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Press Release

Talks at CMC during Up North! Festival

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The Contemporary Music Centre will host two talks as part of the Up North! festival of contemporary Irish and Nordic music. The first talk will take place from 3.30pm – 5.00pm Friday 6 December 2002. Anders Beyer, joint-artistic director of Up North! and Irish writer Barra O Seaghdha will lead a discussion chaired by Maura Eaton, Director of the Music Board of Ireland, tracing the evolution of Irish and Nordic compositional trends and offering assessments of the current state of affairs.

The second talk will take place from 3.30pm-5.00pm on Saturday 7 December 2002. This will be a discussion of the creative forces and working lives of Nordic and Irish artists chaired by Irish composer, Jane O'Leary and featuring a panel including Juliana Hodkinson, Denmark, Kevin Volans, Ireland and Morten Walderhaug, director of the Norwegian Music Information Centre.

Both talks are free however booking is essential. Talks take place in the CMC library. For further details and to book please contact Karen Hennessy, Promotion Manager, The Contemporary Music Centre, 19 Fishamble Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 8. Tel: 01-673 1922 Fax: 01-648 9100 Email: khennessy@cmc.ie

Up North! is a major new festival of Irish and Nordic music, the first of its kind in Ireland. It is a true collaboration between Irish and Nordic performers and composers, presented by the Crash Ensemble and Network North, the cultural project of the Nordic Council of Ministers. Over the course of four days, 4 – 8 December 2002, a total of 51 works will be performed, including 13 world premieres and 9 commissions, 4 of which are Irish and 5 Nordic. CMC is very pleased to be able to support this unique event through sponsoring this talks series.

“ With an emphasis on multi-media works and a particular focus on music by the younger generation of composers, Up North! covers an amazing opportunity to sample the works of some of the exciting rising stars of composition,” says festival director, Fergus Sheil.

Up North! is jointly funded by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Network North, the cultural project of the Nordic Council of Ministers. For further information contact Crash Ensemble, 119 Capel Chambers, Capel Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 01-873 4527 Email: admin@crashensemble.com Website: www.crashensemble.com

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