

Irish Writers and Irish Composers

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent"
(Victor Hugo)

Irish composers frequently engage creatively with the prose and poetry of their compatriots. Through their music, they transform the images created by words into an abstract world of pure sound, amplifying and broadening the possibilities of literary language. This New Music Trail weaves you through those locations in Dublin where great Irish writers studied, taught and found refuge! It is well known that between the mid-1940s and the late 60s, McDaid's Pub was a major centre of literary activity in Dublin. It was where a young MacDara Woods met many major poets, among them Patrick Kavanagh. By the early 1970s, most of the clientele of McDaid's moved on to Grogan's, which in the following years (and until the present!) is regarded as a haven for artists of all shades. These locations along with all others on this New Music Trail have been carefully chosen due to their literary connections, with each piece of music accompanying each location selected due to the relationship between that Irish composer and Irish writers. The Contemporary Music Centre's Dublin Literary New Music Trail provides the curious listener with an opportunity to partake in a unique literary/musical journey in Dublin city.

Dublin Writers' Festival 2011

The **Dublin Literary New Music Trail 2011** is part of the Dublin Writers' Festival, 23 – 29 May 2011. The Trail is launched on 23 May and runs throughout the Festival. A special screening of 5 *ReJoyce in Music* Videos celebrating the inspiration of James Joyce on 5 Irish composers: Vincent Kennedy, Michael Holohan, Trevor Knight, Rob Canning and Benjamin Dwyer, takes place in the Contemporary Music Centre on 23 May 2011.

www.dublinwritersfestival.com

Irish Writers' Centre

The Irish Writers' Centre is a hub of literary activity in Dublin, supporting established and aspiring writers from its base in 19 Parnell Square, promoting contemporary writers and their work nationally and internationally. Through its diverse programme of readings, creative-writing workshops, seminars, lectures, and book launches, the Centre nurtures emerging talent and fosters relationships between writers and their audience/readership. Further info

www.writerscentre.ie

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the Dublin NEW Literary MUSIC TRAIL 2011

23 May – 31 Aug 2011

an outdoor music trail celebrating the rich connections between Irish writers and Irish composers, in recognition of Dublin's UNESCO City of Literature status



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The Contemporary Music Centre is delighted to present **The Dublin Literary New Music Trail 2011**, a celebration of the rich connections between Irish writers and Irish composers, in recognition of Dublin's UNESCO City of Literature status. **The Dublin Literary New Music Trail 2011** consists of a main trail at the literary parade in St Patrick's Park as well as an extended trail across South Georgian Dublin. **The Dublin Literary New Music Trail 2011** invites you to take a musical journey inspired by the words of Irish writers and poets, with music that gives a fresh perspective on Irish literature old and new.

Main Trail

The Main Trail consists of five alcoves along the literary parade in St Patrick's Park. At these alcoves open air music can be triggered between 11am and 5pm, once one is in close proximity to the alcove.

Extended Trail

The Extended Trail consists of six additional locations across South Georgian Dublin associated with Irish writers. For the extended trail music can be followed and listened to at any time with a smartphone by downloading the free layer application for iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4 and Android devices. See www.cmc.ie/musictrail for further information and instructions.

The Contemporary Music Centre (CMC)

The Contemporary Music Centre is Ireland's national archive, resource centre and promotional body for new music. It engages in an ongoing programme of developmental work to promote new Irish music at home and abroad.

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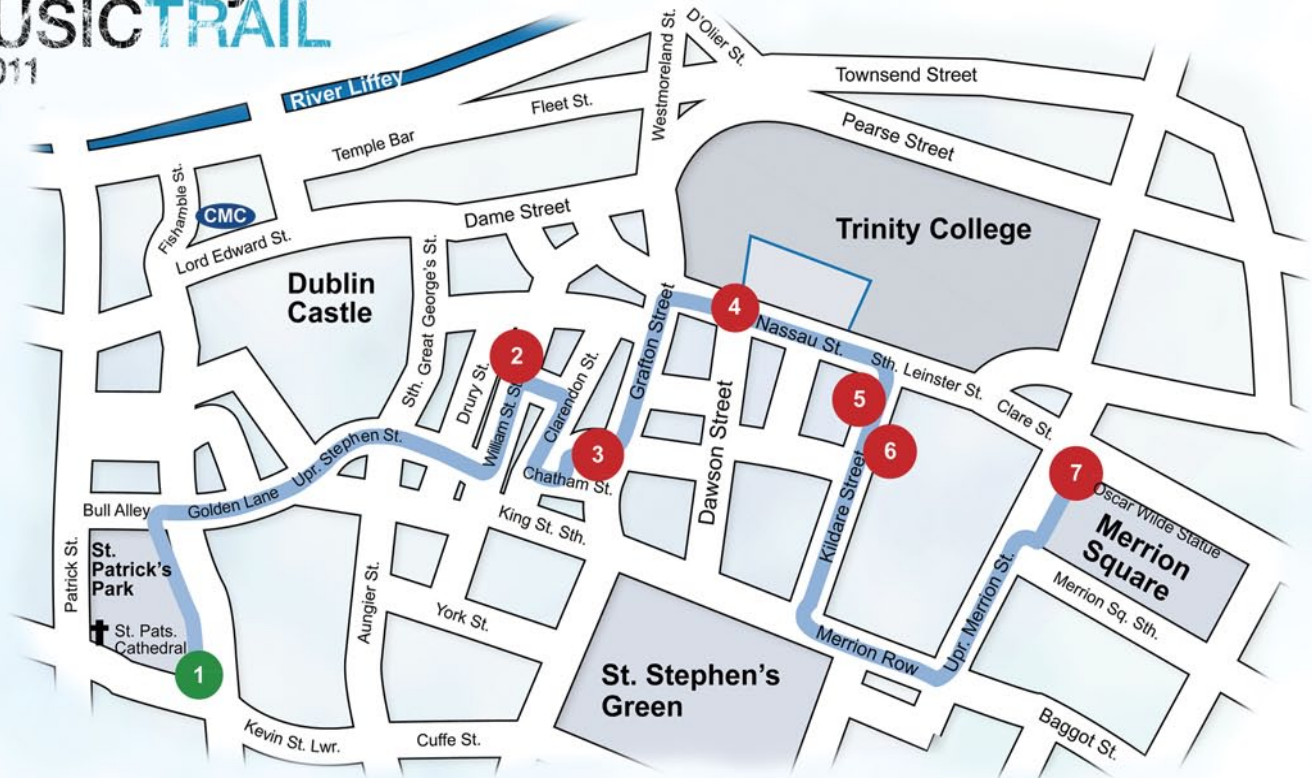


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Main Trail

Motion sensed open air music 11am-5pm

- 1 Literary Parade**
St Patrick's Park
- A Oscar Wilde Alcove**
The Dole of the King's Daughter (2005)
Siobhan Cleary 7'09
- B W.B. Yeats Alcove**
The silver apples of the moon, The golden apples of the sun (1993)
John Buckley 4'59
- C James Joyce Alcove**
Frozen in Stereoscope (2004)
Roger Doyle 8'50
- D Brendan Behan Alcove**
Das lied von anderen (2010)
Sean Clancy 5'56
- E Samuel Beckett Alcove**
Counting (2000)
Donnacha Dennehy 12' 33"

Extended Trail

For iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4 and Android devices

- 2 Grogan's Pub**
Undesirables (1990) James Wilson 7'17"
literary connection Leland Bardwell
- 3 McDaid's Pub**
Apuntes si titulos (2003)
Benjamin Dwyer 3'28
literary connection MacDara Woods
- 4 Nassau Street**
The Old Woman of Beare (1994)
Michael Alcorn 17'03
literary connection Brendan Kennelly
- 5 Comhdhail Naisiunta Na Gaelige**
Streetscape from Earlsfort Suite (1999 -2000)
Seoirse Bodley 4'17"
literary connection Micheal O'Siadhail
- 6 National Library**
Buille Suibhne (1996) Frank Corcoran 18'04
literary connection Seamus Heaney
- 7 Merrion Square Park**
Under the Green Time (1995) Roger Doyle 6'28
literary connection Sebastian Barry



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Requirements:

- An iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4 or Android device
- A pair of headphones
- A 3G data plan is recommended