



National Tours

2021

# Cello Quartet: William Butt, Rosalie Curlett, Martin Johnson & Ailbhe McDonagh

12 — 21 May 2021

€10

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Four masterful cellists perform together in an exciting new Music Network collaboration.

With its sonorous tone, swan-like elegance and an expressive range that gives the human voice a run for its money, no other instrument manages to play on our heart strings quite like the cello.

Performing together for the very first time and guided by their collective musical influences, William Butt, Rosalie Curlett, Martin Johnson and Ailbhe McDonagh have crafted an inspirational and varied programme which celebrates the beauty of their instrument.

Audiences can look forward to marvellous arrangements of works by Bach, Beethoven and Bartók, Mozart's beautiful Ave verum corpus, a fiery exchange between two cellos in Barrière's popular Sonata, as well as Debussy's uber-romantic Clair de lune and Gershwin's jazz-infused favourite "Summertime". Contemporary music for this unusual combination is well catered for in Ailbhe McDonagh's own Cellango and in An Autumn Night's Dream, a new Music Network commission by Conor Linehan.

Along with this beautiful programme of music, viewers will hear from the musicians in interviews hosted by Music Network's CEO Sharon Rollston, and composer Conor Linehan will introduce his new work in a short Composer Insight Session during the broadcast.

## Dates & Venues

Wednesday 12 May - 7.30pm  
**Music Network**

Thursday 13 May - 7.30pm  
**Waterford Music**

Friday 14 May - 8.30pm  
**The Courthouse Arts Centre**

Sunday 16 May - 8pm  
**Riverbank Arts Centre**

Wednesday 19 May - 8pm  
**St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre**

Thursday 20 May - 7pm  
**Linenhall Arts Centre**

Friday 21 May - 8pm  
**glór**

# 10 String Symphony



26 May — 11 July 2021

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Described as “The newest and most promising voices in Americana” by NPR, 10 String Symphony is a collaboration between Grammy-nominated fiddle player Christian Sedelmyer and acclaimed songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rachel Baiman.

Rachel Baiman (fiddle, banjo, vocals)

Christian Sedelmyer (fiddle, vocals)

10 String Symphony have recorded a stunning high definition concert specially for Irish audiences, all the way from Nashville’s legendary Station Inn.

Take ten strings, add two compelling voices and one shared sense of social justice, and what you’ve got is a dynamic and quietly authoritative duo in the best tradition of Guthrie and Seeger. Christian Sedelmyer and Rachel Baiman are artists firmly rooted in the old-timey Americana tradition, but with musical explorations that carry them fearlessly into the present moment, creating songs and sound worlds that are immediate and compelling.

These are musicians whose prime inspiration is our world and how we live in it. Through their musicianship, they engage with life, art, nature, and global challenges in ways that are variously warm, humorous and thought-provoking. They are champions of change, and though just two in number, their impact is massively amplified by their brilliant use of technology and skilful arrangements. These are truly musicians of our time.

## Dates & Venues

Wednesday 26 May - 7.30pm  
**Music Network**

Thursday 27 May - 8pm  
**The Dock**

Friday 28 May - 8.30pm  
**The Courthouse Arts Centre**

Saturday 29 May - 8pm  
**Siamsa Tíre**

Wednesday 2 Jun - 8pm  
**Belltable**

Friday 4 Jun - 8pm  
**Garter Lane Theatre**

Saturday 5 Jun - 8pm  
**glór**

Wednesday 9 Jun - 7pm  
**National Opera House**

Thursday 10 Jun - 8pm  
**Riverbank Arts Centre**

Friday 11 Jun - 8pm  
**Ionad Cultúrtha, Baile Mhúirne**

Sunday 11 Jul - 8pm  
**Cairde Sligo Arts Festival**

# Patrick Rafter and Fiachra Garvey

16 June — 1 July 2021

€10

Watch online



Violinist Patrick Rafter and pianist Fiachra Garvey join forces to present a stunning programme of music by Franck, Fauré, Ysaÿe and Emma O'Halloran.

"I'll get my coat!" cried Patrick Rafter when Maxim Vengerov phoned to invite him to study with him in Switzerland, and since then, Patrick's diary has been stuffed with performance dates with some of the most prestigious orchestras and conductors in the world. Kilkenny born, he swapped his hurl for a bow, and his swift rise to being one of Ireland's finest musicians is no surprise given his innate musicianship, his dazzling technique and his passion.

Fiachra Garvey is possessed of a maturity and profound understanding of his art, which when combined with his infectious enthusiasm for music-making, has already captivated audiences in concert halls across Europe and beyond.

Patrick and Fiachra have planned a beautifully-ethereal programme, with works by Fauré, Franck and Ysaÿe presented alongside the world premiere of a new Music Network commission by Emma O'Halloran.

Along with this beautiful programme of music, viewers will hear from the musicians in interviews hosted by Music Network's CEO Sharon Rollston, and composer Emma O'Halloran will introduce her new work in a short Composer Insight Session during the broadcast.

Individually, Patrick and Fiachra are stellar musicians who are making a significant mark on the international stage. Together, their performance on this digital tour promises to more than clear the very high bar that these young musicians have set for themselves.

## Dates & Venues

Wednesday 16 Jun - 7.30pm

**Music Network**

Thursday 17 Jun - 7.30pm

**Waterford Music**

Friday 18 Jun - 8pm

**Ionad Cultúrtha, Baile Mhúirne**

Sunday 20 Jun - 8pm

**Riverbank Arts Centre**

Wednesday 23 Jun - 7pm

**National Opera House**

Thursday 24 Jun - 8pm

**Pavilion Theatre**

Sunday 27 Jun - 4pm

**Music in Kilkenny**

Wednesday 30 Jun - 7pm

**Linenhall Arts Centre**

Thursday 1 Jul - 8pm

**Siamsa Tíre**

# Iarla Ó Lionáird, Úna Monaghan & Kevin Murphy

1 — 19 September 2021

€12-25 (booking fee may apply)

Roscommon, Drogheda, Limerick,  
Castlebar, Carrick-on-Shannon, Dublin,  
Ennis, Portlaoise, Cork, Newbridge,  
Dún Laoghaire, Listowel, Clifden,  
London, Belfast, Sligo.



You won't want to miss this much-anticipated new Music Network collaboration featuring vocalist Iarla Ó Lionáird, harper and sound artist Úna Monaghan, and cellist Kevin Murphy.

Iarla Ó Lionáird voice

Úna Monaghan harp, electronics

Kevin Murphy cello

Renowned vocalist and member of supergroup The Gloaming, Iarla Ó Lionáird is one of Ireland's most distinctive voices. A master of the Sean Nós singing tradition, his instinct for seeking out new ideas while guiding songs along gorgeous musical pathways distinguishes him as a true pioneer.

Úna Monaghan is a highly respected harper and sound artist, who mines her degree in astrophysics for musical inspiration and constantly challenges the boundaries of her instrument using electronic technologies.

Slow Moving Clouds' cellist Kevin Murphy, a skilled collaborator who has been the inspiration behind many imaginative projects, will join Monaghan and Ó Lionáird in what promises to be a truly memorable series of performances.

Music Network has commissioned the trio to collectively write a new work which will be premiered as part of the concert programme.

## Dates & Venues

Wednesday 1 Sep - 8pm  
Roscommon Arts Centre,  
Roscommon

Thursday 2 Sep - 8pm  
Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda

Friday 3 Sep - 8pm  
Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick

Saturday 4 Sep - 8pm  
Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar

Sunday 5 Sep - 5pm  
The Dock Summer Sessions at The  
Market Yard, Carrick-On-Shannon

Tuesday 7 Sep - 7.30pm  
St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street,  
Dublin 2

Wednesday 8 Sep - 8pm  
glór, Ennis

Thursday 9 Sep - 8pm  
Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise

Friday 10 Sep - 8pm  
Triskel Christchurch, Cork (Triskel  
Arts Centre)

Saturday 11 Sep - 8pm  
Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Sunday 12 Sep - 8pm  
Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 Sep - 8pm  
St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre,  
Listowel

Wednesday 15 Sep - 8pm  
St. Joseph's Church, Clifden  
(Clifden Arts Festival)

Friday 17 Sep - 7.30pm  
Grand Junction, London (Irish  
Music and Dance in London)

Saturday 18 Sep - 7.30pm  
The MAC, Belfast (Moving on  
Music)

Sunday 19 Sep - 8pm  
Hawk's Well Theatre, Sligo

# Mairéad Hickey & Agnès Clément

7 October — 13 November 2021  
Baile Mhúirne, Cork, Tinahely, Dún  
Laoghaire, Stradbally, Dublin,  
Waterford, Kilkenny, Clifden, Paris



A captivating new duo featuring the celebrated Irish violinist Mairéad Hickey and the acclaimed French harpist Agnès Clément.

Mairéad Hickey violin  
Agnès Clément harp

Like coffee and cake, fish and chips or Fred and Ginger, some pairings just can't be topped. The exquisite combination of violin and harp is most definitely a match made in heaven, and no more so than in this new Music Network collaboration between Irish violinist Mairéad Hickey and French harpist Agnès Clément.

Celebrated for her captivating expression, soaring tone and fearless virtuosity, Mairéad Hickey's natural ability to communicate sincerely, and with beauty and integrity has entranced audiences worldwide. Agnès Clément is recognised as a musician of exceptional talent whose astonishing virtuosity alongside an ability to deliver performances brimming with full-blooded passion has won her widespread acclaim.

Featuring a beautiful selection of music by Bach, Saint-Saëns, Massenet, Viardot, Renié, Spohr (the inventor of the violin chin rest no less!) and a brand new Music Network commission by John McLachlan, their programme will delight and enthral music lovers around the country.

Composer John McLachlan will present a Composer Insight Session during the final concert of the tour at Station House Theatre, Clifden on 16 October.

## Dates & Venues

Thursday 7 Oct - 8pm  
**Ionad Cultúrtha, Baile Mhúirne**

Friday 8 Oct - 8pm  
**Triskel Christchurch, Cork**

Saturday 9 Oct - 8.30pm  
**The Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely**

Sunday 10 Oct - 8pm  
**Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire**

Tuesday 12 Oct - 7pm  
**The Malt House, Stradbally**

Wednesday 13 Oct - 7.30pm  
**St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street, Dublin 2**

Thursday 14 Oct - 7.30pm  
**Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford**

Friday 15 Oct - 7pm  
**St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny**

Saturday 16 Oct - 8pm  
**Station House Theatre, Clifden**

Saturday 13 Nov - 6pm (French time)  
**Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris**

# Kit Downes' Dreamlife of Debris

19 — 26 October 2021  
Letterkenny, Newbridge, Dublin,  
Tinahely, Portlaoise, Cork, Dún  
Laoghaire



An unmissable opportunity to hear Kit Downes' highly anticipated and critically acclaimed album *Dreamlife of Debris* in concert.

Kit Downes piano, organ\*  
Tom Challenger tenor saxophone  
Lucy Railton cello  
Sebastian Rochford drums

The wandering mind is a curious thing, and Kit Downes' *Dreamlife of Debris* explores its tangents and threads, subtleties and secrets in this stunning project inspired by W. G. Sebald's *The Rings of Saturn* novel. There is a suitably zero gravity feel to this music, buoyant, orbital, full of whorls and tendrils and utterly bewitching.

Kit's playing is highly original and personal, his solo church organ album *Obsidian* being one of the most remarkable ECM albums of recent years. His three co-navigators on this voyage of discovery are all world-class improvising musicians and their in-flight conversation invites us into a world of restless melody, crisp rhythmic jousting, and a luminous palette of sonic colour and texture. Garnering major attention worldwide, this is an inspired, highly anticipated and critically acclaimed album, already a must-have on the shelves of anyone who is curious about or in love with intelligent, beautiful music.

The concert in Triskel Christchurch is presented by Music Network in association with Triskel Arts Centre at Guinness Cork Jazz Festival.

## Dates & Venues

Tuesday 19 Oct - 8pm  
Regional Cultural Centre,  
Letterkenny

Wednesday 20 Oct - 8pm  
Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Thursday 21 Oct - 7.30pm  
St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street,  
Dublin 2

Friday 22 Oct - 8.30pm  
The Courthouse Arts Centre,  
Tinahely

Saturday 23 Oct - 7pm  
Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise

Sunday 24 Oct - 8pm  
Triskel Christchurch, Cork

Tuesday 26 Oct - 8pm  
Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire

# Tamsin Waley-Cohen and George Fu



17 — 24 November 2021

Tickets €5-€20

Dún Laoghaire, Waterford, Ennis, Birr,  
Baile Mhúirne, Dublin



Bringing intelligence and sensitivity to anything they tackle, this charismatic violin and piano duo have a passion for discovering new music and reinvigorating the old.

**Tamsin Waley-Cohen** violin  
**George Fu** piano

Widely praised for her expressive and strikingly individual performances, Tamsin Waley-Cohen has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in many of the world's great concert halls. An adventurous and prolific recording artist, her recent recording of Beethoven Violin Sonatas on the Signum Classics label has received widespread critical acclaim.

Described by the Boston Music Intelligencer as a “heroic piano soloist” with “stunning virtuosity”, American pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu has established an international reputation as a captivating musician with distinctive intelligence and sensitivity. Passionate about the creation of new work, he is also a composer and an avid performer of contemporary music.

This phenomenal duo will present a programme that includes the F-A-E Sonata, uniquely co-authored by three great 19th century composers, Stravinsky's exquisite Duo Concertant, Beethoven's much loved 'Kreutzer' sonata and Release, a Music Network commission written by New York-based Irish composer Finola Merivale.

## Dates & Venues

Wednesday 17 Nov - 8pm  
**Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire**

Thursday 18 Nov - 7.30pm  
**Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford**

Friday 19 Nov - 8pm  
**glór, Ennis**

Saturday 20 Nov - 8pm  
**Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Birr**

Tuesday 23 Nov - 8pm  
**Ionad Cultúrtha, Baile Mhúirne**

Wednesday 24 Nov - 7.30pm  
**St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street,  
Dublin 2**