



MUSIC *for*
GALWAY

Music for Galway Laoch Ceoil Award

The Music for Galway **Laochra Ceoil** is an honorary award made by Music for Galway¹ to recognise individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of music, and/or whose achievement in music, culture and the arts is considered to be exemplary and worthy of recognition.

Award Criteria

The Award recognises individuals whose outstanding commitment to music, culture and the arts is of lasting distinction and worthy of commendation. The Award should reflect the individual's commitment in their lives to music, culture and the arts.

1. The Award is a recognition of a person whose life and achievements serve as an exemplar of artistic performance and/or cultural contribution to the field of music.
2. The Award may be offered to a person who has contributed significantly to music and the arts – through performance, advocacy, cultural relations, philanthropy or the general development of the musical arts in Ireland, or the world. Individuals who meet these criteria, and who share a heritage or relationship with Galway and the west of Ireland, will be especially welcome.
3. The contribution should be sustained over a period of years and should be lasting in nature.
4. The individual receiving the award should have a sustained reputation over a period of years, extending beyond their professional field, and preferably beyond their immediate locality or specialisation.
5. Proposals or recommendations should manifest the broadness of that reputation.
6. Music for Galway will seek to maintain a balance among various fields of activity and endeavour, and Music for Galway will ensure that equality, diversity and inclusivity form part of the decision-making process.

Award Process

From time to time, Music for Galway will honour distinguished individuals with the Laochra Ceoil award. Nomination of candidates may be made to Music for Galway by the following:

- The Chair and Board of Music for Galway
- Artistic Director and CEO of MfG
- past recipients of Laoch Ceoil

Nominations should be made in writing, and directed to the CEO or Chair of MfG. The timing of award presentation will be a matter for MfG – on the recommendation of the CEO/Chair.

Recommendation of the awarding of the Laoch Ceoil Award to distinguished individuals should be agreed/approved by the board of Music for Galway, ideally at a meeting of the board or by an email seeking approval/confirmation from the CEO of Music for Galway.

It is recognised that Laoch Ceoil Award may on occasion, be presented by Music for Galway at or with affiliated bodies/events (e.g. Cellissimo Festival, in association with Galway City or County Council, Arts Council, Universities at the complete discretion of MfG. In such circumstances it will be made expressly clear that the Award is from Music for Galway and the Chair/Board of Music for Galway – or their appointed nominee/s - will make the presentation of any such Award.

No significant monetary value will be associated with the Award, and a simple memento item featuring the West of Ireland, will be presented.

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