

# CASTLECONNELL AUTUMN CONCERT SERIES 2017



ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
CASTLECONNELL, COUNTY LIMERICK

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2017



A warm welcome to the Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series 2017: the latest in a series of autumn music recitals, which have attracted outstanding Irish and international musicians to perform in the lovely environs of All Saints Church.

Once again, this season's programme offers diverse and beguiling pleasures. Violinist **Mairéad Hickey** has already consolidated her reputation as one of Europe's most exciting young violinists, and her recital with **Yoko Ono** promises an exciting display of her skills. The genial and brilliantly talented **Cassiopeia Wind Quintet** is made up of principals from Ireland's pre-eminent orchestras: friends from student days, the five players interact with a mixture of flawless technique and passion for their craft.

Staying with winds, Castleconnell is honoured to welcome **Tine Thing Helseth** - an outstanding international trumpet virtuoso, who displays her panache and artistry in recital with **Gunnar Flagstad**. And finally, to two of our own - pianist **Finghin Collins** and **Katherine Hunka**, leader of the Irish Chamber Orchestra, who together represent a 'dream team' of chamber performance. Their November concert promises to be a simple joy.

It's a pleasure to celebrate such great music performance with you this season - let's enjoy!

Liz Nolan, RTÉ lyric fm



#### Liz Nolan, Presenter

Liz Nolan hails from Dublin, and trained in voice, oboe and piano at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama and the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Following a degree in English literature (TCD Hons.) and M.Phil. in Music (DIT/TCD), Liz was appointed academic lecturer and singing teacher at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama. A H.Dip. in Arts Administration (UCD) led to Liz's appointment as Education & Outreach Officer at the Association of Irish Choirs.

In 2001 RTÉ lyric fm beckoned, where Liz has presented a wealth of key shows including Classic Drive, A World of Song and Lunchtime Classics. Alongside her work on strand radio, Liz has researched and presented numerous acclaimed arts features, which have received international broadcast. She is a familiar face at the National Concert Hall and other prestigious venues, where she MCs and curates a wide range of concerts and recitals.

From September you can tune in to Liz daily on Liz Nolan's The Full Score, unabridged works featuring outstanding live recordings and benchmark discs, 1-4pm on 96-99 RTÉ lyric fm.

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Mairéad Hickey and Yoko Ono  
Tuesday August 29

Cassiopeia Wind Quintet  
Tuesday September 26

Tine Thing Helseth and Gunnar Flagstad  
Tuesday October 17

Katherine Hunka and Finghin Collins  
Tuesday November 28

All concerts begin at 8pm  
Tickets €15/Concessions €10 (Student/Senior/Group of 5 +)

Online prebooking recommended:  
[www.limetreetheatre.ie](http://www.limetreetheatre.ie) Box Office (061 953 400)  
Buy a ticket to any two shows in the series, on-line, for the special price of €25

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A Limerick Arts Office initiative in collaboration with the Castleconnell Concert committee



Tuesday 29 August 8pm  
Mairéad Hickey and Yoko Ono

Introduced by Liz Nolan, RTÉ Lyric FM

Mairéad Hickey is one of Ireland's most accomplished young violinists, winning National Concert Hall Irish Young Musician of the Year 2010 – 2012. She has recorded with both RTÉ National Concert, Symphony Orchestras and performed at Royal Festival Hall, London and Carnegie Hall, New York. Japanese pianist Yoko Ono studied with Christopher Elton at the Royal Academy of Music, London, winning several prizes and scholarships including the Leverhulme Postgraduate Studentship. She was nominated for the Best Classical Act during the Brighton Festival 2007 and has recorded for BBC Radio.

The concert will open with the beautiful, but infrequently performed Sonatina for Violin and Piano by Schubert. Poulenc's Sonata is a powerful and tragic addition, written in memory of the Spanish writer Federico Garcia Lorca, who was shot dead by supporters of Franco in 1936. The second half of the concert will include a variety of charming encore pieces, to counter the solemn atmosphere of the first half.

Franz Schubert	Sonatina for Violin & Piano, No. 3 in G minor, D. 408
Francis Poulenc	Sonata for Violin & Piano
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	Serenade Mélancolique
Antonín Dvořák	Humoresque
Georg Kreisler	Rondino on a theme by Beethoven
	Liebeslied
	Schön Rosmarin
	Estrellita
Ponce Heifitz	La Caprwicieuse
Edward Elgar	

Tuesday 26 September 8pm  
Cassiopeia Wind Quintet

Introduced by Liz Nolan, RTÉ Lyric FM

Cassiopeia Winds is a group of five exceptional musicians whose members are among the finest in the country – their sheer joy in performing together is contagious.

Cassiopeia Winds invites you to join them on a musical discovery of wind quintet masterworks. From the timeless serenity of one of Danzi's masterful quintets, to reflections of a more modern age, mirrored in the Six Bagatelles of Ligeti; the echoes of war in Hindemith's Kleine Kammermusik, to the peaceful comfort of Poulenc's gentle Novelette, and soulful yearning of Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Experience the power of five spectacularly diverse wind instruments, in the intimacy of a chamber music setting.

Franz Danzi	Wind Quintet No.3 in D Minor, Op. 68
Paul Hindemith	Kleine Kammermusik
György Ligeti	Six Bagatelles
Francis Poulenc	Novelette

Tuesday 17 October 8pm

Music Network presents  
Tine Thing Helseth (Trumpet) and Gunnar Flagstad (Piano)(Norway)

Introduced by Liz Nolan, RTÉ Lyric FM

It's hard not to be bowled over by the infectious enthusiasm of Tine Thing Helseth. On a mission to expand the performance repertoire for solo trumpet, she has commissioned new works from numerous composers and in the process has become recognised as one of the world's leading trumpet soloists. For this tour, she is accompanied by regular collaborator Gunnar Flagstad on piano.

Norway's internationally-renowned Trumpet star is unabashed in her mission to open up the repertoire to new styles, new ways of making music, and especially new audiences: onstage, she loves nothing better than sharing details about a favourite work.

Geirr Tveitt	Velkomne med æra
Edvard Hagerup Bull	Perpetuum Mobile
Dmitri Shostakovitch	Four Romances on Poems by Pushkin, Op. 46
Astor Piazzolla	Café 1930 from Histoire du Tango, 1986
Paul Hindemith	Sonata for Trumpet and Piano (1939)
Deirdre Gribbin	Music Network Commission
Béla Bartók	Romanian Folkdances
Edvard Grieg	Haugtussa (The Mountain Maid), Op. 67
	arr. For Trumpet and Piano
Kurt Weill	Three songs: Nanna's Lied (1939), Youkali (1934), Je ne t'aime pas (1934)

Tuesday 28 November 8pm  
Katherine Hunka (Violin) and Finghin Collins (Piano)

Introduced by Liz Nolan, RTÉ Lyric FM

London born Katherine Hunka is Leader of the Irish Chamber Orchestra, frequently directing from the Leader's chair. She has performed at major Irish chamber music festivals and toured regularly with her trio, the Far Flung. One of Ireland's most successful musicians, Dublin born Finghin Collins has a vibrant international career, giving his second critically acclaimed performance at the BBC Proms in 2010, and featured as Gramophone's Editors Choice in 2006. In addition to his performance career, he is artistic director of both the New Ross Piano Festival and Music for Galway.

In a new and exciting collaboration, violinist Katherine Hunka and pianist Finghin Collins will tour to nine venues on their Arts Council funded nationwide tour. As well as being among the top soloists in the country, they are exceptional communicators; entertaining and informative introductions to the music can be expected. The programme of duets for violin and piano will feature well-known classics by Beethoven and Brahms and lesser-known works by Czech composer Leoš Janáček and contemporary Irish composer Ian Wilson.

Ludwig van Beethoven	Sonata No. 4 in A minor, Op. 23
Ian Wilson	'From the Book of Longing'
Leoš Janáček	Sonata for violin and piano
Johannes Brahms	Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 78

The concert is part of a classicallylinks tour funded by an Arts Council Touring Award



## A Welcome from the Dean to All Saint's Church, Castleconnell

We welcome you, as a visitor, to this unique and beautiful church. Built on a site of worship since the 12th Century, the present-day building was constructed in 1809 and replaced the previous structure which had fallen into disrepair.

Music has always been part of the churches liturgy and many of the composers would have written their music to be played in church settings. Music, song, art has always been a way of expressing ourselves and even take us into mystery or depths within ourselves that we have not experienced before. So we are glad that the Limerick Arts Office is once again bringing the Castleconnell Autumn Concerts Series to our audiences in Limerick and that we are able to share this space for this series and trust the setting will lend itself to enhance the experience.

### The Very Revd Gary Paulsen

Dean of the Cathedral Churches of St Flannan (Killaloe), and St Brendan (Clonfert)



**All Saint's Church:**  
Situated in the village of Castleconnell, off the old Limerick/Dublin Road almost directly opposite the Castle Oaks Hotel.



Castleconnell is a picturesque town on the banks of the Shannon River, located 11 kilometres from Limerick city, close to the borders of Clare and Tipperary.

The village is home to a number of fine architectural buildings including the Castle Oaks Hotel and Mountshannon House, built in the mid 18th century in a neo Palladian style, it now lies in ruins.

The town remains a popular location for anglers fishing on the Shannon and Mulkear rivers and has a long history in angling, once being a popular location for royalty to fish. Castleconnell also has a rich and diverse bird life, particularly for swans that migrate from Iceland in the winter to breed on the river.



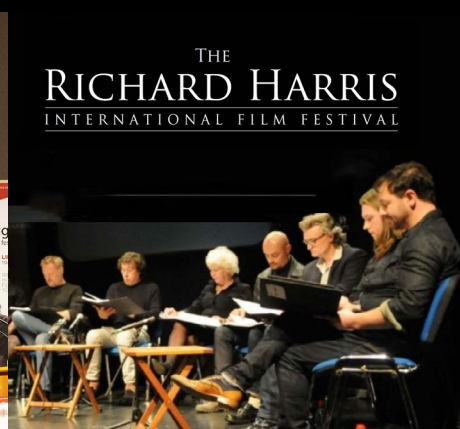
## Concert special

**Evening meal at the Castleoaks House Hotel**

**Dine at the award winning Acorn restaurant of the Castleoaks House Hotel, located directly opposite All Saints Church.**

Concert special includes two courses + tea & coffee for €23.95

6pm-8pm



## Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City & County Council

### What we do:

- We advocate: Consolidating and valuing the role of culture in Limerick in a local, national and European context
- We broker: Connecting people, organisations and opportunities through culture
- As Innovator: Successfully look at developing new ways of working, new business opportunities and supporting growth
- As Supporter: we continue to create sustainable support, resources and investment in the cultural sector
- As Promoter: We are looking at finding new and interesting ways to showcase, host or promote culture in Limerick, identifying exciting ways for Limerick's city, towns and villages to "be the venue"
- Reflector: Reviewing, monitoring, analysing and critiquing the cultural strategy.

## Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

A Limerick Arts Office initiative in collaboration with the Castleconnell Concert Committee. Particular thanks to Pat Burke.

This year we are delighted to have had the expertise of conductor, Hannah Carr, who supported the programming of the series. Limerick born Hannah Carr is a conductor living in New York. She is undertaking PhD research in conducting at New Jersey University.

### Who we are:

Limerick Arts Office is a vibrant part of Limerick City and County Council service provision and is funded by Limerick City and County Council, the Arts Council of Ireland, and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Limerick Arts Office consists of a team of people committed to delivering impressive artistic programmes for Limerick City and County.

## Limerick Festivals

Come along and see culture and arts Festivals and Events in Limerick this Autumn

**Culture Night** Friday 22 September

**Limerick Jazz Festival** Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September

**HearSay International Audio Arts Festival** Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October

**OpenHouseLimerick** Friday 6 to Saturday 8 October

**Richard Harris International Film Festival** Thursday 26 to Monday 30 October

**Light Moves Festival of Screendance** Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 November

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