

*nurturing the composition and performance of new Irish music*

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## **Press Release**

**24 March 2010**

### **The Contemporary Music Centre launches *Solo Series I* - CD series and concert programme**

The Contemporary Music Centre launches *Solo Series I* produced by Diatribe Records in conjunction with the Contemporary Music Centre at 500pm – 630pm, Friday 16 April 2010 in the CMC, Fishamble Street, with performances from 730pm – 930pm in the Kevin Barry Room of the National Concert Hall.

*Solo Series I* is a 4-CD set with individual records by pianists Isabelle O'Connell and Izumi Kimura; clarinetist Paul Roe and guitarist and bass player Simon Jermyn. Altogether 25 contemporary composers including 16 Irish composers are featured. The series is partly funded by the Music Network/Arts Council Music Recording Scheme 2009 and Diatribe Recordings.

Diatribe Records curates the *Solo Series* in order to give a voice to contemporary artists working in the highly demanding and challenging medium of solo performance. The aim of the series is to showcase the work of leading artists from a broad spectrum of musical genres in Ireland.

The *Solo Series I* launch at the Contemporary Music Centre will include a video installation by Simon Jermyn. This will then be followed by three half hour concerts featuring Isabelle O'Connell, Paul Roe and Izumi Kimura in the Kevin Barry Room of the National Concert Hall. Tickets are available through [www.nch.ie](http://www.nch.ie)

"The Contemporary Music Centre is delighted to co-produce *Solo Series I* with Diatribe Records. The series is a very valuable and exciting addition to contemporary music CD production in Ireland. We are very pleased to host the CD launch and look forward to the concert programme' says Karen Hennessy, Promotion Manager, The Contemporary Music Centre.

*Solo Series I* is available to purchase on line through [www.diatribe.ie](http://www.diatribe.ie) as well as through Diatribe's distribution network in many European countries and through New York based North State Distribution in the USA.

Diatribe Records is Ireland's leading record label for contemporary music. Since the formation of its current organization in 2007 it has produced a series of critically acclaimed recordings, from artists working across a diverse spectrum of genres, under the umbrella of contemporary music.

The Contemporary Music Centre is Ireland's national archive and resource centre for new music, supporting and developing the work of composers throughout the Republic and Northern Ireland. It is used on a national and international basis by performers, composers, promoters and members of the public interested in finding out more about music in Ireland. This co-production with Diatribe records is a Pilot Project for the Centre in the commercial CD sector.

For further information and to arrange interviews with any of the artists involved contact Karen Hennessy, Promotion Manager, Contemporary Music Centre, 19 Fishamble Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 8, tel: 01 673 1922, email: [khennessy@cmc.ie](mailto:khennessy@cmc.ie)

## Notes for Editors

### **Solo Series I – 4 CD Series Launch**

Friday 16 April 2010 The Contemporary Music Centre – Library  
Admission Free [www.cmc.ie](http://www.cmc.ie)

#### **5.00pm – 6.30pm Reception with video installation by Simon Jermyn**

Simon Jermyn is an electric bassist/guitarist and composer currently living in New York. Simon tours Europe and the US regularly and has performed with many renowned improvising musicians. [www.simonjermyn.com](http://www.simonjermyn.com)

### **Solo Series I – Concert Programme**

Friday 16 April 2010 The National Concert Hall – Kevin Barry Room  
Tickets €15 for all three concerts (includes one complimentary CD) available through [www.nch.ie](http://www.nch.ie)

#### **730pm – 800pm Isabelle O'Connell – Piano**

Originally from Dublin and currently based in New York, Isabelle O'Connell is one of Ireland's most successful pianists with a growing international career that has taken her across four continents. [www.isabelleoconnell.com](http://www.isabelleoconnell.com)

Ian Wilson – *BIG*  
Elaine Agnew – *Seagull*  
Donnacha Dennehy – *Reservoir*

#### **815pm – 845pm Paul Roe – Clarinet**

For the past twenty-five years Paul Roe has been active as a musician performing at the highest level with various orchestras, chamber music ensembles, contemporary music and improvisation groups. [www.paulroe.org](http://www.paulroe.org)

Jane O'Leary – *A Piacere (world premiere)*  
Ed Bennett – *Monster (world premiere)*  
Wayne Siegel – *Jackdaw*

#### **900pm – 930pm Izumi Kimura – Piano**

Japanese born but Irish resident pianist Izumi Kimura has performed extensively throughout Ireland as a solo, orchestral and chamber musician. [www.myspace.com/kimuraizumi](http://www.myspace.com/kimuraizumi)

Akira Miyoshi – *Bubbles Tagging*  
Greg Caffrey – *Le Vélo (from Le Petit Nicolas)*  
Toshinao Sato – *Selected pieces from Light Colored Album*  
Gerald Barry – *Swinging Tripes and Trillibubkins*  
Ronan Guilfoyle – *Funk Étude*

*All of these events taking place on 16 April 2010 are part of **love:live** music –  
Ireland's first **National Music Day** [www.lovelivemusic.ie](http://www.lovelivemusic.ie)*