lesson plans that focus on the newly-commissioned works as well as the themes of sustainability and migration. They worked specifically with the curricula of the four festival partner countries (Ireland, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands) to provide the teachers with solid lesson plans aimed at all classes in primary school and from first to third year of secondary school. Should teachers and students be interested, they can also take part in an international exchange of their work. We are contacting schools this autumn with the aim of enrolling as many interested teachers and schools in the programme for the spring.

For further details please email sot@musicforgalway.ie

ENSEMBLE SKILLS

Our collaboration with the Galway Music Residency Ensemble Skills Programme continues this October when the students will have the opportunity to work with the Cassiopeia Winds.

WIDER COMMUNITY

The Galway Bay is Calling project resulted in a stirring performance of 'Leave no Trace' by Naomi Berrill with Galway Voice, the Galway Jam Circle and Galway Camerata conducted by Matthew Berrill at the beginning of Cellissimo. Already developing offshoots, the community groups have been invited to repeat the performance during Galway's inaugural Climate Inspiration Festival on September 14th in Middle Street at 1.30pm. Galway Bay is Calling aimed to raise awareness in the participants of how the ocean influences us and how we are influenced by it. It is a collaborative project led by MfG, Galway Atlantaquaria and ATU. It is funded by the Creative Climate Action Fund, managed by Creative Ireland and funded through the Spark stream by the Department of Culture and the Department of the Environment.



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- A special MfG Friend concession rate that is lower than the ordinary concession.
- Membership to the MfG Friends Concert Club – access to regular online viewings of Cellissimo 2024 events.
- All MfG Friends will be listed in the Midwinter Festival programme.
- Our popular Bring-a-Friend ticket scheme is back allowing you to bring your friend for free to one concert of your choosing. Simply let us know and we'll send you the ticket.
- Regular newsletters with advance information on all programmes and listings of other music events in Galway.

BECOME A MfG PATRON **BRONZE €250 | SILVER €500 | GOLD €1000**

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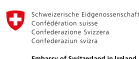


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ALTERATIONS TO THE PROGRAMME

MfG reserves the right to alter any advertised programme if necessary.

LATECOMERS

Please check starting times for individual concerts on our website. Latecomers will only be admitted during a break in the programme.

TICKETS

Concessions are 10% off standard priced tickets and apply to senior citizens (over 66). Social Inclusion tickets are 50% off standard priced tickets and are available to full time students, asylum seekers, people in receipt of job seeker allowance and disability allowance. Social Inclusion tickets can be purchased online and collected at the door with proof of relevant status. Social Inclusion refers to ticket price only and does not denote a relaxed performance. Tickets are not refundable.

RELAXED PERFORMANCES

All of our lunchtime concerts, in partnership with Arts in Action at the University of Galway are relaxed performances, intended specifically to be sensitive to and accepting of audience members who may benefit from a more relaxed environment.

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