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Barrie Cooke, *Didymosphenia geminata*

**MUSIC FOR  
GALWAY  
2007 - 08  
SEASON  
ROCHURE**

# AT A GLANCE...

DATE	VENUE	PERFORMER
Sunday 16 Sept	Norman Villa Gallery	Concorde Contemporary Music Ensemble
Tuesday 18 Sept	Norman Villa Gallery	Bill Dowdall and John Feeley
Monday 1 Oct	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church	Armoniosa Quartet
Tuesday 16 Oct	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Formosa Quartet
Sunday 21 Oct	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church	Resurgam Choir Mary O'Malley
Thursday 8 Nov	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Carol McGonnell (clarinet) Hugh Tinney (piano)
Thursday 15 Nov	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Fred Hersch Trio
Tuesday 20 Nov	Leisureland	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra Mícéal O'Rourke (piano) Takuo Yuasa (conductor)
Wednesday 28 Nov	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet Ralph Kirshbaum (cello)
Friday 18 Jan Saturday 19 Jan Sunday 20 Jan	Town Hall Theatre	Schubert Festival
Wednesday 6 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	The Amstel Saxophone Quartet
Tuesday 12 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Annual Invitation Concert for Music for Galway Members
Friday 22 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Opera Theatre Company Young Associate Artists
Thursday 28 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Alison Balsom Ensemble
Tuesday 11 Mar	Leisureland	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra Alina Pogostkina (violin) Gerhard Markson (conductor)
Wednesday 2 Apr	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Robin Tritschler (tenor) Gary Matthewman (piano)
Monday 7 Apr	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Herbert Schuch (piano)
Tuesday 22 Apr	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Schubert Ensemble
Friday 16 May	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church	I Furiosi

AULA MAXIMA SEASON

CONTEMPORARY SEASON

Further events may be arranged during the year and members will be notified.

## TICKETS

Tickets on sale at Opus II, St. Augustine Street, Galway and from Music for Galway by phone **091 705962** or email [info@musicforgalway.ie](mailto:info@musicforgalway.ie)

Concessions apply to senior citizens and unwaged. Evidence will be requested at point of purchase. 10% discount on advance bookings for 10 or more people. Student tickets subject to availability at door on night of performance. Identification required. 1 ticket per person.

Please note latecomers will only be admitted during a break in the programme.



Charlie Tyrell, C1.07



The exhibition *Like notes that shape music* will be running in the Norman Villa Gallery, 86 Lower Salthill Road, Galway from 13 – 29 September featuring work by Brian Bourke, Barrie Cooke, Paul Moss, Charlie Tyrell, Bob Parker and Hyun, Hye-Sung.

**Sunday 16 September** Norman Villa Gallery, 3pm

## **CONCORDE (IRELAND)**

### **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE**

**DERMOT DUNNE** ACCORDION

**BRONA FITZGERALD** VIOLIN

**MARTIN JOHNSON** CELLO

**PAUL ROE** CLARINET/BASS CLARINET

The concert includes 4 world premieres of works by Benjamin Dwyer, Deirdre McKay, Gráinne Mulvey and Benedict Schlepper-Connolly, commissioned by Music for Galway and Concorde.

**Tuesday 18 September** Norman Villa Gallery, 6.30pm

## **BILL DOWDALL (IRELAND) FLUTE**

## **JOHN FEELEY (IRELAND) GUITAR**

Music by Ravi Shankar, Jane O'Leary, Jerome de Bromhead, Dave Fennessy and Toru Takemitsu.

ADMISSION FREE



**Monday 1 October** St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church Galway, 8pm

## **ARMONIOSA (IRELAND)**

**ANITA VEDRES** BAROQUE VIOLIN

**HANNAH TIBELL** BAROQUE VIOLIN

**MALACHY ROBINSON** VIOLONE

**RICHARD SWEENEY** ARCHLUTE

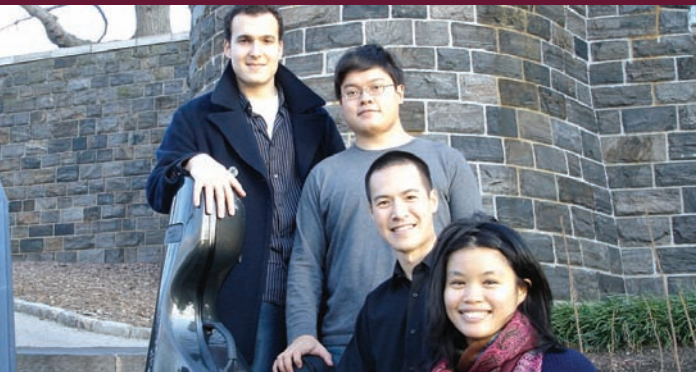
For *Several Friends*: sounding the depths of intimate music-making in England from Locke to Handel.

Music by Matthew Locke, Nicola Matteis, Henry Purcell, Francesco Geminiani and G. F. Handel

*'extrovert, imaginative approach.'* THE IRISH TIMES

[www.myspace.com/armoniosa](http://www.myspace.com/armoniosa)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



**Tuesday 16 October** Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

## **FORMOSA QUARTET (USA)**

**WINNERS OF THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL**

**STRING QUARTET COMPETITION 2006**

Mendelssohn

String Quartet in A minor, Op. 13

Chen, Shih-Hui

Mei Hua for String Quartet (2007)

Beethoven

String Quartet in E flat major, Op. 130

*'...remarkably fine both in meticulous response to the letter and in a desire to look beyond the notes.'* GRAMOPHONE



**Sunday 21 October** St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church Galway, 5pm

*Please note starting time*

## **SONG OF SONGS**

**MARY O'MALLEY** WRITER

**RESURGAM CHOIR**

**MARK DULEY** CONDUCTOR

Mary O'Malley reads texts including work from her period as writer in association with Music for Galway and Resurgam presents a programme based around the Song of Songs, with music ranging from the medieval period right up to a work by Cairíona Ní Dhubhghaill written in 2007 and premiered by Resurgam.

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



**Thursday 8 November** Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

**CAROL MCGONNELL (IRELAND)** CLARINET

**HUGH TINNEY (IRELAND)** PIANO

Brahms	Sonata in E flat major, Op. 120 No. 1
Beethoven	Sonata in A major, Op. 101
Bruno Mantovani	Bug (1999)
Michel Galante	Flicker (2006)
Schumann	Fantasiestücke, Op. 73
Message	Solo de concours

*'an extraordinary clarinetist'* THE NEW YORK TIMES

[Hugh Tinney] *'Here was playing of power without overstatement, of exhilarating technical exactness, and of a sensitivity that showed a grasp of the significance of silence in Beethoven's musical argument'* THE IRISH TIMES

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Thursday 15 November Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm  
**STARTING HIS IRISH TOUR IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
 GALWAY JAZZ CLUB AND IMPROVISED MUSIC COMPANY**

## **FRED HERSCH TRIO (USA)**

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**NASHEET WAITS DRUMS**

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[www.fredhersch.com](http://www.fredhersch.com) • [www.drewgress.com](http://www.drewgress.com) • [www.nasheetwaits.com](http://www.nasheetwaits.com)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5

**GALWAY  
Jazz Club**



Tuesday 20 November Leisureland, 8pm

## **RTÉ NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**MÍCEÁL O'ROURKE (IRELAND) PIANO**

**TAKUO YUASA (JAPAN) CONDUCTOR**

Shostakovich	Festive Overture in A major, Op. 96
Chopin	Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor
Tchaikovsky	Symphony No. 2, Op. 17, 'Little Russian'

Lunch time guided tour through the concert programme with Dr. Jane O'Leary in The Kenny Gallery at 1.10 pm.

[RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra] *'a performance of great sweep and emotional sincerity'* The Irish Times

Tickets: €20 • Members/conc.: €16 • Student: €10

**RTÉ**



**Wednesday 28 November**  
Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

Meet the Composers supported by  
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**RTÉ**

the  
**contemporary**  
music centre  
Ireland

**RTÉ VANBRUGH QUARTET 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

**RTÉ VANBRUGH QUARTET (IRELAND)**

**RALPH KIRSHBAUM (USA) CELLO**

Schubert String Quintet in C major, D956

Premiere of three works by Ronan Guilfoyle, Deirdre Gribbin and Seóirse Bodley  
commissioned by RTÉ.

[RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet] *'This was a dream performance of exquisitely beautiful music.'* Irish Examiner

[Ralph Kirshbaum] *'...a mature artist with a vivid and beautiful sound and impeccable technique'* Tass

[www.kirshdem.com](http://www.kirshdem.com) • [www.vanbrughquartet.com](http://www.vanbrughquartet.com)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5

*'As a bird lives in the air, so he [Schubert] lived in music, and in doing so sang melodies fit for angels.'* [Letter, 2 Dec 1868.]

FRANZ LISZT



# SCHUBERT

**CONTEMPO QUARTET**

(ROMANIA/IRELAND)

GALWAY ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE

**LENNEKE RUITEN**

(NETHERLANDS) SOPRANO

**FINGHIN COLLINS (IRELAND) PIANO**

**JAMES LISNEY (UK) PIANO**

**LESLEY BISHOP (UK/IRELAND) HORN**

**PAUL ROE (IRELAND) CLARINET**

**MALACHY ROBINSON**

(IRELAND) DOUBLE BASS

**MICHAEL DOOLEY (IRELAND) BASSOON**

*'...Schubert, whose name, I thought,  
should only be whispered at night  
to the trees and stars.'*

ROBERT SCHUMANN





# FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 18 January – SUNDAY 20 January**

Town Hall Theatre

**FRIDAY, 8pm**

Quartet No. 13 in A minor, D804 *Rosamunde*  
Der Hirte auf dem Felsen (Shepherd on the Rock)  
Piano Trio No. 2 in E flat major, D929

**SATURDAY, 2pm**

Impromptus with James Lisney followed by a reception  
courtesy of the Austrian Embassy

**SATURDAY, 8pm**

Auf dem Strom (On the Stream)  
Arpeggione Sonata D821  
Octet in F major D803

**SUNDAY, 3pm**

Nachtstück (Nocturne)  
Der Tod und das Mädchen (Death and the Maiden)  
Quartet No. 14 in D minor, D810 *Der Tod und das Mädchen*  
Lied "Die Forelle" (The Trout)  
Quintet D667, "The Trout"

The Schubert Festival concludes with a special screening of a film in association with the Galway Film Society. Town Hall Theatre, 8pm

*'The Dutch soprano Lenneke Ruiten does not just have an outstanding voice, easily capable of the widest range of volume and colour. She makes a song disclose the feeling that inspired the poetry.'* THE IRISH TIMES

[www.galwayensemble.ie](http://www.galwayensemble.ie) • [www.lennekeruiten.com](http://www.lennekeruiten.com)  
[www.finghincollins.com](http://www.finghincollins.com) • [www.jameslisney.com](http://www.jameslisney.com)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5  
Saturday Impromptus: €10 • Members/conc.: €6 • Student: €5  
Three day ticket: €50 Members/Concessions: €40  
Booking through Town Hall Theatre: 091 569777

Austrian Embassy  
Dublin





Monday 4 February to Wednesday 6 February

## AMSTEL SAXOPHONE MINI-RESIDENCY

Monday and Tuesday workshops in association with Galway Education Centre

**Wednesday 6 February**

Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

## THE AMSTEL SAXOPHONE QUARTET (NETHERLANDS)

Alexander Glazunov

Renske Vrolijk

Jan Pieterszoon

Ian Wilson

Quartet Op. 109 (1932)

SQUAWK BOX (2006/7)

Sweelinck Chromatic Fantasy  
(transcr. Bas Apswoude)

Ghosts (2006)

*'The Amstel Quartet changes even the most simple work into a breathtaking diamond.'* HET PAROOL, AMSTERDAM

[www.amstelquartet.nl](http://www.amstelquartet.nl)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



**Tuesday 12 February**

Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

## **ANNUAL INVITATION CONCERT FOR MUSIC FOR GALWAY MEMBERS**

Surprise artists and reception



**OPERA THEATRE**  
COMPANY

**Friday 22 February**

Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

**EMILY ANDERSON ANNUAL MEMORIAL CONCERT**

## **OPERA THEATRE COMPANY YOUNG ASSOCIATE ARTISTS**

The Annual Emily Anderson Memorial Concert will this year be presented by the Young Associate Artists of Opera Theatre Company who will present a delightful evening of operatic scenes from the works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

*'reliably adventurous Opera Theatre Company.'* IRISH INDEPENDENT

[www.opera.ie](http://www.opera.ie)

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National University of Ireland, Galway  
Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh



Thursday 28 February Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

## **ALISON BALSOM ENSEMBLE (UK)**

**ALISON BALSOM TRUMPET, RICHARD MILONE VIOLIN**

**TOM POSTER HARPSICHORD & PIANO, JULIA GRAHAM CELLO**

Bach	Concerto in D major
Bach	Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 2
Purcell	Musicke from 'King Arthur' Suite
Handel	Sonata for Violin and Continuo
Handel	Suite in D major
Alexander Goedicke	Concert Etude
De Falla	7 Songs
Oskar Lindberg	Song
Piazzolla	3 Tangos

*'In her hands, the trumpet rivals the human voice for expressivity and tonal colouring.'* St. Petersburg Times

[www.alisonbalsom.com](http://www.alisonbalsom.com)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



**Tuesday 11 March**

Leisureland, 8pm

**RTÉ**

## **RTÉ NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**ALINA POGOSTKINA (GERMANY) VIOLIN**

**GERHARD MARKSON (GERMANY) CONDUCTOR**

Wagner	Overture, <i>Tannhäuser</i>
Bruch	Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor
Beethoven	Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68, 'Pastoral'

Lunch time guided tour through the concert programme with Dr. Jane O'Leary  
location to be announced

[RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra] '*... a great night, one that every music lover should have attended...*' Sunday Tribune

Tickets: €20 • Members/conc.: €16 • Student: €10

*'without music life  
would be a mistake'*

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Wednesday 2 April Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

**ROBIN TRITSCHLER (IRELAND) TENOR**  
**GARY MATTHEWMAN (UK) PIANO**

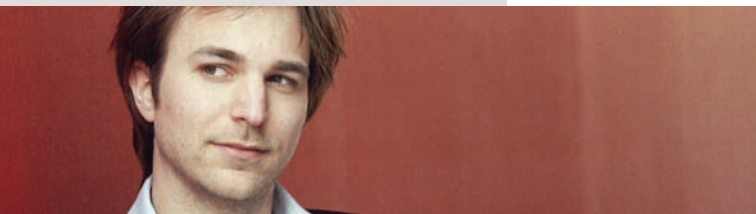
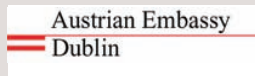
Schubert Winterreise D911

Followed by a reception courtesy of Austrian Embassy

*'In truth, my songs lead only half a life, a paper life, black on white ... until music imparts to them the breath of life, or calls it forth and awakens it, if it is already dormant in them.'* WILLHELM MÜLLER [LETTER, 15 DECEMBER 1822]

*'... [Robin Tritschler] a rich, regular voice production that was uniformly pleasing across wide ranges of pitch, expression and intensity.'* THE IRISH TIMES

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



Monday 7 April

Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

**HERBERT SCHUCH (GERMANY) PIANO**

Robert Schumann Nachtstücke Op. 23

Heinz Holliger Elis – Drei Nachtstücke  
(3 night pieces) (1961)

Maurice Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No. 1 B minor, Op. 20

Scherzo No. 2 B flat minor, Op. 31

Scherzo No. 3 C sharp minor, Op. 39

Scherzo No. 4 E major, Op. 54

*'Pianists are two a penny but a business card with 'Herbert Schuch, concert pianist' is one to hold on to.'* RHEINISCHE POST DÜSSELDORF

*'Schuch seems a natural-born Schumann player and joins Horowitz, Lupu, Perahia, Uchida and a few others. Yes, he is that good.'* AMERICAN RECORD GUIDE

[www.herbertschuch.com](http://www.herbertschuch.com)

14 Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5



**Tuesday 22 April**

Aula Maxima NUI Galway, 8pm

## **SCHUBERT ENSEMBLE (UK)**

**SIMON BLENDIS VIOLIN, DOUGLAS PATERSON VIOLA**

**JANE SALMON CELLO, WILLIAM HOWARD PIANO**

Martin Butler

*Sequenza Notturna* (2003)

Brahms

Piano Quartet No. 3 in C minor, Op. 60

Fauré

Piano Quartet No. 2 in G major, Op. 45

*'...The Schubert Ensemble of London are a marvellously unified ensemble, imparting their energy and lyricism to anything to which they turn their expert hands...'* CLASSICAL GUITAR MAGAZINE

[www.schubertensemble.com](http://www.schubertensemble.com)

Tickets: €18 • Members/conc.: €14 • Student: €5

*'Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water-bath is to the body.'*

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES



**Friday 16 May**

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church Galway, 8pm

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### Benefits

- Includes all concerts in the Aula Maxima (with 20% reduction on full prices)
- Free membership including all above mentioned benefits

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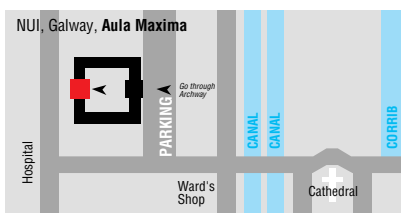
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