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2015–16

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Thurs 10 Sept	Handel's Agrippina VS	*Black Box*
Wed 23 Sept	Philippe Cassard	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Thur 24 Sept	LUNCHTIME 1	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Sat 10 Oct	Irish Chamber Orchestra / Katherine Hunka / Finghin Collins	*Black Box*
Thurs 15 Oct	LUNCHTIME 2	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Sat 24 Oct	RTÉ Concert Orchestra	*Leisureland, 7.30pm*
Wed 4 Nov	Tara Erraught / Dearbhla Collins VS	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Thurs 19 Nov	LUNCHTIME 3	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Thurs 26 Nov	ConTempo Quartet / Emma Johnson / Hugh Tinney	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Sat 12 Dec	Resurgam / Irish Baroque Orchestra - Messiah VS	*St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, 6.30pm*
22-24 Jan	Midwinter Festival - CAPTIVE – Music from the Abyss	*Town Hall Theatre*
Thurs 4 Feb	Henk Neven / Hans Eijsakers VS	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Thur 11 Feb	LUNCHTIME 4	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Fri 19 Feb	Emily Anderson Memorial Concert – Mozart Wind Serenades	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Tue 8 March	Trio di Parma	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Thurs 10 March	LUNCHTIME 5	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Fri 25 March	Collegium / Mark Duley VS	*St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, 5pm*
Fri 8 April	Vogler Quartet / Salome Kammer VS	*Electric Garden*
Thurs 14 April	RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra / Baldur Brönniman / Orla Boylan VS	*Leisureland*
Thurs 21 April	LUNCHTIME 6	*Hotel Meyrick, 1.05pm*
Thurs 5 May	Steven Osborne	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*
Fri 13 May	Witches, bitches and britches VS	*Aula Maxima, NUIG*

VS **VOCAL SEASON CONCERT**

ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME

Music for Galway reserves the right to alter any advertised programme if necessary.

LATECOMERS

All concerts commence at 8pm unless otherwise stated opposite. Latecomers will only be admitted during a break in the programme.

TICKETS

Concessions apply to MGF Friends, senior citizens (over 65) and the unwaged. Evidence will be requested at point of purchase. 10% discount on bookings for 10 or more people. Student tickets (full-time) students only. Identification required. One ticket per person. Family Tickets available at door.

BOOKING

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Welcome

I am delighted to present our 2015/16 season dedicated to that most ancient, precious, personal, invisible instrument – the human voice. Across the season many of Ireland's and Europe's finest singers will grace our many stages in a huge variety of contexts, in recital with piano, in performance with orchestra, in an operatic setting, in a choral setting, with string quartet...

I am also thrilled to announce two new strands to our season – the MFG Orchestral Series generously sponsored by Stewart Construction and the MFG Lunchtime Series generously sponsored by SAP. We will be spoilt these months with visits from four different orchestras with soloists and choirs. The six lunchtime concerts will take place at the Meyrick Hotel on selected Thursdays throughout the season and will present top Irish and international (mostly younger) artists in a relaxed and informal setting.

The Midwinter Festival, entitled CAPTIVE: Music from the Abyss, will present music written in captivity or inspired by the theme of incarceration and will include such pieces as Messaien's Quartet for the End of Time, famously composed in a Silesian prisoner-of-war camp, music written by composers held in Theresienstadt concentration camp and two works for actor and chamber group: the Irish premiere of American composer Marc Neikrug's tongue-in-cheek "Death Row Memoirs of an Extraterrestrial" and the world premiere of Michel Galante's "C.T.W", inspired by Oscar Wilde's Ballad of Reading Gaol, commissioned by Music for Galway.

There are plenty of other concerts throughout the season to tickle your fancy; we have sublime Mozart wind serenades with Nicholas Daniel and friends, piano trios with the internationally acclaimed Trio di Parma, piano recitals by Philippe Cassard and Steven Osborne, sacred music for Good Friday and we join with the Galway Music Residency to celebrate the ConTempo Quartet's 20th Birthday. We hope you will join us for many of these concerts.

***Finghin Collins**, Artistic Director*

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Thursday 10 September 2015
8.00pm
Black Box

Irish Youth Opera
Handel's Agrippina

With its different moods backed by scintillating music and a much more fluid musical structure than many of Handel's later operas, Agrippina is a gem. IYO will perform the opera in an English translation prepared for English National Opera by Amanda Holden.

Co-produced by **NI Opera**
and the **Irish Chamber Orchestra**
Conductor Jonathan Cohen
Director Oliver Mears

Tickets: €25/€20

Philippe Cassard

Wednesday 23 September 2015 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUI Galway

Philippe Cassard piano

MOZART Variations K.573 "Duport"
BEETHOVEN Variations Op. 34 in F major
MENDELSSOHN Variations "Sérieuses" Op. 54
SCHUBERT Sonata D.959 in A major

"Cassard's piano sound is rich in shades and colours, he has a light but firm touch and it seems that his artistic personality is devoid of all extremes...the piano was virtually singing under his hands." *New Musical Herald*

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Thursday 24 September 2015 1.05pm

Lunchtime 1

Great music on the menu in our lunchtime series – see page 19.

Finghin Collins

Saturday 10 October 2015 8.00pm
Black Box

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Irish Chamber Orchestra

Katherine Hunka director
Finghin Collins piano

MOZART Symphony KV 196/121 La Finta Giardiniera
STRAVINSKY Concerto in D
HAYDN Piano Concerto Hob XVIII:11 in D major
STRAVINSKY Septet
MOZART Symphony No. 29 in A major K.201

"...the ensemble, under leader Katherine Hunka, showed the string symphonies to be works of great charm and vigour." *The Examiner*

"Friday's star was Finghin Collins, who took a grip on the stormy emotions of Brahms's First Piano Concerto as if the piece might have been written for him." *The Irish Times*

Tickets: €20/€16/€10

Irish Chamber Orchestra
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Irish Chamber Orchestra

Thursday 15 October 2015 1.05pm

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Lunchtime 2

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RTÉ Concert Orchestra

Saturday 24 October 2015 7.30pm
Leisureland

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Music for Galway goes to the Movies

RTÉ Concert Orchestra
The John Williams Collection

Nothing short of a legend in the world of film scoring, Williams has won five Academy Awards, four Golden Globe Awards, seven British Academy Film Awards and a whopping 22 Grammy Awards. Hear the RTÉ Concert Orchestra perform his award-trouncing film scores like *Star Wars*, *E.T.*, *Schindler's List* and more.

"All the members of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra are great artists individually – put together you can imagine. Dublin is very fortunate to have an orchestra of this calibre."
Movie/jazz legend Lalo Schifrin

Tickets: €30/€25/€15

RTÉ CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Tara Erraught
Photo: Kristin Speed

Dearbhla Collins
Photo: Frances Marshall

VOCAL SEASON

Wednesday 4 November 2015
8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

Tara Erraught mezzo-soprano
Dearbhla Collins piano

SONGS BY **DVORÁK, BRAHMS, WOLF, COPLAND, MAHLER, BRITTEN**

"a tremendously appealing and charismatic singer, with a warm voice and a bright future" *The Washington Post*

"The energy of the piano of the Irish Dearbhla Collins created marvels. With precision and playfulness, the pianist moved with the singer's voice, mastering the tempi and multiplying the tonal variations" *Le Tunisien*

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Thursday 19 November 1.05pm

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Lunchtime 3

Great music on the menu in our lunchtime series – see page 19.

ConTempo Quartet
Photo: Frances Marshall

Thursday 26 November 2015 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

ConTempo Quartet
20th Anniversary Concert

ConTempo Quartet
The Galway Music Residency Ensemble
Emma Johnson clarinet
Hugh Tinney piano

JANÁČEK String Quartet No. 2 "Intimate Letters"
MOZART Clarinet Quintet in A K.581
SCHUMANN Piano Quintet in E flat major Op. 44

"[ConTempo Quartet]...full of imaginative daring" *The Irish Times*

"Emma [Johnson] was magnificent and every note she played in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A major, K.622 was beautifully nurtured..." *Cambridge News*

"Tinney was the soul of collegiality, bending and ducking and weaving so that the string players would always be supported by his efforts and never overpowered by them." *The Irish Times*

Tickets: €20/€16/€6

Emma Johnson
Photo: John Batten

Hugh Tinney

Presented in partnership with THE GALWAY MUSIC RESIDENCY

VOCAL SEASON

Saturday 12 December 2015 6.30pm
St Nicholas' Collegiate Church

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Handel's Messiah

Irish Baroque Orchestra

Resurgam
Mark Duley guest director

Róisín O'Grady soprano • **Roderick Morris** counter tenor
Peter Davoren tenor • **Samuel Evans** bass

An essential event in our Christmas calendar. IBO performs Handel's masterpiece in the evocative surroundings of St Nicholas' Collegiate Church, with outstanding soloists, the wonderful Resurgam choir and acclaimed guest director Mark Duley. Highly recommended as the best start to the festive season.

Tickets: €25/€20

Irish Baroque Orchestra
Photo: Paul McCarthy

"The Irish Baroque Orchestra is like no other group performing in Ireland today... (bringing) audiences the beauty of baroque music as it was originally intended to be heard."

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IRISH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

Friday 22 January to **Sunday 24 January** 2016
Town Hall Theatre

MidwinterFestival
CAPTIVE
MUSIC FROM THE ABYSS

"The human being is flesh and consciousness, body and soul; his heart is an abyss which can only be filled by that which is godly."

Olivier Messiaen

DECODA

Elizabeth Joy Roe piano
Carol McGonnell clarinet
Saeunn Thorsteinsdottir cello
Owen Dalby violin
Finghin Collins piano
Lynda Lee soprano
Diarmuid deFaoite actor

Friday 22 January 8.00pm

THOMAS ADÈS *Catch*

DR. WILLIAM SCHABAS talk about captivity

MESSIAEN *Quartet for the End of Time*

Saturday 23 January 2.00pm – 4.00pm

OPEN REHEARSAL

Drop in anytime between 2pm and 4pm and eavesdrop as the artists prepare for the concerts ahead.

Saturday 23 January 8.00pm

Film screening

The Lady in Number 6 (Running time: 39')

Music from Theresienstadt / Terezin

Songs by VIKTOR ULLMANN, ILSE WEBER, KAREL SVENK and others

Sunday 24 January 3.00pm

MARC NEIKRUG

Death Row Memoirs of an Extraterrestrial IRISH PREMIERE

MICHEL GALANTE *"C.T.W."*

WORLD PREMIERE commissioned by Music for Galway

FINGHIN COLLINS in conversation with composers MARC NEIKRUG & MICHEL GALANTE

"Every day a life is beautiful. Every day. It's beautiful!"

Alice Herz-Sommer (The Lady in Number 6)

Tickets: €20/€16/€6 • Festival Ticket: €55/€45
Booking: Town Hall Theatre, 091 569 777 • www.tht.ie

Henk Neven
Photo: Marco Borggrave

Hans Eijsakers
Photo: Marco Borggrave

VOCAL SEASON

Thursday 4 February 2016
8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

FRIENDS' CONCERT

Henk Neven
baritone
Hans Eijsakers piano

SONGS BY
MENDELSSOHN
SCHUMANN
IBERT
RAVEL

"Rarely do you hear, even in the rarefied world of French melodie and German Lieder, a baritone who sings with such subtlety in shading of dynamic and tone... Neven's voice is headily beautiful... with the most seductive and responsive singing."
Gramophone

"We immediately knew we were in the hands of a superb pianist. Eijsackers' subtlety and panache gripped the audience from the first sinuous chords."
Bachtrack

Tickets: €18/€14/€6
Admission free to MFG Friends

Thursday 11 February 2016 1.05pm

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Lunchtime 4

Great music on the menu in our lunchtime series – see page 19.

Nicholas Daniel

Friday 19 February 2016 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

Emily Anderson Annual Memorial Concert

Mozart Wind Serenades

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Amy Harman

Nicholas Daniel oboe
Conor Cavanagh oboe
Chen Halevi clarinet
Macdara Ó Seireadáin clarinet
Amy Harman bassoon
John Hearne bassoon
Martin Owen French horn
Cuan Ó Seireadáin French horn

MOZART Serenade in E flat major K. 375
JONATHAN DOVE Figures in the Garden
MOZART Overture to "The Magic Flute"
MOZART Serenade in C minor K. 388

"Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius." *Mozart*

Tickets: €20/€16/€6

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Trio di Parma

Tuesday 8 March 2016 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

Trio di Parma

BEETHOVEN Introduction and Variations "Kakadù" Op.121a
ALKAN Trio in G minor Op.30
SAINT-SAENS Trio no. 2 in E minor Op.92

"The Trio di Parma seems to stretch so as to reach the marvels of the most illustrious chamber music traditions..." *L'Unità*

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Tig Neachtain Galway

Thursday 10 March 2016 1.05pm

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Lunchtime 5

Great music on the menu in our lunchtime series – see page 19.

Mark Duley

VOCAL SEASON

Friday 25 March 2016 5.00pm
St Nicholas' Collegiate Church

Lacrimosa

Music for Good Friday

Collegium Chamber Choir
Mark Duley director

The title is drawn from the poetic imagery of seventeenth century metaphysicists Phineas Fletcher and Patrick Carey, heard in works by Gibbons, Walton and Leighton. Linked to them through the programme are motets drawing on texts from the great penitential psalms, forming a bridge between Old Testament petition and an intense personal response to the Gospel passion narrative.

GIBBONS Drop, drop, slow tears
BYRD Miserere mei, Deus
WALTON A Litany (Drop, drop, slow tears)
TALLIS Miserere nostri
Organ chorale prelude
SCHÜTZ Ach Herr, straf mich nicht
MENDELSSOHN Mein Gott mein Gott, warum hast du mich verlassen?
BRAHMS Herzlich tut mich verlangen
LEIGHTON Crucifixus pro nobis

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Main image: detail from Rogier van der Weyden's Descent from the Cross

Friday 8 April 2016 8.00pm
Electric Garden and Theatre

MUSIC FOR GALWAY GOES CLUBBING...

Following last year's success at the Mick Lally Theatre where the world of classical music crashed the club DJ's party, Music for Galway go bigger and bolder in bringing the breathtaking Vogler Quartet with soprano extraordinaire Salome Kammer to Electric followed by a late night dance excursion with very special guest DJs. Join them for a night of exquisite live music performance, daring vocals and pumping rhythms...

HAYDN String Quartet Op. 20 No. 4
SCHULHOFF String Quartet No. 1
KURT WEILL Songs for soprano and string quartet
arr. Steffen Schleiermacher

"Great emotion, great tension, great fun – and a true Diva" *Südkurier about Salome Kammer*

Tickets: €20/€16/€10

Salmone Kammer

Vogler Quartet

VOCAL SEASON

Thursday 14 April 2016 8.00pm
Leisureland

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RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra

Baldur Brönniman conductor
Orla Boylan soprano

TAKEMITSU A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden
SIBELIUS Lounnotar
RAVEL Shéhérazade
SIBELIUS Symphony No. 5

"...rich fully-coloured vocal sound...she vocally towered above the full orchestra." *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Tickets: €22.50/€18/€10

RTÉ NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orla Boylan

Baldur Brönniman

Thursday 21st April 2016 1.05pm

Lunchtime 6

Great music on the menu in our lunchtime series – see page 19.

Steven Osborne

Thursday 5 May 2016 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

Steven Osborne piano

DEBUSSY Children's Corner
DEBUSSY Images Book 1
DEBUSSY Images Book 2
DEBUSSY L'isle joyeuse
CRUMB Processional
RACHMANINOV Études Tableaux Selection

"...he not only gave compelling, sometimes melting performances but also spoke feelingly about the music... Beautifully spoken, beautifully played." *New York Times*

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Sharon Carty

Claire Duff

VOCAL SEASON

Friday 13 May 2016 8.00pm
Aula Maxima, NUIG

Witches, bitches and britches

GENDER BENDING IN BAROQUE OPERA

In association with Galway Early Music Festival

Sharon Carty mezzo-soprano
with chamber group
Claire Duff violin
Anita Vedres violin
Lisa Dowdall viola
Aoife Nic Athlaoich cello
David Adams harpsichord

"The star among the other vocal soloists was mezzo soprano Sharon Carty, who was firm in tone, expressively to the point and with an almost instrumental sureness of delivery." *Irish Times*

Tickets: €18/€14/€6

Galway Early Music Festival

MUSIC FOR GALWAY RUNS

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Lunchtime Series

Thursdays at Hotel Meyrick, 1.0 5–1.55pm

Gina Maria McGuinness

Thursday 24 September 2015

Gina Maria McGuinness violin
Maki Wiederkehr piano

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Fiachra Garvey

Thursday 15 October 2015

Naomi Berrill cello
Matthew Berrill clarinet **and guests**

A non-conventional musical journey from Borodin to Billy Holiday for clarinet and cello

Thursday 19 November 2015

Fiachra Garvey piano

BEETHOVEN / CHOPIN / BARTOK

Helena Wood

Thursday 11 February 2016

Musici Ireland
Helena Wood violin, **Beth McNinch** viola
Gráinne Hope cello

SCHUBERT / DOHNANYI

Athens Guitar Duo

Thursday 10 March 2016

Rachel Croash soprano
Nadene Fiorentini piano

DVOŘÁK / POULENC / CHOPIN

Thursday 21 April 2016

Athens Guitar Duo

PIAZZOLLA / LIEBERMANN / NORDGREN AND MORE

Tickets: €5
Combo: Concert & soup and sandwich special: €12
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