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West Cork Music's festivals have flourished thanks to the commitment of Friends who share our passion for excellence in the arts.

As a registered charity, we rely on your generosity to bring world-class music and literature to Bantry each year, and to keep our festivals open to everyone.

As a Friend, you receive our sincere thanks, priority booking for sought-after performances, and invitations to exclusive Friends' events.

'In this incredible setting, beautiful nature, friendliness, the local people, and the sheer quality of the music... you feel slightly changed by the whole thing.'

– Evelyn Grant, RTÉ Lyric fm

In my opinion, the West Cork Literary Festival is the gold standard of what a festival, an author experience, and community engagement can look like.

– Dr Jennifer deBie, Author & Volunteer

2027 Festival Dates

West Cork Chamber Music Festival

25 June – 4 July

West Cork Literary Festival

9 – 16 July

Masters of Tradition

18 – 22 August

WCM Presents Concert Series

Year-round

How to join

Scan the QR code or visit
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To join by phone or post, please call or email and we will be happy to help.
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WEST CORK CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

For over thirty years, the West Cork Chamber Music Festival has brought the world's finest chamber musicians to Bantry. As a Friend of the Festival, you enjoy priority booking and exclusive receptions, and your support helps make one of Europe's most celebrated chamber music events possible.

Platinum Friend €500

- 6 weeks' priority booking for 2 people
- Lunch for 2 in the Artists' Dining Room on two festival days
- Complimentary festival tote bag

Gold Friend €350

- 6 weeks' priority booking for 2 people

Silver Friend €250

- 2 weeks' priority booking for 2 people

All Chamber Friends receive:

- Invitation to the Friends & Artists Reception
- Acknowledgement during the 2027 Festival
- Invitation to the Opening Reception
- Complimentary festival programme
- Exclusive Friends newsletters
- Invitation to buy tickets for the Festival Launch Lunch
- Bantry House Garden pass



WEST CORK LITERARY FESTIVAL



West Cork Literary Festival celebrates the written and spoken word and is a chance to be inspired and entertained by your favourite authors in the company of fellow booklovers. Our Friends support our free events for children and young people.

Literary Festival Friend €200

- 1 week's Priority booking
- Option to reserve seats for 2 people in the front section at main evening events
- Invitation to the Festival Opening Reception
- Invitation to one evening event, with a wine reception beforehand
- Free draw for signed copies of books
- One copy of the festival brochure posted free of charge
- Exclusive Friends newsletters
- Acknowledgement during the 2027 festival

MASTERS OF TRADITION

Masters of Tradition champions the vibrancy of traditional music – its brilliant past and its fascinating possibilities.

Masters of Tradition Friend €150

- Priority booking for 2 people
- Friends and Artists Launch Party
- Free draw for a selection of artists' CDs
- Exclusive Friends newsletters
- Acknowledgement during the 2027 festival

Young Musician Sponsorship €150

Each year, exceptional young musicians are invited to the festival to take part in masterclasses with visiting artists and world-renowned tutors. Past participants, among them Mairéad Hickey, Sinéad O'Halloran, and Séamus Hickey, now perform for audiences across the world, and support our masterclasses as tutors.

'It was when I was there myself and with my peers that it really changed my life.'
– Sinéad O'Halloran, Marmen Quartet

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A gift in your will, or in memory of someone who cared about our festivals, helps ensure our events can be enjoyed by audiences for generations to come. To discuss a legacy gift in confidence, please contact Francis Humphrys, CEO, at **music@westcorkmusic.ie.**