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**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Music Network present
May Music Day – a series of free concerts
Saturday 21st May, dlr Lexlcon**

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) Arts Office, in association with Music Network and funded by the Local Live Performance Scheme, is delighted to present an eclectic day of music showcasing several past DLR Musicians in Residence. These Residencies are offered annually and provide opportunities for performers and composers to develop and perform new work and cultivate new artistic collaborations. Featuring 7 back-to-back concerts within the beautiful dlr Lexlcon library building, it will be a music day to suit all tastes – from 12pm until 7pm, what better way to fill a Saturday in May! The concerts are free, and all are welcome.

May Music Day will include 4 performances in the Studio in dlr Lexlcon each of 50 minutes and free with booking on Eventbrite.

12pm The Tommy Halferty Trio featuring Scott Flanigan *Tudo é Som* is a new programme of music by Kevin Brady and the Tommy Halferty Trio. *Tudo é Som* means Everything is Sound and celebrates the cultural diversity of Ireland today. The group features Tommy Halferty (guitar) Kevin Brady (drums) Dave Redmond (electric & double bass) and special guest Scott Flanigan (Fender Rhodes). <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-tommy-halferty-trio-featuring-scott-flanigan-tickets-327421746257>

2pm Dave Flynn Presents *Dún Laoghaire Guitars* Three outstanding guitarists join award-winning Dún Laoghaire-born composer and guitarist Dave Flynn for the live premiere of Flynn's uplifting *Dún Laoghaire Guitars* alongside two African-influenced guitar quartets *Kora* and *Chimurenga*. Between the quartets Feeley, Snowden and Tsumbu will perform dazzling solo guitar masterpieces from across the ages. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dave-flynn-presents-dun-laoghaire-guitars-tickets-327428125337>

4pm Conor Linehan & Oonagh Keogh Conor Linehan was a dlr Musician in Residence in 2018 and this concert features three gorgeous pieces for violin and piano performed by Conor and Oonagh Keogh. Written during his dlr Residency the music reflects his memories of growing up in Blackrock in the 70s and 80s. Conor will also include a piece from Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* in tribute to his late, lamented friend and colleague Emma O'Kane who performed her own choreography for *Le Tombeau* as part of the residency. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/conor-linehan-and-special-guest-oonagh-keogh-tickets-327429770257>

6pm Susan McKeown Grammy-winner and BBC Folk Music Award nominee Susan McKeown presents a programme of her own work including new songs about some extraordinary people who lived in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Researched and written when she was a dlr Musician-in-Residence in 2018, Susan will bring these musical gems to the stage performing with wonderful musicians including Ger Kiely on guitar and Trevor Hutchinson on bass. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/susan-mckeown-tickets-327431685987>

The day will also feature a number of 30-minute performances in the beautiful setting of the Municipal Gallery surrounded by the photographs of artist Gerry Blake. No booking is required for the Gallery shows and they are free for everyone!

1pm Iarlaith Mac Gabhann & Ciara Ní Bhriain (Flute and Fiddle)

Introducing a brand-new collaboration featuring two wonderful young Irish musicians, this beautiful concert of traditional Irish music showcases the very best of melodies from the archives and beautiful new contemporary compositions.

3pm Eamonn Sweeney, Aoife Doyle, Cárthach MacCraith (Vocals, Renaissance Lute, Chitarra Battente and Bandora)

Lullabies are present across all recorded cultures, styles, and periods—they are a powerful emblem of identity and tradition. Beautiful, accessible, poignant, relatable—they are the most universal of musical forms. They connect us. This concert will explore gorgeous lullabies & music associated with sleep and the night from the Renaissance, Baroque, and Irish traditions.

5pm Far Flung Trio

The Far Flung Trio featuring Katherine Hunka (violin), Dermot Dunne (accordion) and Malachy Robinson (double-bass) will bring you a fun and family-friendly selection of their favourite tunes. From Klezmer to Gershwin, the Barber of Seville to Piazzolla's Libertango. Crazy and Beautiful!

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