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ISCM World New Music Days 2021 in China – Call for Works by the ISCM Irish Section (Association of Irish Composers) and the Irish Associate Member (Contemporary Music Centre)

The International Society for Contemporary Music (ISCM) World New Music Days 2021 will take place in Shanghai and Nanning from September 17 – 25, 2021 (Shanghai: September 17 – 20, 2021; Nanning: September 21 – 25, 2021).

The Irish section of the ISCM (the Association of Irish Composers) and the Irish Associate Member (the Contemporary Music Centre), are happy to announce the call for works for nomination for the ISCM World New Music Days 2021.

AIC and CMC are working collaboratively with the aim of increased representation by composers from Ireland at the ISCM World New Music Days 2021 and into the future. As the Irish section, AIC may submit up to six works for consideration and as the Irish Associate Member, CMC may also submit six additional works for consideration by the ISCM.

At least one work from every official submission will be performed at the festival. This is a combined call from both organisations, and up to twelve pieces from Ireland will be nominated for inclusion, with at least two pieces guaranteed to be performed. Preference will be given to shorter compositions, and to pieces composed after 2012.

The AIC and CMC will convene a panel who will select up to a maximum of twelve works for consideration by the ISCM festival jury. In the consideration of these works both AIC and CMC are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion, with a particular focus on gender parity. The selection panel and the nominated pieces will reflect those values.

Submission to the AIC/CMC call for scores is free of charge. All AIC members and/or composers represented by CMC are eligible to submit for consideration in the Irish call. Individual submissions may also be submitted by composers at their own expense (see below). Please note that the Irish deadline is earlier than the one on the ISCM web page. This is to ensure composers have time to submit individual applications if they are not selected in the AIC/CMC call.

Submissions to the AIC/CMC Call for works should be sent to the AIC by 5pm on **Friday 5th February 2021** [by email](mailto:coordinator@composers.ie) to coordinator@composers.ie, with the subject line "ISCM 2021". For a list of required attachments, see below.

Works must fit in one of the festival's twelve categories. For all categories, please study carefully the information [on the festival website](#). Works that do not conform with the category requirements in regard to instrumentation or duration will not be considered. Full terms and conditions are also listed on the website.

Submissions to the AIC and CMC Call for works should include all the information listed below, which should be attached in one or more text documents and NOT in the body of your email. Acceptable file formats are .doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt. Please do not submit .pages files.

A Dropbox link is preferred for large attachments and must be supplied if the combined size of files exceeds 9MB.

Required Information/Materials:

1.) The composer's personal and contact information:

Given names;
Family name;
Name as it should appear in the program;
Date of birth;
Mailing address;
Gender;
Phone no.;
email address;
website (if applicable).

2.) Work information:

Title;
Accurate duration;
Year of composition;
Statement of whether the work has been previously performed.

3.) Work information: Submission Category

4.) The score (.pdf document preferred), or audio/video documentation if the work does not have a written score - as described in the work categories.

5.) An audio or video recording of the work (if available).

6.) Programme note for the submitted work in English (maximum 100 words).

7.) Technical rider specifying all equipment necessary to perform the work.

8.) Short biography of the composer in English (maximum 100 words).

9.) High-resolution digital photograph of the composer.

Please note that .pages file format is not accepted.

Individual artists whose work does not get selected by the section may also submit directly. Deadline for these individual submissions is 16 March 2021 at 11:59pm CEST (Central Europe Summer Time), and a payment of €53.05 is required at the time of submission by Paypal through the ISCM website. Further details are available [on the website](#) (see the subheader 'Individual submissions').

Link to festival categories: [ISCM World New Music Days 2021](#)