

Seachtain na Gaeilge ag Ceoláras na hOllscoile / Seachtain na Gaeilge at University Concert Hall



Iarla O'Lionaird & Steve Cooney

Le hAoi Speisialta / With Special Guest **Zoe Conway**

Déardaoin 14 Márta / Thursday 14th March, 8pm

As part of University Concert Hall's **Seachtain na Gaeilge** programme, we are delighted to welcome renowned two-time Grammy nominee **Iarla Ó Lionáird**, best known for his unmistakable voice and distinctive sean nós style as part of the stunningly successful group *The Gloaming*. For this very special, intimate concert he is accompanied by acoustic guitar virtuoso Steve Cooney.

Ó Lionáird has carved a long and unique career in music both internationally and in Ireland. From his iconic early recording of the vision song *Aisling Gheal* as a young boy, to his ground breaking recordings with Dublin's *Crash Ensemble* and New York's *Alarm Will Sound*, he has shown a breadth of artistic ambition that sets him apart in the Irish Music fraternity. He was born and bred in Cúil Aodha, in the West Cork Gaeltacht, with Seán Ó Riada as neighbour and an indisputable early influence. Twice Grammy nominated, Ó Lionáird has worked with a stellar cast of composers internationally and has performed and recorded with such luminaries as Peter Gabriel, Nick Cave, Robert Plant and Sinéad O'Connor. His unique singing style has carried him to stages and concert halls all over the world, from New York's Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House and beyond.

His voice has graced the silver screen also, with film credits extending from *The Gangs of New York* to *Hotel Rwanda* and most recently as featured singer in the film *Brooklyn* starring Saoirse Ronan. He is the vocalist with the critically acclaimed Irish/American band The Gloaming.

Steve Cooney has been described by the Irish Times as a 'musical polymath' and is best known for his development of an influential style of guitar accompaniment to traditional Irish dance music, for which he won the National Entertainment Award in 1997. He came to Ireland from Australia in 1980 and maintains his connections with the Aboriginal culture there, into which he was initiated. He has participated in making more than 100 CD's, either as a guitar or bass player or as producer and engineer. A poet and songwriter, he has worked with many iconic international artists from rock and roll and country music but his primary focus is Irish traditional music.

Special guest on the night will be Irish fiddle player, **Zoe Conway**, a prodigious talent, equally at home in both traditional Irish and classical styles. Zoe has performed across the globe and has performed with acts such as Riverdance, Rodrigo y Gabriella, Lisa Hannigan, Nick Cave and Lou Reed among others. Most recently at University Concert Hall, Zoe joined forces with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra for the venue's 25th Anniversary Gala Concert.

University Concert Hall, Limerick
Thursday 14th March, 8pm
Tickets: €20 (+Booking fee)
Booking: 061 331549 / www.uch.ie

Additional Seachtain na Gaeilge Events

Monday 11th March @ 7.30pm
THE CAMINO VOYAGE
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A crew including a Writer, two Musicians, an Artist and a Stonemason embark on the Camino by sea, in a traditional boat that they built themselves on an inspiring, and dangerous, 2,500 km modern day Celtic odyssey all the way from Ireland to Northern Spain. This intimate documentary charts the trials and tribulations of a voyage that in the words of the poet and crew member Danny Sheehy, took “sweat, blood and blisters to complete while deepening and renewing friendships, creativity and spirituality in the process”.

Setting sail in their own handmade traditional boat, called a ‘Naomhóg’ against the backdrop of the vast ocean, Danny and his crew share music, stories and wise words. Joyously adventurous and profoundly ennobled by the task, this eclectic crew shared a remarkable journey.

Featuring; Oscar winning musician Glen Hansard, Irish musician Brendan Begley, Artist Liam Holden, Stonemason Brendan Moriarty and writer/poet Danny Sheehy.

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Friday 15th March @ 1pm

SÍOMHA

FREE CONCERT!

Take some time out with a wonderful, FREE, lunchtime concert with Síomha to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge! Singer and guitarist Síomha dances the line between folk, jazz and neo-soul effortlessly, taking audiences on an unexpected and unforgettable journey with her soulful melodies. Coming from a family steeped in music, Síomha grew up on a diet of musical greats, with the sounds of jazz, trad, folk and soul creeping in and leaving an indelible mark on her musical tastes and influences.

Síomha’s music truly does defy any conventional genres. The influences of her musical background, her travels and musical explorations are audible in the music she creates. Always proud of her Irish heritage, she performs her songs in both the English and Irish languages. The beautiful landscape and rugged nature of her native West of Ireland are a huge source of inspiration for this proud Clare artist, leading her to create a soulful and unique style of music that has enthralled anyone who hears it. Her voice transcends musical boundaries, if you haven't yet heard of Síomha, you soon will.

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