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At A Glance

DATE	TIME	VENUE
THU 29 SEPT	8pm	Emily Anderson Hall, University of Galway
FRI 30 SEPT	8pm	Christ Church, Portumna
WED 5 OCT	1.05pm	Emily Anderson Hall, University of Galway
THU 6 OCT	8pm	Leisureland, Salthill
THU 20 OCT	8pm	Emily Anderson Hall, University of Galway
FRI 21 OCT	8pm	Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Connemara
WED 26 OCT	1.05pm	O'Donohue Centre, University of Galway
THU 3 NOV	8pm	An Taibhdhearc Theatre
WED 23 NOV	8pm	St. Joseph's Church, Presentation Road
FRI 20 – SUN 22 JAN		Town Hall Theatre & Hardiman Hotel
WED 15 FEB	8pm	St. Joseph's Church, Presentation Road
WED 22 FEB	1.05pm	Emily Anderson Hall, University of Galway
SUN 5 MAR	TBC	Kilcummin Church, Oughterard
MON 6 MAR	8pm	Mick Lally Theatre
SAT 25 MAR	7.30pm	Galway Cathedral
WED 29 MAR	1.05pm	The Cube, University of Galway
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Welcome



Beethoven called him “The Immortal God of Harmony”. It is no exaggeration to say Johann Sebastian Bach has influenced every composer who followed him. His contribution to Western music has been absolutely critical and his music is among the most beautiful ever written. Following a very moving performance of his Goldberg Variations during our 2021 Midwinter Festival we decided to focus on Bach for our 41st Season, the details of which we are delighted to unveil to you here.

And in fact, the season opens with that very work performed by the very same performers – Dmitri Sitkovetsky’s arrangement of the Goldberg Variations for string trio. As the season progresses we will hear Bach’s instrumental music on baroque violin and harpsichord with Maya Homburger and Malcolm Proud, on modern violin with Tedi Papavrami, on guitar with Sean Shibe and on modern piano with Cédric Pescia. Each concert also features other composers who were influenced in a particular way by Bach. In late March we will be treated to a glorious production of Bach’s St. Matthew Passion with the Irish Baroque Orchestra conducted by Peter Whelan.



But there is a lot more to savour in the new MfG season – in October we have the world premiere of Jane O’Leary’s new work for piano and orchestra commissioned to celebrate our 40th anniversary; October also sees the annual Emily Anderson Concert celebrating Beethoven and the work of three University of Galway BA of Music students. The Midwinter Festival in January focuses on music for the seasons, with works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Schubert and a special focus on song.

We value our continued partnership with the University of Galway. We thank Galway County Council for funding to allow us to repeat certain concerts around the county. We also thank our regular funders the Arts Council and Galway City Council, our sponsors and donors and especially our patrons and MfG Friends for their ongoing support.

Finghin Collins, Artistic Director
Anna Lardi, Executive Director

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER / 8.00PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER / 8.00PM
CHRIST CHURCH, PORTUMNA



Alexander Sitkovetsky, violin | Sergey Malov,
viola | Natalie Clein, cello

BACH

Goldberg Variations,
trans. Dmitri Sitkovetsky

We are delighted to welcome these very special artists to Galway – in person this time – to open our 41st Season dedicated to JS Bach, following their memorable online performance of this incredible work during the 2021 Midwinter Festival. They will then perform this wonderful programme for a second time in Portumna. The miraculous arrangement of the work for string trio is by Alexander's uncle Dmitri.

Tickets: €20/€18

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €16

FRIDAY CONCERT IN ASSOCIATION WITH GALWAY
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THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER / 8.00PM
LEISURELAND, SALTHILL



National Symphony Orchestra,
Kenneth Montgomery, conductor
Finghin Collins, piano

TCHAIKOVSKY	Serenade for Strings
JANE O'LEARY	<i>unfolding soundscapes</i> for piano and orchestra (world premiere)
BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral"

Commissioned to mark Music for Galway's 40th Season just past, we are delighted to unveil a new work written by our former Artistic Director Jane O'Leary and premiered by the current Artistic Director Finghin Collins together with the National Symphony Orchestra and Kenneth Montgomery. Alongside evergreen classics by Tchaikovsky and Beethoven, this will be an unforgettable evening in Leisureland!

Tickets: €30/€27

Students (full-time) €10 | MfG Friends €26

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER / 8.00PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER / 8.00PM
IONAD CULTÚRTHA AN PHIARSAIGH, CONNEMARA



Rosanne Philippens, violin | Zoltán Fejérvári, piano

ELLISON HASSELL- CRAMER	For Me (<i>world premiere</i>)
BEETHOVEN	Violin Sonata No. 7 in C minor, Op. 30 No. 2
LAURA HENEGHAN	Rêvasser (<i>world premiere</i>)
BEETHOVEN	Violin Sonata No. 8 in G major, Op. 30 No. 3
KATIE FEENEY	Ballade (<i>world premiere</i>)
BEETHOVEN	Violin Sonata No. 10 in G major, Op. 96

This outstanding Dutch/Hungarian duo will perform three of Beethoven's finest violin sonatas, as well as premiering new works composed by three University of Galway BA Music Students. This performance will repeat in Connemara.

Tickets: €20/€18

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €16

THURSDAY CONCERT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
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THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER / 8.00PM
AN TAIBHDHEARC



Liverpool Quartet

Róisín Walters, violin | Sarah Hill, violin
Dani Sanxis, viola | Nick Byrne, cello

ZEMLINSKY

String Quartet No.1

DEIRDRE GRIBBIN

Merrow Sang

SHOSTAKOVICH

String Quartet No 3

Róisín Walters' Liverpool Quartet brings an exciting and varied programme to Galway. Zemlinsky's beautiful early masterpiece is very much in the genre of Brahmsian late romanticism. Shostakovich's third quartet is a heart-breaking musical commentary on the futility and pain of war. Deirdre Gribbin's magical and mysterious "Merrow Sang" from 2007 vividly recounts a tale of merrow-maidens emerging from the sea during the burial of one the Cantillon family of Ballyheigue.

Tickets: €20/€18

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €16

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL STRING
QUARTET FOUNDATION

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER / 8.00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PRESENTATION RD



Maya Homburger, baroque violin
Malcolm Proud, harpsichord

J S. BACH

Sonata no. 1 in B minor,
BWV 1014

JOHANN HEINRICH
SCHMELZER

Sonata in G minor for
violin and continuo

J.S. BACH

Sonata no. 3 in E major,
BWV 101

J.S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in
C sharp major, BWV 848

J.S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in
C sharp minor, BWV 849

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Passacaglia
The Guardian Angel

J.S. BACH

Sonata no. 6 in G major,
BWV 1019

Celebrated in Ireland and throughout Europe for their exquisite performances and recordings of baroque music, the Swiss/Irish duo of Maya Homburger and Malcolm Proud bring this bespoke programme to Galway for our Bach season.

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FRIDAY 20 – SUNDAY 22 JANUARY
TOWN HALL THEATRE & HARDIMAN HOTEL
BALLROOM

Midwinter Festival —

OUR 20th MIDWINTER FESTIVAL TAKES ITS INSPIRATION FROM ITS OWN NAME AND EXPLORES NOT ONLY WINTER BUT ALL FOUR OF THE SEASONS.

Vivaldi's hugely popular classic opens the weekend with the vibrant Irish Chamber Orchestra and soloist/director Katherine Hunka, who pair the work with its Argentinian counterpart. More intimate recitals follow on Saturday and Sunday. Olga Scheps juxtaposes extracts from Tchaikovsky's Seasons with Chopin Four Ballades while our two song recitals take us on two very different journeys.

Schubert's deeply moving and intensely beautiful Winterreise, sung by German baritone Jochen Kupfer with pianist Finghin Collins, is followed on Sunday by a journey of redemption, promise and joy with songs from spring, autumn and summer brought to life by Galway favourite, the radiant Dutch soprano Lenneke Ruiten.

THE MIDWINTER FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Seasons

PERFORMERS INCLUDE

Katherine Hunka, violin/director

Irish Chamber Orchestra

Olga Scheps, piano

Jochen Kupfer, bass-baritone

Finghin Collins, piano

Lenneke Ruiten, soprano

TICKETS

FRIDAY 8PM

Booking through the Town Hall Theatre tht.ie

091 569777: €30/€27

Students (full time) €10 | MfG Friends €26

SATURDAY 6PM

SATURDAY 9PM

SUNDAY 3PM (includes Closing Reception)

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FRIDAY 20 JANUARY / 8.00PM
TOWN HALL THEATRE

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Katherine Hunka, violin/director

VIVALDI The Four Seasons
PIAZZOLLA The Four Seasons

in memory of Norah Stewart

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY / 6.00PM
HARDIMAN HOTEL BALLROOM

Olga Scheps, piano

Winter

TCHAIKOVSKY (January) “By the Fireside”
CHOPIN Ballade No. 1

Spring

TCHAIKOVSKY (May) “Starlit Nights”
CHOPIN Ballade No. 2

Summer

TCHAIKOVSKY (August) “Harvest”
CHOPIN Ballade No. 3

Autumn

TCHAIKOVSKY (October) “Autumn Song”
CHOPIN Ballade No. 4



SATURDAY 21 JANUARY / 9.00PM
HARDIMAN HOTEL BALLROOM

Jochen Kupfer, bass-baritone
Finghin Collins, piano

SCHUBERT Winterreise

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY / 3.00PM
HARDIMAN HOTEL BALLROOM

Lenneke Ruiten, soprano
Finghin Collins, piano

SCHUBERT Im Frühling
Viola

HAHN Le Printemps

FAURÉ La fée aux chansons

BERLIOZ from Les Nuits d'Été
- Villanelle

- Le Spectre de la Rose

- L'île inconnue

MOZART Sehnsucht nach dem Frühling

BRAHMS Die Mainacht

MENDELSSOHN Andres Maienlied

STRAUSS September

RACHMANINOV Spring Waters

FESTIVAL CLOSING RECEPTION
FOR MFG FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY / 8.00PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PRESENTATION RD



Tedi Papavrami

Tedi Papavrami, violin

BACH

Sonata No. 2 in A minor
BWV 1003

YSAÏE

Sonata No. 2 Op. 27
“Jacques Thibaud”

BACH

Partita No. 2 in D minor
BWV 1004

The Albanian violinist Tedi Papavrami brings a virtuosic Bach-inspired solo violin programme to Galway. Two substantial works by Bach, the second Sonata and the second Partita (including the infamously demanding Chaconne) bookend a work by the Belgian composer Eugène Ysaÿe, which itself greatly resembles the style of Bach, and includes direct quotations of his music.

Tickets: €20/€18

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €16



SUNDAY 5 MARCH / TBC
KILCUMMIN CHURCH, OUGHTERARD

MONDAY 6 MARCH / 8.00PM
MICK LALLY THEATRE, GALWAY



Sean Shibe

Sean Shibe, guitar

NARVAEZ	Guardame Las Vacas, Mille Regretz plus one Sarabande
ADES	Habanera
DE FALLA	Homenaje
POULENC	Sarabande
BACH	Prelude Fuga Allegro BWV 998
BARRIOS	La Catedral
VILLA-LOBOS	Selection from Douze Etudes
GINASTERA	Sonata

The finest guitarist of his generation anywhere, the consummate Scottish artist Sean Shibe makes his Galway debut performing a fascinating programme with Bach at its centre, conjuring a diverse international trajectory and a particularly South American flavour in the second half.

Tickets: €20/€18

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €16

SUNDAY CONCERT IN ASSOCIATION WITH
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS OFFICE



SATURDAY 25 MARCH / 7.30PM
GALWAY CATHEDRAL



James Way, Evangelist | Sestina vocal ensemble
Irish Baroque Orchestra, Peter Whelan director

BACH

**St. Matthew Passion
BWV 244**

One of Bach's most magnificent creations, the St. Matthew Passion will be brought to life by the dynamic Irish conductor Peter Whelan directing the Irish Baroque Orchestra and the vocal ensemble Sestina, with solo parts taken from members of the choir and the Evangelist role sung by the magnetic tenor James Way.

Tickets: €30/€27

Students (full time) €12 | MfG Friends €25

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FRIDAY 7 APRIL / 5.00PM
ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH



Collegium | Mark Duley director

VICTORIA

Missa pro defunctis
(Requiem)

ALONSO LOBO

Lamentations of Jeremiah

Collegium Choir, directed by Mark Duley, brings us two magnificent Spanish Renaissance works appropriate to Good Friday: Victoria's sublime Requiem (Missa pro defunctis) of 1605 and Alonso Lobo's Lamentations of Jeremiah, recently rescued from obscurity and possibly receiving a first performance in Ireland.

Tickets: €18/€16

Students (full-time) €6 | MfG Friends €14

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THURSDAY 27 APRIL / 8.00PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



Cédric Pescia

Cédric Pescia, piano

BACH

French Suite No. 4 in
E flat major BWV 815

SCHUMANN

Waldszenen Op. 82

BACH

French Suite No. 2 in
C minor BWV 813

BEETHOVEN

Sonata Op. 110

The renowned Swiss pianist Cédric Pescia presents a programme of German classics with Bach at its centre.

Tickets: €20/€18

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MfG OffShoots

Meet the Violins – an introduction to the violin family

Continuing Music for Galway's education strand for younger audiences, we are delighted to present globally-renowned violinist, Sergey Malov, who will perform a series of concerts for primary school children. Sergey will introduce children to many instruments in the violin family including the violoncello da spalla, the viola and the violin, through the performance of iconic pieces of both contemporary and classical music. Sergey will use innovative methods to bring these beautiful instruments to life for a younger audience. The concert will assist teachers in the fulfilment of the Listening and Responding Strand of the music curriculum.

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Tedi Papavrami - workshop with the GMR

In collaboration with Galway Music Residency, our visiting violinist takes the opportunity to conduct a workshop with participants of Galway Music Residency's Ensemble Skills Programme.

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5 OCTOBER — 29 MARCH

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MfG Lunchtime Concerts

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER / 1.05PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Brendan Garde, violin | Gary Beecher, piano


These two talented Cork musicians perform Brahms' first violin sonata alongside a selection of shorter works.

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER / 1.05PM
O'DONOHUE THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF
GALWAY

Cliona Doris, harp | Sinéad Walsh, flute
Fiachra de hOra, viola

Two outstanding Irish students are mentored by harpist Cliona Doris to perform a programme of music by Bax and Debussy.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ARTS IN ACTION,
OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE – UNIVERSITY
OF GALWAY



Music for Galway is delighted to present these concerts in memory of Mary McPartlan, in partnership with the University of Galway's *Arts in Action* programme and in coordination with staff and students of the School of English and the Creative Arts.

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY / 1.05 PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Annette Cleary, cello | Réamonn Keary, piano
Barry McGovern, narrator

Annette Cleary and Réamon Keary have collaborated to create a new arrangement of *Enoch Arden* by Richard Strauss - a melodrama for cello, piano and narrator on the poem by Tennyson.

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH / 1.05PM
THE CUBE, UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Far Flung Trio | Jane Robinson, narrator

For the Atoll is a 45-minute poem and song cycle - with words written by Jane Robinson and music composed by Malachy Robinson.

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