



**FINDING A VOICE 2021 & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC CENTRE, IRELAND –
4TH ANNUAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION FOR EMERGING WOMEN COMPOSERS**

On this Nollaig na mBan or Women’s Christmas, *Finding a Voice* and the Contemporary Music Centre, Ireland are delighted to announce details of the fourth **Composition Competition for Emerging Women Composers in Ireland.**

Once again, with the generous support of the Contemporary Music Centre, the composition competition will include a workshop for shortlisted candidates and mentoring of the eventual winner by an established woman composer from Ireland, thereby offering a unique opportunity for professional development for both winning and shortlisted composers. This year, due to the exceptional circumstances of Covid-19, the winning composition will be premiered at *Finding a Voice* 2022.

From the initial submissions, up to six composers will be chosen for a workshop in the summer of 2021, hosted by the Contemporary Music Centre, Ireland. Following the workshop, the winning composer will be selected to continue working on her piece with a mentor composer during 2021, and the resulting composition will be premiered at *Finding a Voice* 4th-8th March 2022 in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Artistic Director of *Finding a Voice*, Róisín Maher says: “We are delighted to be able to partner with the Contemporary Music Centre, Ireland for a second year to offer shortlisted candidates a workshop and continued mentoring of the winning composer during 2021. Every year we have had an increased number of entries for this competition and we look forward to seeing what interesting new compositional voices emerge this year.”

What we ask of applicants:

- Be an emerging woman or female-identifying composer
- Be born on or currently resident on the island of Ireland

Application process – please include the following:

- One piece that is reflective of your work which will be used for the adjudication process. Send your score as a PDF, with an MP3 or electronic mock-up if you have one
- A short statement (max. 200 words) outlining your ideas for a composition for *Finding a Voice* 2022 and explaining how you would benefit artistically from the process
- Your name, contact details and an up-to-date CV

Please note that previous winners of the competition are ineligible although previous applicants are welcome to apply

Submissions should be sent to: [**findingavoice2020@gmail.com**](mailto:findingavoice2020@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission is Friday 26th February at 5pm.

Finding a Voice 2021 will take place from Friday 5th to Monday 8th March 2021 in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary and will feature performances by the Irish Baroque Orchestra, pianists Ellen Jansson and Izumi Kimura, singers Kelley Loneragan and Elizabeth Hilliard and many more. See www.findingavoice.ie for details.