

PROGRAMME 2005-2006



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Galway
25th ANNIVERSARY

25th International Concert Season 2005-2006



At a glance...

DATE	VENUE	PERFORMER
Tuesday 20 Sept	Town Hall Theatre	Monteverdi The Coronation of Poppea Opera Theatre Company
Thursday 22 Sept	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Peter Donohoe (UK) piano
Friday 30 Sept Saturday 1 Oct	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church	Jian Wang (China/UK) cello
Thursday 20 Oct	Nuns Island Studios	Trio Résistances (France)
Wednesday 26 Oct	Leisureland	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra Galway/Mayo Residency Concert
Thursday 27 Oct (to Saturday 5 Nov)	Norman Villa Gallery	Listening Eyes Opening of Exhibition
Sunday 30 Oct		Paul Roe (Ireland) bass clarinet
Tuesday 1 Nov	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Wolfgang Holzmair (Austria) baritone Roger Vignoles (UK) piano
Friday 11 Nov	Great Southern Hotel, Eyre Square	Anniversary Gala Concert Cello Octet Conjunto Iberico (Netherlands) with Regina Nathan (Ireland) soprano
Tuesday 22 Nov	Leisureland	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra
Saturday 3 Dec	Town Hall Theatre	ConTempo Quartet Máirtín Ó Connor accordion Cathal Hayden fiddle Garry Ó Briain mando-cello, guitar
Friday 20 Jan Saturday 21 Jan Sunday 22 Jan	Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, Middle Street	Mozart Festival
Wednesday 1 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet ConTempo Quartet
Friday 10 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Jacques Thibaud Trio Berlin Barbara Bode (Germany) oboe
Thursday 23 Feb	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Stephen Kovacevich (UK) piano
Tuesday 7 Mar	Leisureland	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra
Thursday 23 Mar	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	Robert Taub (USA) piano
Wednesday 29 Mar	Bank of Ireland Theatre NUI Galway	Pedro Carneiro (Portugal) percussion
Tuesday 4 Apr	Aula Maxima NUI Galway	ConTempo Quartet John Feeley (Ireland) guitar
Wednesday 12 Apr	St.Nicholas' Collegiate Church	Irish Baroque Orchestra Resurgam

Tickets

Tickets on sale at Mulligan, Middle Street, Galway 091 564961 and from Music for Galway by phone 091 705962 or email 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.



Music for Galway 25 Years On....

This September *Music for Galway* opens its 25th season. Each year we welcome listeners from Galway and beyond and musicians who bring moments of magic to our lives.

As we celebrate our 25th season we have invited many old friends to take part in the birthday celebrations: artists such as **Robert Taub** who presented the complete series of Beethoven Piano Sonatas in Galway, **Stephen Kovacevich** who selected the first Steinway Grand Piano for Music for Galway and **Peter Donohoe** who selected the second after a fire in the Aula, **Wolfgang Holzmaier** whose presentations of lieder remain in our memories, **Jian Wang** who introduced us to the Bach solo cello suites, **Regina Nathan** whose voice has charmed us in the past and **Finghin Collins** who first appeared in our series as a young prize winner at the Feis Ceoil.

Performances by the **RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra** are always a highlight and we are delighted that the orchestra will be resident in Galway this October, working with teachers and students in the city and county and presenting a special programme with **David Brophy**.

We will also meet exciting new faces as we look to the future: the **Cello Octet Conjunto Iberico** present the first ever cello octet performance in Galway; the young and celebrated **Kungsbacka Piano Trio** from Sweden and violist **Diemut Poppen** from Germany arrive in Galway to celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday in January; the **Jacques Thibaud Trio Berlin** make their Irish debut with more Mozart in the annual Emily Anderson Memorial Concert; Portuguese percussionist **Pedro Carneiro** brings new music and new instruments to Galway and we will hear new music by Irish composers Raymond Deane, Eric Sweeney, Ed Bennett and Jane O'Leary.

Also celebrating birthdays in 2005-6 are **ConTempo Quartet**, Galway's vibrant resident ensemble (10 years) and the **RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet**, who have been visiting us each year since they arrived in Ireland (20 years). Concerts by the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra and the RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet mark Shostakovich's 100th birthday year. The **Galway Steinway Piano** celebrates its 25th anniversary with 3 celebrity solo recitals.

In a special anniversary tribute six Galway-based artists exhibit new work created in response to musical performances in our last season. **Listening Eyes**, an exhibition at Norman Villa Gallery, will be accompanied by performances of new music.

On behalf of the Board of Music for Galway, I invite you to join the birthday celebrations and participate in a season full of beauty, joy and magic.

Jane O'Leary
Chair





Tuesday 20 September
Town Hall Theatre 8.00 p.m.

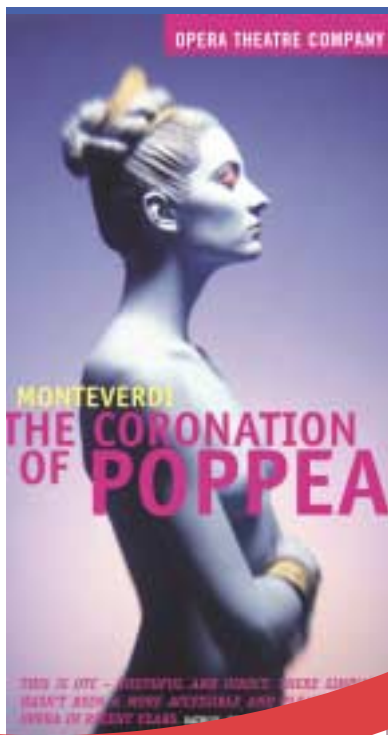
Opera Theatre Company

in association with
Irish Baroque Orchestra

Monteverdi
The Coronation
of Poppea

Annilese Miskimmon *director*
Christian Curnyn *conductor*
Nicky Shaw *designer*
Simon Corder *lighting designer*

Tickets: €23 Members/conc.: €19
Booking through Town Hall Theatre
091 569777



Thursday 22 September
Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

Celebrating 25 Years of
the Galway Steinway

Peter Donohoe (UK) piano

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| Bach | French Suite No. 5 in G major |
| Beethoven | Sonata Op. 109 in E major |
| Messaïen | Canteyodjaya |
| Debussy | Images Series 1 |
| Bartok | Rhapsody Op. 1 |
| Bach | Seven Preludes and Fugues
from The Well Tempered
Clavier Book 1 |
| | No. 7 in Eb Major |
| | No. 22 in Bb Minor |
| | No. 3 in C# Major |
| | No. 4 in C# Minor |
| | No. 10 in E minor |
| | No. 20 in A minor |
| | No. 1 in C major |

“Peter Donohoe reconfirms his position as a virtuoso, not only for his impressive control of the piano but also for his charisma of touch and beauty of phrasing; his expressive passion coming from his personality...” La Nación

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5



Friday 30 September

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 1 October

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church 8.00 p.m.

Jian Wang (China/UK) cello

Friday

Bach Cello Suites Part I

Suite No. 1, in G major

Suite No. 4, in F flat major

Suite No. 5, in C major

Saturday

Bach Cello Suites Part II

Suite No. 2, in D minor

Suite No. 6, in D major

Suite No. 3, in C major

"...Jian Wang exploited the range of his instrument as he displayed his technical mastery over the cello ...he smoldered with warmth and sensitivity..." New Straits Times

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5



Thursday 20 October

Nuns Island Studios 8.00 p.m.

Contemporary Jazz Ensemble

Trio Résistances

(France)

Bruno Tocanne *drums* • Christian Curnyn *double bass* • Lionel Martin *saxophones*

Trio Résistances will be performing material from their highly-acclaimed second album "Global Songs".

"These three talented musicians express their belief and passion in music without concessions" New Straits Times

Tickets: €16 Members/conc.: €12





Wednesday 26 October
Leisureland 8.00 p.m.

RTÉ

RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra *Galway/Mayo Residency*

David Brophy *conductor*

Rossini *Overture, (L'Italiana in Algeri)*
Mozart *Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K550*
Smetana *Overture, (The Bartered Bride)*
Barber *Adagio for Strings*
Tchaikovsky *Romeo & Juliet Fantasy Overture*

"David Brophy...directed his players [RTÉ NSO] last Friday week with clear authority and imagination, delivering a sizzling performance of Stravinsky's early Symphony in E flat" *Sunday Tribune*

Tickets: €20 Members/conc.: €16 Students: €10

27 & 28 October: Education Workshops: Leisureland, Galway and Presentation College, Headford.

Booking and further details through
Galway Education Centre 091 745600

Thursday 27 October

Norman Villa Gallery
86 Lower Salthill 6.00 p.m.

Listening Eyes

A celebration of Music for Galway

Opening of exhibition by Enrique Juncosa, Director of Irish Museum of Modern Art

Sculptor John Behan RHA working with Fiona Concannon, Ailbe Dunne, Dean Kelly, Donnacha Quilty & Dagmar Towlson, who comprise core, an art collective

Performance by ConTempo Quartet

Admission free

Sunday 30 October

Norman Villa Gallery 4.00 p.m.

Performance by Paul Roe (Ireland) bass clarinet

Admission free

Exhibition runs until 5 November

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Tuesday 1 November

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

Wolfgang Holzmaier (Austria) baritone
Roger Vignoles (UK) piano

'Folksongs Transformed'
Mahler, Bartók, Brahms and Janáček

"Mr. Holzmaier, [...], seems to have one of the most instinctive approaches to lieder of anyone today, presenting the songs with the ease and clarity of conversation" *The New York Times, October 2004*

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5

Friday 11 November
Great Southern Hotel
Eyre Square 8.00 p.m.

*Celebrating 25 years Music for Galway
Gala Concert and Reception*

Cello Octet Conjunto Iberico with Regina Nathan *soprano*

Elias Arizcuren *director*

Philip Glass	<i>Symphony for eight from Symphony no. 3 movement III</i>
Jane O'Leary	<i>Distant Voices (1998)</i>
Marlos Nobre	<i>3 Canções de Beiramar</i>
Cristóbal Halffter	<i>Fandango</i>
Heitor Villa-Lobos	<i>Bachianas brasileiras no. 5</i>

"This ensemble is a treasure indeed, a fine example to the world of music... Elias Arizcuren is a true visionary, who has achieved something absolutely unique with his group." Yo-Yo Ma, cellist

Tickets: €25 Members/conc.: €21 Students: €10
www.cello-octet.com



Tuesday 22 November
Leisureland 8.00 p.m.

RTE

RTE NSO / The Irish Times Tour

John Finucane *Clarinet* • Gerhard Markson *Conductor*

Mozart	<i>Overture (Le Nozze di Figaro)</i>
Raymond Deane	<i>New Work (world première – RTE commission)</i>
Weber	<i>Clarinet Concerto No. 1 in F minor, Op. 73</i>
Dvorák	<i>Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95 (‘From the New World’)</i>

John Finucane *“superb artistry”*

RTE National Symphony Orchestra *“the thrust of the orchestra under [Gerhard Markson’s] stewardship has been consistently thrilling with many stunning performances.”* Sunday Business Post

Tickets: €20 Members/conc.: €16 Students: €10



Saturday 3 December
Town Hall Theatre 8.00 p.m.



Celebrating 10 Years of ConTempo Quartet

ConTempo Quartet

Máirtín Ó Connor *accordion*

Cathal Hayden *fiddle*

Garry Ó Bríain *mando-cello, guitar*

A unique fusion of classical, Romanian folk and Irish traditional music

"The series ended on a high note when the quartet [ConTempo] took to the stage with distinguished Irish Traditional Musicians, Cathal Hayden, Garry Ó Bríain, and Máirtín Ó'Connor" Galway City Tribune

Tickets: €20 Members/conc.: €16 Students: €10

Booking through Town Hall Theatre: 091/569777

www.galwayensemble.ie www.mairtinoconnor.com www.tradcentre.com/cathal/



Wednesday 1 February

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

Celebrating 20 Years of RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet

Celebrating Shostakovich's 100th Birthday

RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet

ConTempo Quartet

Mozart Quartet in F, K590 "Prussian"

Shostakovich Octet Op. 11

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 8, in C minor, Op. 110

"The group's work rate is impressive, and yet it never loses the enthusiasm or ability to provide sparkling interpretations in well thought-out programmes"

Sunday Business Post

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5

www.vanbrughquartet.com



Friday 10 February

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

Emily Anderson Annual Memorial Concert

Celebrating Mozart's 250th Birthday

Jacques Thibaud Trio Berlin (Germany)

Barbara Bode (Germany) *oboe*

Mozart Arrangements of Fugues by J.S. Bach, K404a, no. 1 in D minor and no. 2 in F

Mozart Oboe Quartet in F major, K370

Mozart Divertimento in E flat, K563

"Virtuosity tempered by audacity, warmth and humanity, in each instance penetrating to the heart and intellectual essence of the music" The Strad

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5

www.thibaud-trio.de





250th

Friday 20 January 8.00 p.m.
Saturday 21 January 8.00 p.m.
Sunday 22 January 3.00 p.m.
Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, Middle Street



Mozart Festival

ConTempo Quartet
Kungsbacka Piano Trio (Sweden)
Diemut Poppen (Germany) *viola*
Finghin Collins (Ireland) *piano*



Friday
Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, K478
String Quartet in D minor, K421
Piano Concerto No. 12 in A, K414



Saturday
Piano Quartet No. 2 in E flat major, K493
Sonata for Viola and Piano in E minor (arr. VI. Sonata)
Piano Trio in B flat major, K502
Gran Sestetto (Sinfonia Concertante
in string sextet arrangement)



Sunday
String Quintet in C major, K515
Piano Trio in E major, K542
Piano Concerto No. 13 in C major, K415

Open Rehearsals on Saturday
Details to be confirmed

"If there is a magic formula out there for how to get the very best out of chamber music, then this quartet [ConTempo] know it. More than that, they probably own the copyright" Galway City Tribune

"...Most striking were the players' [Kungsbacka] seamless, instinctive level of co-ordination, the way every corner was turned as a threesome, and their uncontainable delight" The Strad

"The effortlessness of her [Diemut Poppen] viola playing makes one forget all the prejudice against viola players" Hessischer Rundfunk

"Finghin Collins makes the piano sound like a good wine - a delicate and crisp body interspersed with aromatic zesty accents. Collins' style is all about sound, sound and sound..." Postimees, Estonia

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5
Three day ticket: €45 Members/conc.: €35
Booking through Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe: 091/563600
www.galwayensemble.i www.pianotrio.com www.finghincollins.com

Thursday 23 February

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

*Celebrating 25 Years of
the Galway Steinway*

Stephen Kovacevich (UK) piano

Berg Piano Sonata Op. 1
Beethoven Bagatelles Op. 126,
No. 1, 2, 5, 6
Beethoven Sonata in A major, Op. 101
Schubert Sonata in B flat major, D960

"Without being overstated, Mr. Kovacevich luxuriated in the extremes of the music: tossing off a gentle snatch of melody on the one hand, evoking the ferocity of the deaf Beethoven pounding on the piano on the other..."

New York Times

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5

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RTÉ

Tuesday 7 March

Leisureland 8.00 p.m.

Celebrating Shostakovich's 100th Birthday

RTÉ NSO / The Irish Times Tour

Oliver Charlier *violin* • Gerhard Markson *Conductor*

Rimsky-Korsakov **The Three Wonders from
Tale of Tsar Saltan Suite, Op. 57**
Tchaikovsky **Violin Concerto in D major,
Op. 35**
Lyadov **The Enchanted Lake, Op. 62**
Shostakovich **Symphony No. 9 in E flat
major, Op. 70**

"Olivier Charlier, responded with grace and restrained virtuosity, while at the same time making the most of the opportunity for pleasurable music-making" *The Irish Times*

"Anissimov's approach to an evening steeped in Russian history and patriotism was to encourage music-making that was as full-bodied in terms of sonority as it was in terms of fervour." *The Irish Times*

Tickets: €20 Members/conc.: €16 Students: €10

Thursday 23 March
Aula Maxima
NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.



Celebrating 25 Years of the Galway Steinway

Robert Taub (USA) *piano*

- Haydn Sonata in E-flat major,
Hob.XVI/52 (1794)
- Scriabin Two Preludes Op. 27 (1901)
- Scriabin Sonata No. 9, Op. 68
"Black Mass" (1912-13)
- Bessell Labyrinth Lit By Fire
for piano and electronics (2002)
composed for Robert Taub,
commissioned by Kingston University (London)
- Beethoven Sonata in C major, Op. 53
"Waldstein" (1804)

"Robert Taub – uncommonly eloquent, unusually powerful performances" *The New York Times*

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5

Wednesday 22 March: "What We Hear" - an informal talk by Robert Taub focusing upon his concert programme with music ranging from the 18th century to the 21st.

Details to be announced



Wednesday 29 March.

Bank of Ireland Theatre NUI Galway 8.00 p.m

In association with Music Network and NUI Galway Arts Office

Pedro Carneiro (Portugal) *percussion*

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| J. S. Bach | Sonata in B Minor |
| Robert Schumann | Album for the Young, Op. 68 |
| Roberto Sierra | Bongo-0 |
| Áskell Másson | Prim |
| Ed Bennett | New Work |
| Toshimitsu Tanaka | Two Movements for Marimba |
| Leigh Howard Stevens | Rhythmic Caprice |
| Iannis Xenakis | Rebonds B |

"Pedro Carneiro, a charismatic percussionist, who transforms the repetitive, ritual-like rhythmic cells into an exciting streaming river of sounds. (...) we are under the impression of grabbing the sounds with our bare hands"

MusikAnSich.de

Tickets: €16 Members/conc.: €12 Students: €5

www.pedrocarneiro.com



Tuesday 4 April

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8.00 p.m.

ConTempo Quartet
John Feeley (Ireland) guitar

Luigi Boccherini

Quintet in D for Guitar and String Quartet

Eric Sweeney

Concerto for Guitar and String Quartet

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

Quintet in D for Guitar and String Quartet

Meet the Composer: Eric Sweeney



"...ConTempo like a touch of daring in their performances..." Irish Times

"... played with careful attention to nuances of tone and texture...a devoted audience rose to its collective feet at both intermission and concert's end."

John Feeley Review, Washington Post

Tickets: €18 Members/conc.: €14 Students: €5



Wednesday 12 April

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church 8.00 p.m.

Irish Baroque Orchestra

and Resurgam

with Lynda Lee Soprano

and Stephen Wallace Countertenor

A programme of music for Holy Week

Including Stabat Mater settings by Pergolesi and Scarlatti

Tickets: €17 Members/conc.: €13 Students: €5

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Membership

Individual €35

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- Regular newsletter with advance information on concert programmes and notice of other music events in Galway
- Invitation to post-concert receptions
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- Enter our competition: "Why I would like to go to dinner with..." a chance of having dinner with artist of your choice
- Contribute to collection of statements on "What Music for Galway means to me" to be published in our Gala Concert Programme of 11 November
- Names listed on Gala Anniversary Concert Programme

Full Season Ticket (all concerts except 20 September)

Individual €245

Joint €485

Benefits

- 30% reduction on full price tickets
- Free membership incl. all above mentioned benefits

A la carte Ticket

(Membership plus all concerts except 20th September)

€144

Benefits

- Pick 10 Concerts on the form and send it back. Your tickets will be held for you at the box office of each concert.
- At least 20% reduction on full price tickets
- Free membership incl. all above mentioned benefits

22 Sept Peter Donohoe

30 Sept Jian Wang

1 Oct Jian Wang

20 Oct Trio Résistances

26 Oct RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra

1 Nov Wolfgang Holzmair/Roger Vignoles

11 Nov Anniversary Gala Concert

22 Nov RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra

3 Dec ConTempo Quartet & Traditional

20 Jan Mozart Festival

21 Jan Mozart Festival

22 Jan Mozart Festival

1 Feb RTÉ Vanbrugh /ConTempo Quartets

10 Feb Jacques Thibaud Trio Berlin

23 Feb Stephen Kovacevich

7 Mar RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra

23 Mar Robert Taub

29 Mar Pedro Carneiro

4 Apr ConTempo Quartet/John Feeley

12 Apr Irish Baroque Orchestra/Resurgam

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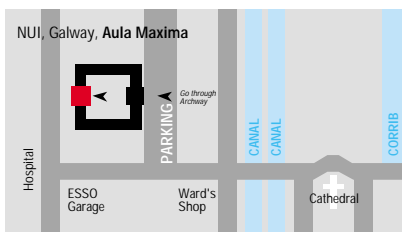
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