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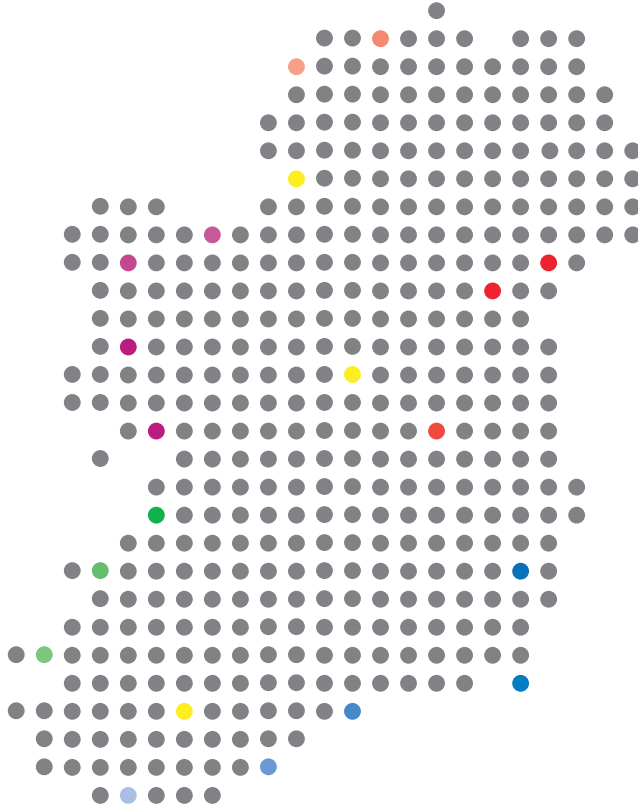
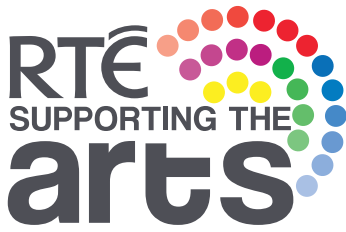
LIMERICK IRELAND
INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

9th – 11th June 2023



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Welcome



On behalf of University Concert Hall, I am delighted to welcome you to the 11th annual Limerick Sings International Choral Festival! This year we also welcome over 450 singers and choirs from the USA, Iceland, Norway, UK and across Ireland to a weekend packed full of concerts, workshops, and fun filled singing activities across Limerick and the wider region.

We are privileged to welcome the highly acclaimed international vocal ensemble, The King's Singers, to open the festival and to deliver a unique choral workshop. Designed to challenge and advance every participant, their workshop will explore the joys of choral music and singing together a capella!

It also gives us great pleasure to welcome one of Ireland's most well-respected Choral Directors Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh alongside The Ramparts choir to lead this year's Outdoor Chorus at the stunning Cliffs of Moher. Let's hope the weather is kind to everyone!

This year we join with, and co-host, SongSeeking, a Community Singing Session with Sing Ireland, for an intergenerational session for community singing groups who will share their cultural heritage through the songs and sounds of their countries and communities. We hope to work with Sing Ireland and develop the Festival's outreach programme further over the coming months.

Each year the Limerick Sings Festival allows us to showcase some of Limerick and the region's most beautiful venues and we look forward to returning to the wonderful Redemptorist Church in Limerick City, Holy Trinity Abbey Church in Adare as well as, of course, to University Concert Hall. Our Choral Trail will also this year bring song to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, the Hunt Museum, Cliffs of Moher, International Rugby Experience and Milford Care Centre in Castletroy.

We would like to finally thank all those working in our Festival venues, as well as our supporters and partners – the Arts Council, Limerick City & County Council, RTÉ Supporting the Arts, Limerick Leader and Sing Ireland - our concert presenters Lorcan Murray and Shirley Keane, together with the Limerick Sings festival team and volunteers.

Thanks also to you, our audience, for supporting us with your attendance. We look forward to 3 days full of song and hope you enjoy all that the festival has to offer in 2023!

Sinead Hope

Artistic Director

Limerick Sings International Choral Festival

WORKSHOPS & OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY 9th JUNE

THE KING'S SINGERS WORKSHOP

University Concert Hall, 4.00pm

Join The King's Singers for an afternoon exploring the joys of choral music, and singing together a capella! Through varied songs they will work with you on everything from fundamental skills like breathing, balance, and blend, right through to high-level performing.



WELCOME BBQ with THE RAMPARTS

Stables Club, UL (Festival Choirs), 9.30pm

SATURDAY 10th JUNE OUTDOOR CHORUS

with RUAIDHRÍ Ó DÁLAIGH

Cliffs of Moher, 12.00pm



SONGSEEKING presented by SING IRELAND -

A Community Singing Session

University Concert Hall, 12.00pm (*Invitees Only*)



Facilitated by musicians on the Sing Ireland SongSeeking programme, this Intergenerational session invited community singing groups and participants of the SongSeeking programme together to share their cultural heritage through the songs and sounds of their countries and communities.

FESTIVAL CLUB with CELTIC STEPS

The Pavilion, UL, 10.30pm

SATURDAY 10th JUNE & SUNDAY 11th JUNE CHORAL TRAILS

Saturday, 2.00pm Voices of the Boyne (Co. Louth)
SandvikaKoret (Norway)

Sunday, 11.00am Kingswood Community Choir (Co. Dublin)
HáskólaKórinn (Iceland)

Sunday, 11.30am Singers Marin (USA)
Vocation (USA)

Sunday, 1.30pm Cantette (Co. Limerick)
Silvertones (Co. Wexford)



Bunratty Castle & Folk Park



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MUSEUM

The Hunt Museum



Milford Care Centre
(Residents Only)

FRIDAY 9th JUNE

THE KING'S SINGERS IN CONCERT

University Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Presenter: Lorcan Murray

Programme

Breuremarsj fra Valsøyfjord (Wedding March from Valsøyfjord)
Northern Lights
Ave maris stella
A Dream within a Dream
Uti var hage (In our meadow)
Aftonen (Evening)
Och jungfrun hon gar i ringen (And the maiden joins the ring)
Words
Sa skimrande var aldri havet (The sea was never so shimmering)
Sommarspsalm (Summer Hymn)
Pass me the jazz

Traditional Norwegian
Ola Gjeilo
Edvard Grieg
Ola Gjeilo
Hugo Alfvén
Hugo Alfvén
Hugo Alfvén,
Anders Edenroth
Evert Taube, arr. Anders Edenroth
Waldemar Ahlen
Anders Edenroth

INTERVAL

Pseudo-Yoik
Legenda
Finlandia

Jaakko Mantyjärvi
Einojuhani Rautavaara
Jean Sibelius

Ensemble: Patrick Dunachie, countertenor
Edward Button, countertenor
Julian Gregory, tenor

Christopher Bruerton, baritone
Nick Ashby, baritone
Jonathan Howard, bass

THE KING'S SINGERS

The King's Singers have represented the gold standard in *a cappella* singing on the world's greatest stages for over fifty years. They are renowned for their connection and engagement with their audiences, their unrivalled technique, versatility and skill in performance, and for their consummate musicianship, drawing both on the group's rich heritage and pioneering spirit to create an extraordinary wealth of original works and unique collaborations.

What has always distinguished the group is their comfort in an unprecedented range of styles and genres, pushing the boundaries of their repertoire, while at the same time honouring their origins in the British choral tradition. They are known and loved around the world, appearing regularly in major cities, festivals and venues across Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia, including Carnegie Hall, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Mozarteum Salzburg, Tonhalle Zurich, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Helsinki Music Centre, Sydney Opera House, Tokyo Opera City and the National Centre for the Performing Arts, Beijing. They also work with orchestras, recently including a specially commissioned work by Sir James MacMillan with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra at the Edinburgh International Festival.



The King's Singers' extensive discography has led to numerous awards including two Grammy Awards, an Emmy Award, and a place in Gramophone magazine's inaugural Hall of Fame. As part of their 50th anniversary celebrations in 2018, the group undertook a series of major tours worldwide, supporting the release of a Grammy Award nominated anniversary album *GOLD*, which featured important works in the group's history and new commissions by Bob Chilcott, John Rutter and Nico Muhly.

This commitment to creating new repertoire has always been central to the group, with over 200 commissioned works by many leading composers of the 20th and 21st Centuries, including John Tavener, Judith Bingham, Eric Whitacre, György Ligeti, Luciano Berio, Krzysztof Penderecki and Toru Takemitsu. These join a unique body of close-harmony and a cappella arrangements, including those by King's Singers past.

SATURDAY 10th JUNE

OUTDOOR CHORUS

University Concert Hall & Cliffs of Moher,
9.15am / 12.00pm



Programme

Limerick Sings Festival Choir What a Wonderful World

George David Weiss and Bob Thiele,
arr. Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh

Musical Director: Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh

This fun rehearsal/workshop, led by Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh and the Ramparts, is a unique opportunity to work with one of Ireland's acclaimed Choral Directors and perform against the beautiful backdrop of the Cliffs of Moher as part of a massed choir.

RUAIDHRÍ Ó DÁLAIGH

Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh began singing with the Palestrina Choir in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral at the age of six and at eleven enrolled in the DIT College of Music to study piano and music theory. He graduated from Maynooth University in 2007 with a BMusInt.

Ruaidhrí was appointed director of Belvedere College Choirs in 2007. He has been director of several choirs over the years including The Castle Singers, Cantairí Avondale, Third Day Chorale, Diva Voces, The Airs (SSE Airticity), Certus Choir, Just Sing, AIB Work Choir, Amici Singers, Maynooth Early Music Ensemble & Maynooth University Chamber Choir.

Ruaidhrí currently directs five choirs, Belvedere College Choir, 'Inhouse Voices' a male voice choir who are made up of inmates in Mountjoy Prison, 'SOLAS workplace choir', 'Songs In The Key Of D', and 'The Ramparts', a close harmony male voice choir he established in 2016.



SATURDAY 10th JUNE

AN EVENING OF CHOIRS IN CONCERT

Redemptorist Church, 8.30pm

Presenter: Shirley Keane

Programme

Limerick Chamber Choir

Die Onse Vader
Butterfly
O Radiant Dawn
Il bianco e dolce cigno

Zander Fick
Mia Makaroff
James MacMillan
Jacques Arcadelt

Musical Director: Máire Keary-Scanlon

Vocation (from Covenant School)

Music in the Air
I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
Wild Forces
Be Thou My Vision

arr. Ryan Murphy
U2, arr. Deke Sharon
Jake Runestad
arr. Connor Smith

Musical Director: Jerry King

Accompanist: Daniel Warren

Singers Marin

Down in the River to Pray
Blowin' in the Wind/America
Ad Astra
Praise His Holy Name

arr. Jace Wittig
Bob Dylan, arr. Len Thomas
Jacob Narverud
Keith Hampton

Musical Director: Michael Brandon Morales

Accompanist: Irene Jacobson

Voices of Limerick

The Lily and the Rose
Angelus (From Maritana)
Let There Be Peace On Earth

Bob Chilcott
William Vincent Wallace
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Hawley Aides

Musical Director: Colette Davis

Accompanist: John Davis

Háskólakórinn

Rauði riddarinn
The Silver Swan
The Twa Corbies
Hæ þú skalt fagna
Maistjarnan

Hreiðar Ingi Þorsteinsson
Orlando Gibbons
Hreiðar Ingi Þorsteinsson
Lajos Bárdos
Jón Ásgeirsson

Musical Director: Gunnsteinn Ólafsson

SUNDAY 11th JUNE

AFTERNOON PROMS

Holy Trinity Abbey Church, Adare, 3.30pm

Presenter: Shirley Keane

Programme

Silvertones

Can't Help Falling in Love

Shenandoah
I Will Sing

Musical Director: Eithne Corrigan
Accompanist: Conor McCarthy

George David Weiss, Hugo Peretti,
and Luigi Creatore, arr. Roger Emerson
arr. Jeff Funk
Andy Beck

Flautist: Anne Wickham

Voices of the Boyne

Sigh No More, Ladies
Užaugo Liepa
I'll Tell me Ma

Musical Director: Claire Grogan
Accompanist: Cecilia Madden

Ruth Morris Gray
Kęstutis Daugirdas
arr. Erik Jones

VoiceOver

Feed the Birds

60s Chicks (Medley)
May It Be

A Choral Flourish

Musical Director: Cordelia Burke
Accompanist: Richard Bunn

Richard M. Sherman and
Robert B. Sherman,
arr. Cristi Cary Miller
arr. Jay Althouse
Eithne Ní Bhraonáin, Nicky Ryan and
Roma Ryan, arr. Dorothy Horn
Linda Spevacek

Kingswood Community Choir

Beautiful Day
Imagine
Don't Stop

Musical Director: Pauline Dalton

U2, arr. Mark De-Lisser
John Lennon, arr. Liz Garnett
Christine McVie, arr. Pauline Dalton

Aoide Voices

Ave verum corpus
Hallelujah

Rhythm of Life

Siyahamba

Musical Director: Owen Gilhooly-Miles
Accompanist: Irina Dernova

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Leonard Cohen,
arr. Roger Emerson
Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields,
arr. John Leavit
Traditional Zulu

CHOIR BIOGRAPHIES

Aoide Voices

Aoide (Pronounced as Ay-oh-dee, meaning ‘to sing’) was formed in September 2014, as part of the Mid-West Vocal Academy and Music School & is a mixed voice community choir based in the Castletroy area of Limerick. In Greek mythology, Aoide was the muse of song and we love to sing!

The choir has already performed many fundraising concerts, most recently raising money for Limerick Animal Welfare, Limerick Lions Club, CMRF Crumlin, Children’s Grief Centre & Limerick Suicide Watch.

The choir covers popular, upbeat music & is non-auditioning. Everyone from the beginner to the experienced is welcome to join, in a relaxed and fun learning environment, led by Musical Director Owen Gilhooly-Miles & Assistant Musical Director Triona Walsh.

Aoide was delighted to win the ‘First Time Competitors’ Competition at the 2017 Mayo International Choral Competition and second place in the 2018 Choirs from Ireland Competition.



Cantette

Cantette Children’s Choir was founded by its conductor, Máire Keary-Scanlon.

A choir of equal voice, members are between the ages of 9 and 16. With the training they receive during those years, most members then move on to the Limerick Youth Choir. Many members move on to perform with choirs both in Ireland and abroad, at amateur and professional level.

Cantette performs regularly at charity events and Christmas and other concerts throughout the year. They have been prize-winners at many competitions both at home and abroad, such as Sligo Feis, Cork’s Feis Maitiu, Limerick Choral Festival and farther afield in Prague, Paris and Vienna.

The children sing a variety of music from classical to modern arrangements of show and pop songs, singing in unison and two, three and even four part harmony.

Like so many choirs around the world, Cantette was affected by the Covid pandemic, and the numbers dropped significantly. The present members, though small in number, are mighty in sound and musicality!



Háskólakórinn

Háskólakórinn, the University Choir of Iceland, has been performing music from Iceland and abroad for over 50 years. The choir completes large projects, most recently Beethoven's Mass in C major with the Youth Orchestra of Iceland, along with traditional Icelandic songs and pieces from around the world.

The choir is currently rehearsing Carmina Burana, which will be performed with the Iceland Symphony Orchestra and several visiting choir in the upcoming spring. The choir is led by Gunnsteinn Ólafsson, a prolific Icelandic composer and conductor.



Kingswood Community Choir

In October 2019 the Kingswood Community Centre decided to run a 4-week singing workshop for Mental Health Awareness Month. By week four they had more than 45 people turning up to Sing!

It was decided to continue the choir with Pauline Dalton as Choral Director and by Christmas of 2019 they performed as part of a 120 person singing ensemble. They then performed at an event for International Women's Day 2020 which they loved.

For the past 2 years they tried different ways of rehearsing including Zoom, however this was not always suitable as members really missed not being able to hear other singers beside them so the Zoom rehearsals became an opportunity for members to sing a favourite song on their own!

Kingswood Community Choir sang with the Dublin Gospel Choir in May 2022 so the members were hard at work together again rehearsing since February.



Limerick Chamber Choir

Limerick Chamber Choir was formed by Máire Keary-Scanlon in 2017. The choir is made up of singers from the Limerick area with diverse musical backgrounds, many of whom have performed together previously in other ensembles.

A significant part of their repertoire to date has been works by living composers, both Irish and international, however the choir does enjoy singing works from other eras too.

Most recently, Limerick Chamber Choir brought their concert 'Of Stars And Light' to audiences in Limerick and Wicklow, they performed in St Mary's Cathedral for Limerick Mental Health Week, and they performed the European premiere of the National Geographic 'Symphony For Our World' at the LIT Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, together with an 80-strong symphony orchestra.

Limerick Chamber Choir performed the world premiere of three choral works by Seán Doherty at the Bealtaine Festival in 2017, and in future they endeavour to continue to provide a platform for the works of both emerging and established Irish choral composers.



SandvikaKoret

We are approx. 40 singers who meet and practice every week. SandvikaKoret was founded in 1933 and we are therefore celebrating our choir's 90th anniversary.

Our choir has a wide repertoire, from shows and "folk" music to jazz, classical, spirituals and church music. We participate in our own and others' events with seminars, festivals, concerts and trips at home and abroad.

Rebekka Ingibjartsdottir is our conductor. She is also a soprano and violinist, and has a bachelor's degree both in musicology at the University of Oslo and in conducting and singing at the Norwegian Academy of Music.



Silvertones

Silvertones is a senior choir which is based in Enniscorthy. Founded in 2009, the choir has been going from strength to strength. Members come from all over Co. Wexford, from Rosslare to Gorey and all areas in between. The only requirement is that you are at least 55 years young and at most “young at heart”.

The Choral Director is Eithne Corrigan whose talent, dedication, and good humour is the key to the success and popularity of the choir.

Our Concerts are always part of the Bealtine Festival every year which showcases the talent and creativity of both first-time and professional artists and performers. Silvertones are proud to participate in this each year.

This year’s Limerick Sings performance is dedicated in memory of our dear friend and accompanist Fintan Cleary – where there was music Fintan would be found with orchestra or choir under his baton!



Singers Marin

Singers Marin, Choral Singers of Marin, is an association of choruses that was founded to serve the community and preserve the integrity of the choral art. The adult community chorus is from Marin County in California and performs several concerts in the area throughout the year. Singers Marin has also traveled internationally with Music Contact International to perform.



The Ramparts

The Ramparts are an all-male Dublin based choir set up in February 2016. They love to sing Barbershop, Pop, Traditional Irish, Folk, and Classical, all strictly a capella.

The Ramparts have approximately 30 members and rehearse every Wednesday evening in Dublin City Centre. They have performed on the BBC, RTE, Virgin Media, The Joe Show, Liveline, various music festivals, as well as private parties, weddings, corporates, charity events, international tours and a particular favourite of theirs - flash mobs. The Ramparts also put on their own shows twice a year, one at Christmas and one in the Summer. They are delighted and honoured to be singing at Limerick Sings 2023!

Director: Ruaidhrí Ó Dálaigh



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Vocation

Vocation is the Covenant Upper School's a capella vocal ensemble. Students from the top three grades audition annually to take on a wide and varied repertoire, from ancient to contemporary, local to global. The group sings regularly as part of the life of the school community, as well as in Charlottesville for a variety of audiences. Just ahead of the pandemic, they last sang internationally as participants in Vienna's AdventSing 2019, bringing the strong musical flavor of Mid-Atlantic US to Austria.

VoiceOver

Based in Dungarvan Co. Waterford, VoiceOver is a small dedicated group of experienced singers who love to sing from popular to classical pieces. Now on the cusp of its 10 Year Anniversary the intervening years have had many musical highlights. Hosting a Concert with the late great International Soprano Cara O'Sullivan holds fond memories for the ladies. In 2022 the group won 1st Prize as the Best Community Choir in the RTE Lyric FM Choirs for Christmas Competition and additionally were also runners up as the Best Overall Choir. Dungarvan Lions Club Christmas Appeal 2022 benefited greatly from Voiceover's recently released CD which has received much praise from their loyal and long established musical followers.



Voices Of Limerick

Voices of Limerick is a mixed-voice SATB choir formed in 1992. Its aim is to foster a love and understanding of choral music. The choir has a broad repertoire. Our Musical Director is Colette Davis whose knowledge, talent and teaching abilities are widely acknowledged. We rehearse in Mary Immaculate College on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. We welcome new members.



Voices of The Boyne

Voices of the Boyne are a female community choir based in Drogheda, Co. Louth. Established in 2018 with Claire Grogan as conductor, we enjoy a varied repertoire of music. With an ethos of inclusivity, we aim to promote positive mental health and build friendships through singing, while always striving for choral excellence.

In 2019, we were awarded first prize at the Mayo International Choral Festival for First-time competitors. We have performed many sell-out shows in our hometown of Drogheda, raising thousands of Euro for local charities, and our virtual recordings during the two-year lockdown were shared extensively over social media.

With an ever-growing member base of approximately 100 women, we passionately believe in the power of community singing and sharing that message with as many people as possible.



COMING UP AT UCH 2023



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Bridesmaids	9 September
Smokie - All The Hits	28 September
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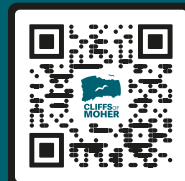
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