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MUSIC FOR GALWAY 2017-18

37th International
Concert Season

LET'S DANCE!

Wed 27 Sept, 1pm/6pm	Jane Brazil / Tiffany Qiu	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Fri 29 Sept, 8pm	<i>this is an Irish dance</i>	Black Box
Wed 11 Oct, 8pm	Gould Piano Trio	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, NUIG
Wed 25 Oct, 1pm/6pm	Mike Nielson Trio	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Wed 25 Oct, 6pm/8pm	Put on your red shoes	Hotel Meyrick
Wed 8 Nov, 8pm	Dance with ConTempo	St Joseph's Church, Presentation Road
Tues 21 Nov, 8pm	The Piano has been Dancing	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, NUIG
Wed 29 Nov, 1pm/6pm	Aisling Kenny & Oscar Montague	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Sat 9 Dec, 7.30pm	Irish Baroque Orchestra: Messiah	Galway Cathedral
Fri 19-Sun 21 Jan	Midwinter Festival: BELOVED	Town Hall Theatre
Wed 31 Jan, 1pm/6pm	Alex Petcu	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Sun 4 Feb, 3pm	Nathalia Milstein	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, NUIG
Sun 4 Feb, 4.30pm	Juan Pérez Floristán	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, NUIG
Thurs 15 Feb, 8pm	Musici Ireland - Emily Anderson Memorial Concert	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, NUIG
Wed 28 Feb, 1pm/6pm	Redmond O'Toole	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Fri 9 Mar, 6pm	Gwendolyn Masin and her Origin Ensemble	PorterShed
Wed 28 Mar, 1pm/6pm	Neasa Ní Bhriáin / Kärt Rubbel	The Cube, NUIG / PorterShed
Fri 30 Mar, 5pm	Filius Meus	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church
Thurs 12 April, 8pm	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra	Leisureland
Sat 28 April, 8pm	Play it Again	Town Hall Theatre
Fri 25 May, 8pm	The Piper and the Faerie Queen	O'Donoghue Centre, NUIG

ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME

Music for Galway reserves the right to alter any advertised programme if necessary.

LATECOMERS

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

TICKETS

Concessions are 10% off full price tickets and apply to senior citizens (over 65) and the unwaged. Evidence will be requested at point of purchase. Student tickets are for full-time students only. Identification required. One ticket per person.

BOOKING

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Welcome

Finghin Collins
Photo: Frances Marshall

This year Music for Galway celebrates many of the links between music and dance. The two forms have been closely linked since time immemorial and it's a great opportunity to present music which incorporates dance forms or rhythms and to collaborate with dancers from Galway and beyond. From the season opener with Jean Butler and Neil Martin to our Tango Night in October; from Daria van den Bercken's dance-inspired solo piano recital to Gwendolyn Masin's dance-infused violin spectacular, from the ConTempo Quartet's dance-themed programme to Kilkenny Camerata's Piper and the Faerie Queen, we have a lot of music throughout the season to get your feet tapping.

Young Irish composer Sam Perkin will feature many times in our season, presenting a new choreography at the season launch of his piano work *Nesting Doll* and composing a newly-commissioned solo piano work (yes, a suite of dances!) for Nathalia Milstein's recital in February. The RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra returns in April with a terrific programme including Beethoven's beloved Seventh Symphony, described famously by Wagner as "the apotheosis of dance".

The 2018 Midwinter Festival will follow on from the PRODIGY theme of last January's festival to focus on music composed by composers in love. Music by the great Romantics Brahms, Wagner and Schumann (Robert and Clara), along with other musical love letters by Beethoven, Schubert, Janáček, Britten and Schoenberg, will move us all with their ardent expressions of love. The BELOVED festival will also feature an afternoon recital of popular love-inspired arias and duos from the world of opera.

New season, new activities – we are excited about the prospect of Galway 2020 and have started to work on our big project CELLISSIMO, the first edition of the Galway Cello Triennale, and have recruited some extra help in the office to facilitate that. The quest for a music/dance centre continues and this season sees collaborations with 'old' partners Galway Early Music Festival, Galway Music Residency, Schola Cantorum, the RTÉ NSO, the Irish Baroque Orchestra as well as firsts with the Galway Dance Project and Cúirt. Our lunchtime series moves this year to NUI Galway, in partnership with the Arts in Action programme there.

We thank the Arts Council, Galway City Council and all of our sponsors, patrons, supporters and volunteers and we encourage you to become MFG Friends (again) – see page 21.

And now...let's dance!

Finghin Collins, Artistic Director

Friday 29 September 8.00pm

BLACK BOX



Photo: Luca Truffarelli

ANONYMOUS SPONSOR

this is an Irish dance Jean Butler and Neil Martin

Choreography and performance **Jean Butler**

Composition and performance **Neil Martin**

Design **Frank Conway**

Lighting Design **Michael Cummins**

Costume **Jean Butler**

Rehearsal Assistant **Kristyn Fontanella**

Set Construction **Michael and Milo Cummins**

Production Manager **Darach Ó Ruairc**

Co-commissioned by Project Arts Centre, Danspace Project, and Irish Arts Center, New York. The creation of *this is an Irish dance* was made possible, in part, with support from the Danspace Project 2015–2016 Commissioning Initiative with funds from the Jerome Foundation. *this is an Irish dance* was supported by developmental residencies at Dance Limerick, Siamse Tíre and Bennington College, Vermont. *this is an Irish dance* was supported by the Arts Council.

Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16

Wednesday 11 October 8.00pm
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, NUI GALWAY

Gould Piano Trio

Lucy Gould violin

Alice Neary cello

Benjamin Frith piano

BEETHOVEN Piano Trio in G major, Op. 1 No. 2

MARK SIMPSON *After Avedon* (IRISH PREMIÈRE)

RAVEL Piano Trio in A minor

“Though three musical personalities come through, the melding of the minds (and fingers) is on a plane one rarely hears today”
The Washington Post



Photo: Jake Morley

Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16

Wednesday 25 October
BALLROOM, HOTEL MEYRICK



Put on your red shoes...

...as we declare this our unofficial Galway Day of Dance and Music. Throughout the day and in various venues you'll be able to listen to music, watch dancers...and finally, join in!

1.00pm (CUBE, NUI GALWAY) and 6.00pm (PORTERSHED)

Catch the Mike Nielson Trio who will play jazz standards drawn from the Great American Songbook, including a number of swing classics which will feature swing dancing as part of this performance.

BALLROOM, HOTEL MEYRICK

In association with Galway Dance Project

Let's Tango!

Katherine Hunka violin

Dermot Dunne accordion

Malachy Robinson bass

Conor Linehan piano

Pablo Rodriguez and Jazmin Chiodi dancers



Photo: Victor Ariel Youryevic

6.00pm GIVE IT A GO! TANGO WORKSHOP

Suitable for all levels, including complete beginners. Dancing with live musicians led by Pablo Rodriguez and Jazmin Chiodi



8.00pm FROM CONCERT TO MILONGA

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of **PIAZZOLLA's** death with some of his most celebrated tangos:

Escualo • Invierno Porteño • Contrabajissimo

Resurrección del Ángel • Adiós Nonino • Libertango

Oblivion • Milonga del Ángel • Muerte del Ángel

"For me, tango was always for the ear rather than the feet." This evening will please you whether you agree with Astor Piazzolla or not. Get your heels clicking whilst listening to Piazzolla classics and just as you feel you might no longer be able to resist the seductive rhythms, the concert will transform into a milonga, a night of tango dance for all.

Concert and Milonga €20/€18 / Students €6 / MFG Friends €16

Workshop Only: €10 / Students €8 / MFG Friends €8

All Evening: €26/€13 / Students €12 / MFG Friends €24

Wednesday 8 November 8.00pm
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PRESENTATION ROAD

In association with Galway Music Residency

Dance with ConTempo

MOZART Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K546

BEETHOVEN String Quartet Op. 18 No. 3

PERKIN Pause

VILLA-LOBOS String Quartet No. 1

PIAZZOLLA Four for tango

BARTÓK Romanian dances

"A polished and professional group... full of exuberance
with fine sense of ensemble" *The Strad*



Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16

Tuesday 21 November 8.00pm

EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, NUI GALWAY



Photo: Sophia van den Hoek

The Piano has been Dancing

DARIA VAN DEN BERCKEN piano

HANDEL Suite in D minor 428

SCARLATTI Three Sonatas

STRAVINSKY Tango

DEBUSSY Les fées dans d'exquises danseuses

MOZART Sonata in A major K. 331 'alla Turca'

CHOPIN Two Mazurkas

CHOPIN Polonaise in C minor Op. 42 no. 2

"Van den Bercken deftly conveys the mixture of joy and lightness combined with melancholy"

The Independent



Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16

Saturday 9 December 7.30pm

GALWAY CATHEDRAL

Irish Baroque Orchestra and MFG present

Handel's Messiah

Irish Baroque Orchestra

Peter Whelan director

Resurgam choir

Sarah Power soprano

Sharon Carty mezzo-soprano

Peter Harris tenor

Brian McAlea bass



Irish Baroque Orchestra's annual production of Handel's masterpiece is a memorable and glorious affair. Joined by outstanding soloists and the wonderful Resurgam choir, IBO's performance tells the universal story of triumph over trial, where life's sorrows and despairs are met by overriding hope and unbridled joy.

This year, we are pleased to return once more to the wonderful Galway Cathedral and present this festive and seasonal event.



Tickets: €25/€22.50 / MFG Friends €20

MIDWINTER FESTIVAL BELOVED

COMPOSERS IN LOVE

CONTEMPO QUARTET

DEARBHLA COLLINS piano

FINGHIN COLLINS piano

SARAH-JANE BRANDON soprano

JAMES GILCHRIST tenor

SIMON ASPELL viola

CHRISTOPHER MARWOOD cello



19-21 JANUARY TOWN HALL THEATRE

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 4.00pm

RICHARD WIGMORE Talk "Beethoven and the Immortal Beloved"

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 8.00pm

BEETHOVEN Moonlight Sonata Op. 27 No. 2

BEETHOVEN "An Die Ferne Geliebte" Op. 98

STRAUSS Selected Songs

SCHOENBERG "Verklärte Nacht"

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 11.30am

RICHARD WIGMORE Talk "Clara Schumann: Musician and Romantic Muse"

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2.00pm

IN LOVE AT THE OPERA

Operatic love songs and duets with Sarah-Jane Brandon, James Gilchrist and Dearbhla Collins

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 8.00pm

ROBERT SCHUMANN Four Duets Op. 34

CLARA SCHUMANN Three Songs

JANÁČEK String Quartet "Intimate Letters"

BRITTEN Michelangelo Sonnets

WAGNER Siegfried Idyll arr. Alfred Pringsheim

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 12noon

FILM "SPRING SYMPHONY" by Peter Schamoni. This German film from 1983 brings to life the passionate relationship between Schumann and Clara Wieck and her father's attempts to thwart it.

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 3.00pm

SCHUMANN Selection from "Myrthen" Op. 25

SCHUBERT Fantasie in F minor

BRAHMS String Sextet in G major

"If music be the food of love, play on." *William Shakespeare*

"My dear one, then, I have wept for joy to think that you are mine, and often wonder if I deserve you." *Robert Schumann to Clara*

TICKETS

Main concerts: €25/€22.50 • Students (full time): €10 • MFG Friends: €21

Lunchtime: €15/€13.50 • Students (full time): €6 • MFG Friends: €12

Festival ticket: €81/€73 • MFG Friends: €70 • Talks & Film: FREE

BOOKING: Town Hall Theatre: 091 569777 or

online: www.musicforgalway.ie



Sunday 4 February 3.00pm & 4.30pm
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, NUI GALWAY



Photo: Marco Borggreve



Piano Gourmant

3.00pm

Nathalia Milstein PIANO

Winner of Dublin International Piano Competition 2015

SAM PERKIN New work - MFG Commission - (WORLD PREMIÈRE)

DEBUSSY Estampes

SCHUMANN Fantasie in C major

Tea/coffee and sweets

4.30pm

Juan Pérez Floristán PIANO

Winner of Santander International Piano Competition 2015

BEETHOVEN Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Op. 57
"Appassionata"

MUSSORGSKY *Pictures at an Exhibition*

MFG FRIENDS CONCERT

Two concerts: €30/€27 / Students €10 / MFG Friends FREE

One concert: €20/€18 / Students €6 / MFG Friends FREE

Thursday 15 February 8.00pm
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, NUI GALWAY

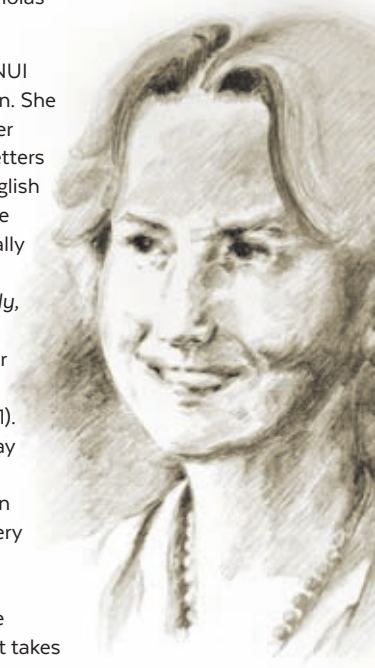
Emily Anderson Memorial Concert

Musici Ireland

Clara Siegle PIANO

Helena Wood and Ioana Petcu-Colan violins
Beth McNinch and David Kenny violas
William Butt cello

Emily Anderson (1891-1962) was NUI Galway's first Professor of German. She is internationally recognised for her achievements in translating the letters of Mozart and Beethoven into English and in so doing offering invaluable insights into their work. The critically acclaimed three-volume edition, *The Letters of Mozart & His Family*, first published in 1938, has remained a classic reference. Later she published the three-volume edition *Letters of Beethoven* (1961). For over a decade Music for Galway and NUI Galway have been honouring Emily Anderson with an annual memorial concert in the very walls where she grew up as the daughter of the then president Alexander Anderson. This year the Emily Anderson Memorial Concert takes flight for the first time and is presented as part of the Chamber Music Series at the National Concert Hall in Dublin.



MOZART Piano Sonata K 311
MOZART String Quintet K 515
MOZART String Quintet K 516

ALSO: Wednesday 14 February 7.30pm

KEVIN BARRY ROOM, NATIONAL CONCERT HALL, DUBLIN

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Friday 9 March 6.00pm

THE PORTERSHED

Photo: Bórcz Balázs



Gwendolyn Masin and her Origin Ensemble

Violinist Gwendolyn Masin pays tribute to her multicultural background, calling attention to the musical traditions of Central and Eastern Europe and their connection and influence within the ever-changing world of classical music and traditional folk pieces. Accompanied by her six piece string ensemble she will perform a dance-inspired programme of works by Bartók, de Falla, Ravel, Sarasate, Bloch and more.

Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16



Friday 30 March 5.00pm

ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH



Filius Meus Music for Good Friday

COLLEGIUM

Adrian Mantu cello

Mark Duley director

ANONYMOUS SPONSOR

Mark Duley has once again devised a programme for this special day. The title of the concert – the cry of the bereaved parent – is elucidated in complementary settings of prophetic Old Testament scripture. Mary's lament for her son dead upon the cross is foreshadowed in David's grief at the death in battle of his son Absalom, and Rachel's weeping in Ramah for her lost children. Hear choral works around this theme from the 16th, 17th and 21st centuries.

Tickets: €15/€13.50 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €12

Thursday 12 April 8.00pm
LEISURELAND, SALTHILL



RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra

Ben Gernon conductor
Carolyn Widmann violin

RAVEL Le Tombeau de Couperin
KORNGOLD Violin Concerto
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7

Since its foundation in 1948 as the Radio Éireann Symphony Orchestra the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra has been at the forefront of symphonic music in Ireland. Today, the orchestra plays a central role in classical music in Ireland through year-long programmes of live performances, educational projects, live broadcasts, recordings and new commissions. The RTÉ NSO has been critically acclaimed for its recordings across a variety of labels including Naxos, Claves and RTÉ lyric fm.



Tickets: €25 / €22.50 / Students (full-time) €10 / MFG Friends €21

Saturday 28 April 8.00pm

TOWN HALL THEATRE

In association with Cúirt International
Festival of Literature

Play it Again

Conversation in Concert

Alan Rusbridger author

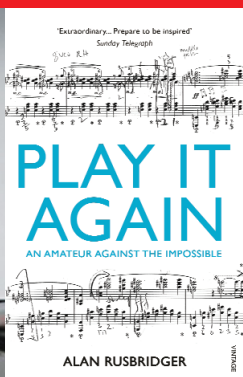
Finghin Collins piano

In middle age some men take up marathon running. Others climb the Matterhorn or buy a red sports car. Alan Rusbridger, editor-in-chief of the *Guardian* decides to master Chopin's First Ballade Op 23. Rusbridger gives himself a year to learn this fiercely demanding work, later extending his self-imposed deadline when at various points Julian Assange and the families Gaddafi and Murdoch eat into his practice schedule. Rusbridger chronicles his exciting journey in the critically acclaimed book *Play It Again*, published by Vintage in 2014.

Just about to enter middle age, internationally renowned Irish pianist Finghin Collins is busy travelling from Wuhan, China to Santa Fe, USA performing as soloist and chamber musician in the most prestigious concert halls of the world. He decides that this is the right time for him to record a CD of his favourite Chopin music.

Follow the two as they discuss music, writing, politics and stage fright and get to hear the haunting piano music of Chopin, including his fiendishly difficult First Ballade, interspersed with readings and lively conversation.

This event will be moderated by Toner Quinn, musician and editor of online magazine *The Journal of Music*.



Tickets: €20/€18 / Students (full-time) €6 / MFG Friends €16

Friday 25 May 8.00pm
O'DONOGHUE CENTRE, NUI GALWAY



Photo: Dylan Vaughan



Photo: Clare Power

In association with Galway Early Music Festival

The Piper and the Faerie Queen

Camerata Kilkenny with David Power uilleann pipes

Maya Homburger violin

Claire Duff violin

Marja Gaynor viola

Sarah McMahon cello

Malcolm Proud harpsichord

Barry Guy bass

A programme of music by composers Telemann, Purcell, Marini, Biber, Handel and Leclair inspired by fantastical literary works from the 17th and 18th centuries alongside traditional Irish music with associated themes performed by the great Irish uilleann piper David Power.



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In association with Arts in Action, NUI Galway

Last Wednesday of the month / 1.00pm The Cube, NUI Galway

ADMISSION IS FREE



27 SEPTEMBER

Jane Brazil piano, **Tiffany Qiu** piano

These two young performers have impressed pianists like Finghin Collins, Cédric Tiberghien and Joanna MacGregor. We are delighted to give them their Galway debut.



25 OCTOBER

Mike Nielsen Trio

Featuring Mike Nielsen (guitar), Matthew Berrill (saxophone and clarinet) and Derek Whyte (double bass), this trio will play jazz standards from the Great American Songbook. Also: swing classics featuring swing dancing!



29 NOVEMBER

Aisling Kenny soprano, **Oscar Montague** guitar

Aisling and Oscar will perform a varied programme of repertoire spanning the centuries with a twist or two on some well-known classics.



31 JANUARY

Alex Petcu percussion

An Irish musician of Romanian origin, Alex is quickly establishing himself both nationally and internationally as a percussionist of the finest calibre. Catch him as he tickles anything from Indian thumb cymbals to marimbas.



28 FEBRUARY

Redmond O'Toole

Redmond O'Toole has been described as Ireland's most distinctive guitarist. His unusual playing technique uses an 8-string guitar held in the cello position. His Galway recital will include music by Domeniconi, Haydn and Bach.



28 MARCH

Neasa Ní Bhríain viola, **Kärt Ruubel** piano

Dublin-born Neasa and Estonian Kärt met in Germany while pursuing busy careers as soloists, chamber, and orchestral musicians. Their friendship has led them to develop programmes that bridge their countries of origin.

PorterShed Sessions

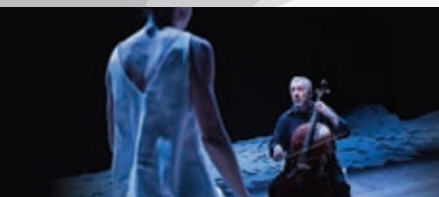
Didn't make the lunchtime concert? No problem!

All concerts will be repeated on the same day at 6.00pm in the PorterShed.

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MFG Offshoots

Collaborations with Galway Dance Project

- For the launch of *Let's Dance*, GDP has provided dancer Stephanie Dufresne who together with composer Sam Perkin developed a choreography for his solo piano piece *Nesting Doll*, a work commissioned by the New Ross Piano Festival in 2015. Finghin Collins performed the piece along with Stephanie Dufresne.
- The opening 'concert' is Jean Butler and Neil Martin's work *this is an Irish dance* at the Black Box Theatre on Friday September 29th. Galway Dance Project is making the most of this connection with this extraordinary dancer and will be offering a workshop with her at some later date. For further info email contact@galwaydanceproject.com.
- Put on your red shoes... Wednesday 25th October becomes MFG unofficial dance day. With a little help from our friends at GDP and Galway Tango Association. See page 6.

Sam Perkin composer

Sam is one of the most promising composers of his generation. Born in Cork, he completed an Artist Diploma in Composition at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Lyon in France for which he received the distinguished "Prix Salabert" composition award. Before this, he obtained a Degree and Masters in Composition at CIT Cork School of Music in Ireland. MFG has invited Sam to weave into their season. As part of this mini-residency

- his compositions are included at the launch of the MFG *Let's dance* season, and Galway ConTempo Quartet perform *Pause* at their concert on November 8th at St Joseph's Church.
- MFG has commissioned a dance suite for piano which will be premiered by Nathalia Milstein, winner of the Dublin International Piano Competition 2015.
- Sam is working with the film students at CCAM GMIT on developing scores and sound design for their work.

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- Invitation to the MFG Friends' Concert (page 12)
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