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TUE 26 SEPT	7.30pm	The Hardiman Ballroom
WED 27 SEPT	8.00pm	Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry
FRI 13 OCT	7.30pm	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, University of Galway
THU 26 OCT	1.05pm	O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance
TUE 7 NOV	7.30pm	PorterShed A Dó
SAT 18 NOV	7.30pm	The Galmont Hotel & Spa
TUE 28 NOV	7.30pm	Black Box Theatre
THU 30 NOV	1.05pm	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, University of Galway
FRI 19 – SUN 21 JAN		The Hardiman Ballroom & St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church
SAT 3 FEB	3.00pm	The Hardiman Ballroom
SUN 4 FEB	3.00pm	Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Loughrea
THU 15 FEB	1.05pm	O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance
THU 29 FEB	1.05pm	Emily Anderson Concert Hall, University of Galway
FRI 29 MAR	5.00pm	St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church
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WELCOME

Music for Galway heads into this season with its 'From Galway to the World' strategy in mind: We welcome our new collaboration with the PR company Synch and Swim. We are delighted to announce the renewed partnership with the University of Galway, a reconnection to ATU, and a new relationship with the RDS. We aim to report on our collaboration with the Galway Dance Project on the feasibility study for a dedicated venue for music/dance soon. There are a number of community outreach and participation projects planned: we link in with the Galway Music Residency Young Ensemble Skills programme, the St. Nicholas' Singers will enrich the Midwinter Festival with their performance of the Fauré Requiem and we have two school-outreach programmes planned, one aimed at secondary school level and the other at elementary level. Sustainability is in our minds as we team up with other arts organisations locally to learn from one another.

At the heart of all this remains our reason for existing – presenting world-class performers to inspire the communities of Galway and beyond. We kick off the season with a celebration of the 150th birthday of one of the great composer-pianists of our time - Sergei Rachmaninov. Beloved of Galway audiences, pianist Lucy Parham is accompanied by famed actor Tim McInnerny to bring Rachmaninov's story to glorious life in music and words. Another genius is celebrated in our annual Emily Anderson Concert and that is of course Mozart with a visit from the Castalian Quartet.



A major highlight of our season is the Galway debut of the star British sibling duo Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason - truly icons of their generation - their programme is unmissable.

A very different composer is the focus of our Midwinter Festival in January - the prolific and highly revered Frenchman Gabriel Fauré, who died a hundred years ago in 1924. His compatriot, the pianist Michel Dalberto, has curated a wonderful showcase of his long career and output, with songs, chamber music and piano works. The season also includes contemporary concerts with artists as diverse as percussionist Alex Petcu, clarinettist Carol McGonnell and singer/improviser Cansu Tanrikulu as well as a piano showcase with the winners of the Dublin and Santander International Piano Competitions. And once again Mark Duley has put together a mouth-watering programme of sacred music for Good Friday, with Herbert Howells' Requiem at the heart of it. Our lunchtime series, in association with Arts in Action, at the University of Galway, presents four contrasting programmes from a variety of Irish and international artists. Finally - for a week in May - Cellissimo! Details of our international cello festival will be unveiled later in the year.

Thanks to our funders, partners, patrons, friends and audiences! Enjoy the new season.

ANNA LARDI, CEO
FINGHIN COLLINS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER / 7.30PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM, GALWAY

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER / 8.00PM
RAHEEN WOODS HOTEL, ATHENRY



26+27.09

ELÉGIE: RACHMANINOV — A HEART IN EXILE

Lucy Parham, piano | Tim McInnery, narrator
Scripted by Lucy Parham

In the year of his 150th anniversary, *Elégie* tells Rachmaninov's extraordinary story with both music and words. Vividly evoking his early life in Russia and subsequently in exile are his best-loved works for solo piano, as well as pieces by Scriabin and Tchaikovsky, all interspersed with readings from his letters and diaries.

As part of the MfG Encore series, this performance will be repeated the following evening in Athenry.

Tickets

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

WEDNESDAY CONCERT
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
ATHENRY MUSIC SCHOOL
AND ATHENRY HERITAGE
CENTRE

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER / 7.30PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL,
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



13.10

EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT

Castalian Quartet | Finghin Collins, piano

MOZART

Piano Sonata in C minor K. 457
Quartet in D minor K. 421
Piano Concerto in A major K. 414

"It is always special to perform in our home countries; ever since Irish violist Ruth Gibson joined the Castalian String Quartet we have been eagerly anticipating the opportunity to make our debut in Ireland! We could not think of a more fitting programme to celebrate the occasion, and honouring the legacy and memory of Galway born Emily Anderson, than this Mozart collaboration with Finghin Collins, pairing the tenebrous D minor string quartet with the abundantly melodic piano concerto K.414."
Castalian String Quartet

Tickets

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

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TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER / 7.30PM
PORTERSHED A DÓ



07.11

GEALÁN QUARTET

Gina Maria McGuinness, violin | Eoin Ducrot, violin
Fiachra de hOra, viola | Paul Grennan, cello

SCHUMANN	Quartet in A minor Op.41 No.1
MICHAEL	Quartet No. 3 (Commissioned
DOHERTY	by the Gealán Quartet)
SHOSTAKOVICH	Quartet No. 8

This bright young Irish group, the Gealán Quartet returns for their second tour for the National String Quartet Foundation with a fascinating programme featuring a new quartet by Derry composer Michael Doherty and also presenting staples of the repertoire by Schumann and Shostakovich.

Tickets

Standard €18
Concession €16.20
Social Inclusion €9
MfG Friends €14

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
THE NATIONAL STRING
QUARTET FOUNDATION

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER / 7.30PM
THE GALMONT HOTEL & SPA



18.11

SHEKU & ISATA KANNEH-MASON

A Taste of Cellissimo with Sheku Kanneh-Mason, cello
and Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano

FRANK BRIDGE Sonata for Cello and Piano in
D minor, H. 125

CHOPIN Sonata for Cello and Piano in
G minor, Op. 65

RACHMANINOV Cello Sonata in G minor, Op. 19

This British sibling duo have shot to fame in recent years and are among the most highly sought-after musicians of their generation. For their Galway debut they will perform a fabulous programme of Romantic cello sonatas – don't miss this opportunity to hear them.

Tickets

Zone A €45

Zone B €30

Students (full-time) €15 (limited number available)

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER / 7.30PM
BLACK BOX THEATRE



28.11

CONTEMPORARY DUO

Alex Petcu, percussion | Marion Cronin, dance artist

Music for Galway and Galway Dance Project have joined forces to bring together two top Irish based artists: percussionist Alex Petcu and Marion Cronin. Join them at the Black Box where they will first perform individually and then present a new work that has emerged from their extended collaboration, which was facilitated over the past few months.

Tickets

Standard €18
Concession €16.20
Social Inclusion €9
MfG Friends €14

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GALWAY DANCE PROJECT

Booking: Town Hall Theatre
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FRIDAY 19 — SUNDAY 21 JANUARY
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM &
ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH

MIDWINTER FESTIVAL

*"For me, art, and especially music, exist to
elevate us as far as possible above everyday
existence" – Gabriel Fauré*

Gabriel Fauré was one of the most significant French composers, linking the end of Romanticism with the beginnings of the twentieth century. At various times a busy organist, the director of the Paris Conservatoire and a prolific composer, he produced the most exquisite music throughout a long life. In particular, he is regarded as a master of song settings.

This year's Midwinter Festival, curated by pianist Michel Dalberto alongside MfG artistic director Finghin Collins, marks the centenary of the composer's death in 1924 and features three chamber music concerts and a performance of the popular Requiem. Michel is joined by the charismatic Swiss baritone Benoît Capt and two young string virtuosos from Paris, as well as Galway's own ConTempo Quartet.

Fauré

Performers

Michel Dalberto, piano | Benoît Capt, baritone
ConTempo Quartet | Laure-Hélène Michel, cello
Nathan Mierdl, violin | Finghin Collins, piano
St. Nicholas Singers | Mark Duley, conductor
Saoirse Knauer, soprano

Tickets

All tickets can be booked through
musicforgalway.ie | 091 705962

FRI 7.30pm, SAT 7.30pm & SUN 3pm

(closing reception included):

Standard €25 | Concession €22.50

Social Inclusion €12.50 | MfG Friends €21

SAT 4pm: Standard €12 | Concession €10.80

Social Inclusion Free (tickets may be purchased
online and collected at the door)

Festival Ticket (includes all 4 concerts):

Standard €82 | Concession €74

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

CONTEMPO QUARTET IS PRESENTED BY
GALWAY MUSIC RESIDENCY

MIDWINTER FESTIVAL



19.01

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY / 7.30PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM

Michel Dalberto, piano | Benoît Capt, baritone
Nathan Mierdl, violin | Andreea Banciu, viola
Laure-Hélène Michel, cello

MUSIC FROM 1870 – 1880
Ballade for piano in F sharp, Op. 19
Sonata No. 1 for violin & piano in A, Op. 13
Selection of Songs from Fauré's first period
Piano Quartet No. 1 in C minor, Op. 15

20.01

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY / 4.00PM
ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Saoirse Knauer, soprano | Benoit Capt, baritone
St. Nicholas Singers | Mark Duley, conductor

COME AND SING — FAURÉ REQUIEM

Participate in the Midwinter Festival!
Join conductor Mark Duley in a series of rehearsals
and the performance of this iconic work.
For information contact music@stnicholas.ie

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. NICHOLAS SCHOLA CANTORUM

Fauré



20.01

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY / 7.30PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM

Michel Dalberto, piano | Benoît Capt, baritone
Finghin Collins, piano | ConTempo Quartet

MUSIC FROM 1885 - 1895

Thema & Variations for piano in C sharp minor, Op. 73

Selected songs from Fauré's second period

Cinq Mélodies de Venise, Op. 58

"Dolly" Suite for piano duet, Op. 56

Piano Quintet No. 1 in D minor, Op. 89

21.01

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY / 3.00PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM

CLOSING CONCERT AND RECEPTION

Michel Dalberto, piano | Benoît Capt, baritone

Laure-Hélène Michel, cello | ConTempo Quartet

MUSIC FROM 1915 - 1923

Cello Sonata No. 1 in D minor, Op. 109

Mirages, Op. 113

L'Horizon Chimérique, Op. 118

Nocturne No. 13 in B minor, Op. 119

String Quartet in E minor, Op. 121

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY / 3.00PM
THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY / 3.00PM
LOUGH REA HOTEL & SPA



PIANO GOURMAND & SHOWCASE

Yukine Kuroki (Japan) – *winner of the Dublin
International Piano Competition 2022*

MENDELSSOHN	Fantasia Op. 18 'Scottish Sonata'
SAINT-SAENS/LISZT	Dance Macabre, S555
SCHUBERT/LISZT	Ave Maria, S558/12
LISZT	L'année de Pelerinage 2nd year: Petrarch Sonnets 47, 104 and 123 Après une Lecture du Dante: Fantasia Quasi Sonata

We are delighted to present not one but two outstanding international piano competition winners in concert. In Galway on 3 Feb each artist will give a one-hour concert and tea & scones will be served between the concerts. Patrons can attend one or both concerts.

03.02 / THE HARDIMAN BALLROOM

1 concert: Standard €20 | Concession €18
Social Inclusion €10 | MfG Friends €16
Both concerts *including tea & scones*: Standard €30
Concession €27 | Social Inclusion €15 | MfG Friends €26

03/04.02

Tickets



Jaeden Izik-Dzurko (Canada) – *winner of the Paloma O'Shea Santander International Piano Competition 2022*

BACH/LISZT	Prelude & Fugue in A minor, BWV 543
CHOPIN	Scherzo No. 1 in B minor, Op. 20
RACHMANINOV	Prelude in D major, Op. 23, No. 4 Sonata No. 1 in D minor, Op. 28

The event on 4 Feb in Loughrea will feature a thirty-minute performance by each pianist between piano recitals by students of the Atherny Music School: truly a feast of piano music!

04.02 / LOUGH REA HOTEL & SPA

Standard €15

Concession €13.50

Social Inclusion €7.50

FRIDAY 29 MARCH / 5.00PM
ST. NICHOLAS' COLLEGIATE CHURCH



29.03

MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Collegium | Mark Duley, director

SALVATOR MUNDI

THOMAS TALLIS

Salvator mundi

○ salutaris hostia

PETER PHILIPS

○ crux splendidior

RIHARDS DUBRA

○ crux ave

ĒRIK EŠENVALDS

○ salutaris hostia

EDWARD BAIRSTOW Let all mortal flesh keep silence

HERBERT HOWELLS Psalm prelude De profundis
Requiem

Collegium's programme for Good Friday explores themes associated with the cross, through music by Tallis, Philips, Dubra, Ešenvalds and Bairstow, and concluding with Herbert Howells' poignantly exquisite Requiem.

Tickets

Standard €18

Concession €16.20

Social Inclusion €9

MfG Friends €14

TUESDAY 9 APRIL / 7.30PM

O'DONOGHUE CENTRE FOR DRAMA, THEATRE
AND PERFORMANCE, UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



09:04

EONTA

Cansu Tanrikulu, voice | Carol McGonnell, clarinet

NICK DUNSTON
STOCKHAUSEN
TANRIKULU /
McGONNELL

Our Weeping Comet
In Freundschaft
Rupture

Eonta are two creatives dedicated to finding the edge of musical imagination. From two different worlds of music, they combine their similar roles as improvising composer-performers with a ravenous attitude in exploring the unknown.

Tickets

Standard €18
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MfG LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



26.10

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER / 1.05PM
O'DONOGHUE CENTRE FOR DRAMA, THEATRE
AND PERFORMANCE, UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Agustina Taborda, bandoneon

Agustina will play a selection of solo bandoneon arrangements of tangos and other Argentine styles made by renowned bandoneonists such as Astor Piazzolla and Nestor Marconi.

30.11

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER / 1.05PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, UNIVERSITY
OF GALWAY

Andreea Banciu, viola | Aileen Cahill, piano

Works for viola and piano by Ina Boyle, Elizabeth Maconchy, Valentina Cleopatra Perepelita and Clara Schumann.

THE LUNCHTIME SERIES
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15.02

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY / 1.05 PM
O'DONOGHUE CENTRE FOR DRAMA, THEATRE
AND PERFORMANCE, UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Megan O'Neill, soprano | Teresa O'Donnell, harp

Songs by Schumann, Ravel and Britten performed
by the winner of the 2022 RDS Music Bursary
alongside concert harpist Teresa O'Donnell

29.02

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY / 1.05PM
EMILY ANDERSON CONCERT HALL, UNIVERSITY
OF GALWAY

Aidan Chan, piano

Winner of the 2023 RDS Music Bursary, Aidan Chan
presents a programme of piano music by Chinese
and Irish composers Tan Dun, Philip Hammond,
Linda Buckley and Chen Yi.

MfG OFFSHOOTS

FEASIBILITY STUDY

The consultants Bane/Mullarkey have been engaging widely with music and dance organisations, public representatives, the two third level institutions, arts organisations in Galway and are about to present the Feasibility Study for a dedicated music/dance venue in Galway. This was commissioned by Music for Galway in partnership with Galway Dance Project with funds by the Arts Council.

SCHOOL OUTREACH

As part of their performance in Galway, percussionist Alex Petcu and Marion Cronin will engage with children studying music at secondary school level in a programme of exchange, whereby participants will present their own work to the two artists and receive feedback on it, before seeing the new work created by the duo.

ENSEMBLE SKILLS

In November the dynamic percussionist Alex Petcu will work with students of the Galway Music Residency Ensemble Skills programme, while in April students will have the opportunity to work with the exceptional and inspiring clarinettist Carol McGonnell.

WIDER COMMUNITY

As part of our Midwinter Festival, we will be sending out a call to all who would like to join in the performance of the ethereal Fauré Requiem. Mark Duley, conductor extraordinaire, is gathering another group of St. Nicholas Singers who will work over a short and intense period to bring this beautiful work to the stage on Saturday 20th January 2024.

RDS

We are pleased to announce the development of a new relationship with the RDS. One of our common goals is assisting promising young Irish artists at the early stages of their professional careers. As a first step, our programme is featuring two of the RDS bursary winners, soprano Megan O'Neill and pianist Aidan Chan, in our lunchtime series. See page 21.

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- 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 a concert of your choice. Just 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
- Concession rate on certain music events promoted by MfG partners (e.g. Town Hall Theatre)

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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 include 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. *Please note that all tickets are non-refundable.*

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