

FRINGE MUSICIANS

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Magnolia Quartet

Meet Lucia, Ellen, Jeannette and Anna - The Magnolia Quartet. Formed in September 2024, the quartet have enjoyed discovering the beauty and depth of Smetana and Haydn's string quartets.

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, the group greatly enjoys playing and sharing music they have thoroughly explored together.

Pacific Quintet

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.

Sonic Quartet

The members of the Sonic Quartet are currently studying at the Royal Irish Academy of Music where they are mentored by Professor Sarah Sew. They made their international debut on a tour of the USA in November 2024.

Tchalik Quartet

The Paris-based Quatuor Tchalik is notable not least because its members are four siblings. Raised in a Russian-French family with Ukrainian roots, in which music played a central role, they have been making music together since their earliest childhood.

Woodpeckers Recorder Quartet

At the forefront of Woodpecker's ideology is the drive to kick the age-old image of the recorder being merely a stepping-stone to something else, and they are intent on spreading their knowledge far and wide. An integral part of their mission involves working with children and young people.

Woodpeckers Recorder Quartet, Photo: Erik Brandsorg



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 concert veterans.

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Bere - Whiddy - Heir - Sherkin
- Skibbereen - Bantry -
Glengarriff - Ballydehob -
Cork

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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.

12.10 CRESPO SERIES This series is a recent to the Festival and 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.

YOUNG MUSICIANS SERIES Featuring the ensembles participating in the Masterclass Programme, this series takes place most afternoons at 2pm in St Brendan's School Hall. Lasting only an hour, it is the perfect concert to take young people to.

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, 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



FRINGE CONCERTS



Tchalik Quartet, Photo: Alex Kostromin

Concerts start promptly and run for 40-45 minutes

FRIDAY 27 JUNE

14:30 / Cork Airport / Magnolia Quartet

SATURDAY 28 JUNE

14:00 / Levis' Corner House, Ballydehob /
Sonic Quartet

SUNDAY 29 JUNE

13:00 / Wild Atlantic Glamping, Bere Island /
Sonic Quartet

15:00 / Durrus Festival / Meliora Quartet

(weather dependent)

MONDAY 30 JUNE

12:30 / Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre,
Sibbreen / Meliora Quartet

14:30 / Amar's Café, Schull / Meliora Quartet

TUESDAY 1 JULY

14:45 / Sherkin Island Community Hall /
Tchalik Quartet

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

12:30 / Two Green Shoots, Glengariff /
Woodpeckers Recorder Quartet

to book parking or lunch find the web event page at
www.westcorkmusic.ie/fringe

THURSDAY 3 JULY

12:30 / Maritime Hotel, Bantry / Olympia Quartet

13:00 / Arundels-by-the-Pier / Pacific Quintet

FRIDAY 4 JULY

Bantry Market pop-up / 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm
(weather dependent)

14:30 / Whiddy Island / Olympia Quartet

SATURDAY 5 JULY

14:30 / Heir Island / Magnolia Quartet

Find Fringe
Venues



FESTIVAL OUTREACH

WCCMF is sending musicians to engage with the community. **Nuala McKenna** will perform at **St Joseph's Ward** and **Co-Action** and **Curious Keys** will host **Sonic** and **Olympia Quartets**.

Pacific Quartet, Photo: Frank Koppen

