

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

As well as this exciting Fringe programme, there are many more concerts and events happening in Bantry.

COFFEE CONCERTS This popular series takes place every morning at 11am in St Brendan's Church. Pop into the marquee for coffee, cake and chat before the concert and enjoy some of the most beloved music in the classical repertoire, from Beethoven and Bach to Handel and Haydn.

12.30 CRESPO SERIES This series is a chance to listen to some of the lesser known works of chamber and solo music. These concerts are less than an hour, but is music for listeners who like to wander off the beaten track, in the lovely Marino Church, the latest addition to the Festival concert venues.

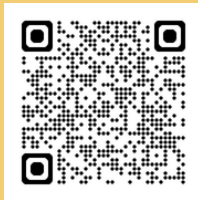
YOUNG MUSICIANS SERIES Featuring the ensembles participating in the Masterclass Programme, this series takes place most afternoons at 2pm. Lasting only an hour, it is the perfect concert for young people.

4PM CRESPO SERIES These hour-long concerts take place daily. If you can't quite squeeze in a full two-hour concert, then here is the chance to listen to world class musicians perform in the marvellous surroundings of Bantry House or St Brendan's Church.

MAIN EVENING CONCERTS The centrepiece of every day at the Festival. These concerts last two hours at Bantry House or St Brendan's Church, and feature multiple musicians and groups in each concert. The concert atmosphere is wonderful, and with an interval and bar, audiences can get the full concert experience.

CANDLELIT LATE NIGHTS A much-loved series, these late concerts, lasting less than an hour, are a perfect close to the day. With the venues lit by candles and the sun setting, it's chamber music as it's truly meant to be heard.

Festival
Programme



The West Cork Chamber Music Festival is bringing wonderful musicians from all over the world to our little corner of the Ireland for a fantastic 10-day Festival this summer. The Fringe brings these musicians out of Bantry to other beautiful locations around West Cork, bringing chamber music into communities.

The Fringe concerts are informal, family friendly concerts, lasting about 40mins – perfect for first-time concert goers, as well as concert veterans.

For more information:

westcorkmusic.ie

Find us on social media @westcorkmusic

Or talk to a human

Call into the box office in Bantry – 13 Glengarriff Rd
or call 027 52788



FREE
FAMILY FRIENDLY
CONCERTS IN
WEST CORK
26 JUNE - 5 JULY

Ahakista - Durrus - Schull -
Whiddy - Heir - Sherkin -
Skibbereen - Bantry -
Castletownbere - Cape Clear -
Ballydehob - Cork

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FRINGE MUSICIANS

See our website for full biographies

IBO Young Artists

The IBO Apprentice Programme is the first of its kind in Ireland, offering an intensive high-level professional development opportunity to Ireland's most talented young professionals.

Meliora Quartet

The name "Meliora" comes from the Latin word for "improvement", an idea that lies at the heart of the quartet's identity. Stemming from this concept, they greatly enjoy playing and sharing music they have explored together.

Olympia Quartet

Whether performing well-known chamber music works or exploring new compositions, the Olympia Quartet strive to make meaningful connections with their audience through music and showcasing their joy of playing together.

Talland Quartet

The Talland Quartet formed during their time at the Royal Northern College of Music and are dedicated to sharing their passion for chamber music with others. They are keen to support the creation of new music and are currently working on a commission with composer Eden Longson.

Tara Quartet

Formed in September 2025 in Dublin, the Tara Quartet is based at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Since its formation, the ensemble has been dedicated to developing a strong and unified artistic identity, with a particular focus on the core string quartet repertoire.

Workshops are being led by **Damask Vocal Quartet** and **Caoimhe & Séamus Uí Fhlatharta**



Concerts run for approx. 40-45mins

FRIDAY 26 JUNE

14:40 - Olympia Quartet at Cork Airport

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

12:30 - Meliora Quartet at Maritime Hotel, Bantry

12:30 - Tara Quartet at Levis Corner House, Ballydehob

14:30 - Meliora Quartet at Amar's Café, Schull

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

14:45 - Talland Quartet on Whiddy Island

15:00 - Olympia Quartet at Durrus Festival

MONDAY 29 JUNE

12:30 - IBO Young Artists at Uillinn West Arts Centre, Skibbereen

TUESDAY 30 JUNE

14:45 - Olympia Quartet at Sherkin Island Community Hall

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

13:00 - Meliora Quartet at Arundel's-by-the-pier, Ahakista

FRIDAY 3 JULY

13:00 - IBO Young Artists at the Sarah Walker Gallery, Castletownbere

Bantry Market pop up concerts at 10am, 10:30, 12pm, 13:30

SATURDAY 4 JULY

16:15 - Talland Quartet on Heir Island

Find Fringe venues



WORKSHOPS

28 June - Choir Workshop

Damask Vocal Quartet lead a workshop with local choirs. A short performance will be open to the public at 4pm

2 July - Trad Workshop

Caoimhe & Séamus Uí Fhlatharta lead a workshop with local musicians on Cape Clear

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

WCCMF is sending musicians to engage with the community. **Tara Quartet** will perform in **Co-Action**, and **Talland Quartet** will perform at **St Joseph's Unit** in **Bantry Hospital**.