

Finding a Voice

*Music by women composers from
the 12th century to the present day*

5th- 8th March 2020

Clonmel, Co. Tipperary



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



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TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be booked for Finding A Voice in the following ways

Online Eventbrite (Finding A Voice)

In person South Tipperary Arts Centre
1 Nelson Street, Clonmel (credit card/cash/cheque)

Festival Pass can be purchased only at the South Tipperary Arts Centre

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We are delighted to bring the third edition of Finding a Voice to Clonmel in 2020. Once again the concert series focuses on the music of women composers through the ages, building and expanding on our first two highly successful series in 2018 and 2019. Already in the past two years Finding a Voice has programmed music by more than 50 women composers, arrangers and musicians and this number is set to grow again in 2020.

This year, Finding a Voice will focus on broadening the genres covered, to include traditional Irish music and jazz in addition to music from the twelfth century to the present day. Once more, the music of several Irish women composers will be highlighted including Ailís Ní Riain, Gráinne Mulvey, Alyson Barber, Anne-Marie O'Farrell, Eibhlís Farrell and Deirdre McKay, who will all feature for the first time, as well as Jane O'Leary, Joan Trimble and Siobhán Cleary.

The concerts will also feature music by significant international women composers including for the first time Amy Beach, Lili Boulanger, Antonia Bembo, Sally Beamish, Sofia Gubaidulina, Missy Mazzoli and Mary Lou Williams among others. We are thrilled to welcome back some favourite performers from the last two years, including the RTÉ ConTempo Quartet, the Irish Baroque Orchestra and pianist Isabelle O'Connell, as well as some new faces including composer and harpist Anne-Marie O'Farrell, pianist Aileen Cahill, multi-instrumentalist Imogen Gunner, rising star flautist Miriam Kaczor and the CSM Jazz Big Band.

As the only concert series of its kind in Ireland and the British Isles, Finding a Voice offers a unique opportunity to hear music-making of the highest quality by unjustly neglected women composers through the years. We really look forward to introducing this music to you!

Róisín Maher
Artistic Director, Finding a Voice



Thursday 5th March

Opening Concert

All That Jazz!
CSM Jazz Big Band,
conductor Cormac McCarthy

{ Old St. Mary's Church
7pm

Big band jazz comes to Clonmel in an hour-long opening concert that will definitely have a 'wow' factor! With music by jazz greats such as Mary Lou Williams, as well as rising Irish star, Áine Delaney.

Mary Lou Williams *In the Land of Oo-Bla-Dee*
A Mellow Bit of Rhythm
Chunka Lunka

Christine Jensen *Blue Yonder*
And more....

€18 / €12
Jazz



Friday 6th March



Andreea Banciu and Aileen Cahill

{ Old St. Mary's Church
1pm

Romantic music for viola and piano including Rebecca Clarke's glorious Viola Sonata, alongside music by Clara Schumann and Amy Beach.

Amy Beach	<i>Three Pieces Op. 40</i>
Minna Keal	<i>Ballade</i>
Clara Schumann	<i>Three Romances</i>
Rebecca Clarke	<i>Viola Sonata</i>

€10 / €7
Music for viola & piano



RTÉ ConTempo Quartet, Aileen Cahill

{ Old St. Mary's Church
7.30pm

Music for string quartet and piano from returning favourites, the RTÉ ConTempo Quartet who are joined by pianist Aileen Cahill for a concert of romantic music and new works by Irish composers.

Jane O'Leary	<i>Fanfare</i>
Fanny Mendelssohn	<i>String Quartet</i>
Deirdre McKay	<i>mr shah stares to the heavens</i>
Amy Beach	<i>Piano Quintet</i>

€18 / €12 }
String quartet & piano



{ Old St. Mary's Church
1pm

Miriam Kaczor
&
Isabelle O'Connell

€10 / €7 }
Music for flute & piano

A wonderful eclectic programme of music for flute and piano from around the world, including France, Hungary/Croatia, Australia, Cuba and, of course, Ireland. Featuring festival-favourite Isabelle O'Connell on piano and rising star, Miriam Kaczor, flautist.

Lili Boulanger	<i>Nocturne</i>
Anne Boyd	<i>Goldfish through Summer Rain</i>
Mélanie Bonis	<i>Sonata</i>
Alyson Barber	<i>Bóthar na Síog</i>
Tania Leon	<i>Del Caribe Soy!</i>
Dora Pejacevic	<i>Slavic Sonata</i>



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Saturday 7th March



Women Who Compose: Music's Hidden Histories

**Tipperary Museum of Hidden History
3.30pm**

In association with the Contemporary Music Centre, chaired by CMC Director, Evonne Ferguson.

The Contemporary Music Centre (CMC) is Ireland's archive and resource centre for new music, supporting the work of composers throughout the Republic and Northern Ireland.

Free
talk



Isabelle O'Connell

**Old St. Mary's Church
7.30pm**

Programme of contemporary piano music including a world premiere of a new work by Irish composer Gráinne Mulvey.

Sofia Gubaidulina

Chaconne

Missy Mazzoli

Isabelle Eberhardt Dreams of Pianos

Caroline Shaw

Gustave le Gray

Gráinne Mulvey

Sun of Orient Crimson with Excess of Light

Mary Kouyoumdjian

Aghavni

Siobhan Cleary

Chaconne

€18 / €12
Contemporary piano



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Sunday 8th March
International Women's Day

Harp Galactique! Anne Marie O'Farrell

{ Main Guard
1pm

This concert celebrates the harp's recent designation by UNESCO as having a unique place in Irish cultural life with a fabulous concert of music for traditional Irish harp and pedal harp with a Celtic and Gallic twist! The concert also includes the first performance of *Beyond the Lake* by Rose Connolly, winner of the Finding a Voice Emerging Composer Competition.

Rose Connolly – *Beyond the Lake*

Ailís Ní Riain – *Fear Is*

Sally Beamish – *Awuya*

Eibhlís Farrell – *An Chruit Draíochta*

Joan Trimble – *Introduction and Air*

Elinor Evans – *The Cuillin*

Anne-Marie O'Farrell – *Chromatétude*

Gráinne Mulvey – *Exploration*

Caroline Lizotte – *Suite Galactique*

€10 / €7

Contemporary pedal & Irish harp



{ Old St. Mary's Church
3pm

Musical Dreamers Imogen Gunner with Rose Connolly & Emma Maguire

Free concert
Traditional & more

Imogen Gunner and Rose Connolly are multi-instrumentalists, composers and vocalists. They perform a set of original work, comprising instrumentals and songs, with beautifully blended harmony vocals, and instrumentals informed by trad, jazz, old-time and improvisation. They are joined by Wicklow fiddler and composer Emma Maguire.

Imogen Gunner: Fiddle, vocals

Rose Connolly: Piano, guitar, banjo, ukulele

Emma Maguire: Fiddle

La Donna Barocca

Irish Baroque Orchestra, director Claire Duff

} Main Guard
7pm

Opening with a piece from the 12th century visionary Hildegard of Bingen, this glorious concert of baroque music goes on to celebrate the music of seventeenth and eighteenth century French and Italian composers, marking especially the 400th anniversary of Isabella Leonarda.

Hildegard von Bingen

Ave generosa

Francesca Caccini

Maria, dolce Maria

Isabella Leonarda

Sonata Op.16 no.7, Ave saavis dilecto, Sonata Op.16 no.1

Elizabeth J. de la Guerre

Pieces de clavecin, Trio Sonatas in G minor & B♭ major

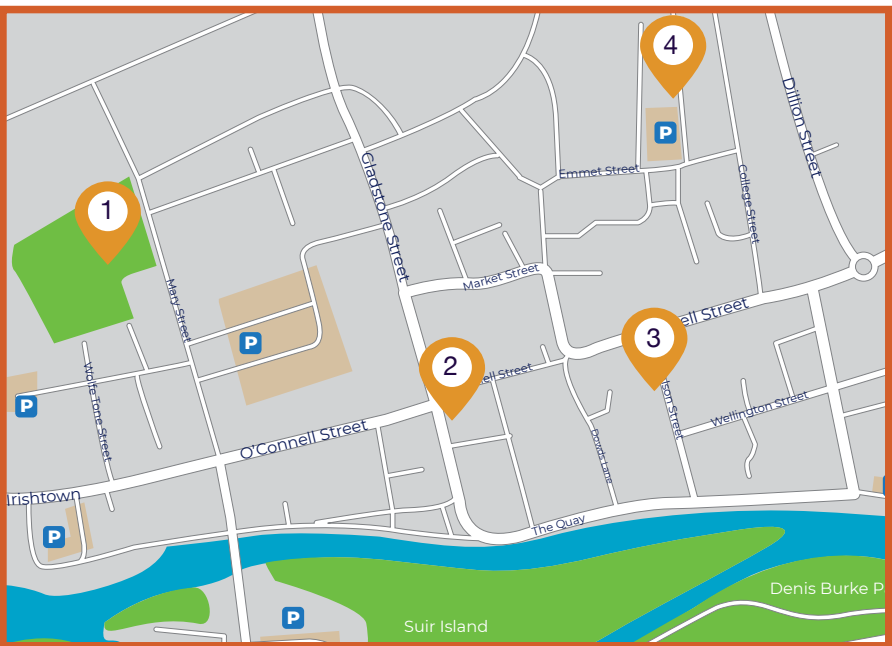
Antonia Bembo

Détourne tes regards, Mi basta cosi, Je t'eusse offert

€18 / €12
Baroque music }



Festival Locations



1 Old St. Mary's Church, Mary St, Clonmel

2 Main Guard, Sarsfield St, Clonmel

3 South Tipperary Arts Centre, Nelson St (festival box office)

4 Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Mick Delahunty Square

Day

Lunchtime

Afternoon

Evening

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