

West Cork Music

Directors' and CEO's CVs

John Horgan is an independent Human Resource Consultant. He has a degree in Social Science from University College Dublin, an MA in Industrial Relations from Warwick University and an MA in History from NUIG. Following positions in the UK and Irish in the public service he was appointed Deputy Chairman and then Chairman of the Labour Court. Subsequently he worked for GPA in Shannon and was HR Director for a number of multinational companies. John is enjoying a life-long fascination with music. In 1994 the then Minister for Arts, Michael D. Higgins TD appointed him to the Review Group on the future orchestras and ensembles (PIANO Report) and he was also a member of the Board of the Irish Chamber Orchestra for a number of years.

Dr Paule Cotter is a native of Bantry who was educated at University College Cork and the University of Birmingham. She was a Consultant Hematologist at Cork University Hospital and a statutory lecturer in the Department of Pathology at UCC. Dr Cotter is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians who has a lifelong interest in music and the arts. She has a long association with West Cork Music.

John FitzGerald is a graduate of University College Cork, University College Dublin and the University of Wales at Aberystwyth. He has worked in both IT and Libraries in the private and public sectors in Ireland and the United Kingdom, and is currently Director of Information Services and University Librarian at University College Cork, where he is responsible for the University's IT Services, library collections and services, media services and the Cork University Press. John was awarded the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award in 2014.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/culture/books/previiously-unpublished-writer-wins-patrick-kavanagh-poetry-award-1.1943387>

Donal Corcoran is a graduate of University College Cork and a Chartered Management Accountant. He has worked in accounting and information system roles as a financial controller and management consultant in various organisations and businesses in the public and private sectors in Ireland and abroad. He is company secretary of West Cork Music.

Denis McSweeney is a retired marketing director of Ford Ireland and holds primary and postgraduate degrees in law from University College Cork. He is chairman of the Board of Cork Film Festival and a member of the Board of the Everyman Theatre Cork.

Dr Evelyn Grant is a graduate of FochwangHochschule, Essen-Werden, Germany (Flute performance), Trinity College London (Flute performance and Piano teaching), University of York and University College Cork. She has lectured at CIT Cork School of Music , broadcasts on RTÉ Lyric fm and regularly performs and conducts orchestras as well as examining and adjudicating at Cork School of Music, Cork County VEC School of Music, band competitions and Feiseanna. Evelyn is a member of the Board of Cork Opera House, Cork Academy of Music and the Cork Pops Orchestra (which she founded).

Aodán Ó Dubhghaill is Head of RTÉ Lyric fm and leads its editorial, technical and administrative team based in Limerick. Lyric fm is a niche music and arts station specialising in Classical, Jazz, World, Traditional Irish and other good music. He has editorial experience in current affairs, features, and documentaries and a technical background in music recording, editing and CD production. Aodán, who is a member of the European Broadcasting Union Music Group and the RTÉ Radio Board, has written and contributed to a number of books on Irish traditional music.

Mary Hegarty is a retired businesswoman from Bantry, an elected member of Cork County Council and has been a local representative for the past ten years. She has a great love of the Arts and has been a member of the Cork County Specific Arts Policy Committee for ten years. Mary, a former Mayor of Bantry, is currently a Governor of Cork Institute of Technology and a member of the Cork County Education Training Board.

Eamonn Fleming is partner in a solicitors' practice in Bandon. He has a BA Degree in History, Geography and Archaeology and a Civil Law Degree from University College Cork. He is a Past President of the West Cork Bar Association and former Council Member of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. He has a lifelong interest in all types of music and has been an attendee and supporter of the West Cork Music Festival since its inception.

Francis Humphrys is Chief Executive Officer of West Cork Music. Educated at Oxford and the London School of Economics, he subsequently worked in theatre before moving to West Cork in the nineteen seventies and taking up farming. He founded the West Cork Chamber Music Festival in 1996 and developed the West Cork Literary Festival and Masters of Tradition in following years. He is still an active farmer.