

Cellissimo International Student Programme, May 21st to 24th 2027

In 2027, Music for Galway will celebrate the cello with Cellissimo, an international cello festival that takes place in the West of Ireland (20th-25th May 2027). The six day festival presents inspiring music performed by top musicians from around the world, including Maximilian Hornung, Emmanuelle Bertrand and Alexander Chaushian. Highlights of Cellissimo 2024 can be seen [here](#).

Cellissimo will include an International Student Programme (ISP) which will take place from 21-24 May 2027 here in Galway City. A glimpse into the ISP experience can be seen [here](#). Six students will be chosen to participate in the 2027 programme, with masterclass sessions, rehearsals and performances taking place throughout the festival.

- Each student will receive a minimum of **three one-to-one Masterclasses of 50 minutes**, given by our inspirational cellists, such as Maximilian Hornung, Emmanuelle Bertrand and Alexander Chaushian.
- All students will also have the opportunity to perform **pop-up concerts** across the city and to perform in the **student showcase concert**.
- In addition, all participants of the ISP will perform in **The Cellissimo Spectacular**, where we will create a large cello ensemble made up of professionals, students and members of the community. This performance will feature solos by star visiting cellists, including **Maximilian Hornung**.
- Four of the six masterclass students will be chosen to **perform with the Cello Octet Amsterdam**.
- Accommodation will be provided for the duration of each student's stay.

The entry requirements are as follows:

- applicants must be a full time music student or a recent graduate (within two years)
- applicants must be 18 to 26 years at the time of the festival
- applicants must cover the cost of their travel

Please note that sustainability and environmental awareness are key themes of Cellissimo 2027. It is a **requirement** that all participating students travel slow/green to and from Galway. This includes avoiding air travel; see [information sheet](#). Assistance and advice will be provided to the successful applicants if needed. **By applying to ISP the applicant commits to travelling sustainably to Galway.**

In accordance with GDPR, Music for Galway will retain your information for the duration of this project only.

CELLISSIMO ISP 2027 | APPLICATION FORM

Name:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	
Address:	
Date of birth:	
Name of music college or conservatoire that you attend/have attended:	
Teachers:	
Current year/level of study achieved:	

TO COMPLETE:

Please complete this question: “Why I want to be part of the Cellissimo International Student Programme.” (max 500 words) (PDF)

TO INCLUDE:

- CV – max 1000 words (PDF)
- Links to 3 recent performance videos – within the last two years. YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox accepted:
 - 1 Movement of Concerto
 - 1 Movement of Sonata
 - 1 Prelude of Bach

Send all items in one email to: **alice@musicforgalway.ie** by **Monday 14th December 2026 at 5pm**

For any further information or assistance contact Alice Kelly
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Date:

Signature: