



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

Commission Opportunity: Galway City Council Arts Office & Galway Music Residency.

Galway City Council Arts Office in partnership with the Galway Music Residency invite expressions of interest for a commission for the Galway ConTempo Quartet. It is intended that this new work will be premiered within the Galway Music Residency's *Music & Musings* concert series in **Autumn 2018**.

Context for this commission:

In 2017, the Galway Music Residency, in association with the Contemporary Music Centre, launched a new concert series entitled *Music & Musings*. The aim of the series is to present Galway audiences with new music of the highest quality, (from Ireland and from the contemporary canon internationally) in an informal yet intimate setting, promoting discussion with musicians, composers and audience members. This first series featuring the Galway ConTempo quartet, composers Kevin Volans, Amanda Feery and Jane O'Leary and guest artist Pádraic Keane (Uilleann pipes), was incredibly well received demonstrating an appetite for new and adventurous music in Galway. Of particular importance was the world premiere of Amanda Feery's new work for String Quartet and Uilleann Pipes *Something Like Light But Not*, which was co-commissioned by the Galway City Council Arts Office and Galway Music Residency in 2016.

Music & Musings is now in long-term development to provide an important musical resource to the people of Galway. A vital part of this development will be the commissioning of new work to be featured in the series. For this reason, Galway City Council Arts Office in partnership with Galway Music Residency wishes to commission a new work for string quartet to be performed by the Galway ConTempo Quartet during the autumn 2018 series.

In addition to the 2018 commission, Galway City Council Arts Office in partnership with Galway Music Residency will make a further call for expressions of interest for new works, for commission in 2019 and 2020. This call will take place in the summer of 2018.

Commission Details:

Galway City Council Arts Office and the Galway Music Residency invite expressions of interest which outline creative ideas for the following:

- a new work for string quartet of 8-12 minutes duration, for performance by the Galway ConTempo Quartet during the autumn 2018 *Music & Musings concert series*

To apply:

Composers must submit the following by email to submissions@cmc.ie by **5pm on Friday 23rd of March 2018**. (please put **ConTempo** in the subject heading):

- two recent scores (including one for small ensemble including strings, if possible) (pdf only)
- two recordings, if possible (wav, mp3)
- a C.V. to include details of performances of past works
- a short paragraph outlining your interest in the commission and approach to this new work (max 300 words)

Notes for applicants:

- This work seeks to celebrate the Galway Music Residency and ConTempo Quartet, and will be presented in the unique atmosphere of the Music & Musings concert series, which aims to engage audiences with new music from Ireland and abroad.
- The finished work (full score & parts) should be submitted to Galway Music Residency by **1 October 2018**.
- The first performance will be given by the Galway ConTempo Quartet and arranged by the Galway Music Residency.
- The commission fee will be appropriate to the CMC/AIC commissioning guidelines.
- The composer retains copyright in relation to the work.
- A copy of the score must be lodged with the Contemporary Music Centre.
- Expressions of interest are open to composers who were born in, or are now a resident of, the island of Ireland.
- Expressions of interest will not be accepted after the deadline and the decision of the selection panel is final.
- The Composer selected for the 2018 commission will be informed by **Thursday 29 March 2018**.

Commissioning Partners:

Galway City Council Arts Office is the Local Authority Arts Service for the City of Galway. Through policy and programming, the Arts Office develops contemporary creative arts practice in the city for the benefit of the artists, citizens and communities of Galway.

The Galway Music Residency creates a diverse range of experiences for the people of Galway, presenting opportunities for all to discover the joy of music through meaningful interaction with inspiring musicians. At the heart of the programme is the inspirational Galway Ensemble in Residence, ConTempo Quartet.

The commissioning process will be managed by the Contemporary Music Centre, the all-island resource for the documentation, development and promotion of new music from Ireland, on behalf of Galway City Council Arts Office and the Galway Music Residency.

For further information on this commission, contact Susan Brodigan (sbrodigan@cmc.ie) at the Contemporary Music Centre: or 00 353 (0)1 6731922.