

# Cellist Lioba Petrie announced as dlr Musician In Residence 2022

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Music Network have announced the appointment of [Cellist Lioba Petrie](#) as the first of three Musicians-in-Residence for 2022, in a scheme jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network.



During her Residency, Lioba will collaborate with Dublin musician and composer Abigail Smith to develop music that takes inspiration from their surrounding areas and lives as mothers and musicians living in Dublin. They will explore making music with loop pedals, strings, field recordings, flute, and voices.

The Residency will culminate in an informal performance of this new work, **Fragments**, in dlr LexIcon Studio, on Sunday 19 June at 3.00 pm. [Admission is free](#) and open to everyone. A combination of improvisation and composed work, the musicians will share their process and give a taster of what's to come on [Culture Night](#) when they present the finished piece. During the Residency, regular updates will be shared across dlr and Music Networks' social platforms. So, remember to give us all a follow!

"Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is delighted to offer this opportunity to musicians allowing for the time, space and resources to focus on creating new work or developing new collaborations. We are very grateful for the support of the Arts Council for the dlr Musicians in Residence Programme. " An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Lettie McCarthy

Commenting on the appointment, Music Network CEO Sharon Rollston said: "We're thrilled to welcome Lioba Petrie as the first of three dlr Musicians in Residence for 2022. Lioba and Abigail's new collaboration will undoubtedly set the tone for what's going to be a fantastic programme of summer music. All three projects promise to be something very special, and the beauty of these residencies is that they take us along for the journey, through the shared work-in-progress aspect,

and the informal performances, to the finale concerts featuring all the musicians on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.”

Lioba studied at Dublin’s Conservatory of Music and Drama and NUI Maynooth. She enjoys teaching, performing, and composing for film, theatre and dance and is passionate about chamber music and collaboration. She is the artistic director of Kaleidoscope Night's music series, a monthly genre blind mini-festival and co-founder and co-artistic director of Spike Cello Fest. Listen to her work via her [Soundcloud](#).

[Abigail Smith](#) was awarded an Arts Council Music Bursary in 2022 and was the winner of the 2021 Finding a Voice and CMC Emerging Female Composer Composition Prize. She has released two albums, *Night Time Walking* and *Fall Into Silence*, composes music for film and theatre and is a member of the Screen Composers Guild of Ireland. She performs regularly with the Astral String Quartet. [Listen here](#).

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Music Network are also pleased to announce the second and third 2022 *Musicians-in-Residence*, harpist and composer **Rosie Murphy** and Peruvian guitarist and composer **Rodrigo Almonte Zegarra**.

[Rosie Murphy](#) will compose a new contemporary work for concert harp and flute. Inspired by her interest in traditional Irish, baroque, and minimalist music, her composition will include aspects of all three styles while exploring extended techniques. The music will consist of acoustic and electronic elements as it navigates new musical boundaries. Commencing her residency in July 2022, Rosie will work with Dublin-based flautist Martina O’ Connell. They will showcase the new work in dlr Lexlcon Studio on August 5th.

August musician-in-residence [Rodrigo Almonte Zegarra](#) will compose a new musical suite, *Sounds of the Blue Book*, inspired by Roger Casement’s experience in Peru when he travelled to Putumayo in the Amazon rainforest in 1910 to investigate allegations of exploitation against indigenous people being kept as enslaved people at rubber farms. Rodrigo’s compositions will capture the spirit of the people and their stories, as documented in Casement’s journal *The Blue Book* and express this story through a myriad of soundscapes that will sonically transport the listeners to the Amazon forest. Percussionist Matthew Jacobson and pianist Lorenzo Vitolo will join Rodrigo in performance in dlr Lexlcon Studio on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

All three resident artists will present new work in performances on 23<sup>rd</sup> September as part of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Culture Night programme.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Musicians in Residence Scheme provides performers and composers with opportunities to develop and showcase new work and cultivate new artistic collaborations. The Residencies also enrich the cultural environment of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and beyond.

The dlr Musicians in Residence Scheme was established in 2015. Previous Musicians-in-Residence include trumpeter Darren Cornish Moore, pianist, vocalist, producer and composer Ruth O'Mahony Brady, traditional flute player Iarlaith Mac Gabhann, composer and guitarist Dave Flynn, Kevin Brady with the Tommy Halferty Trio, chamber group Ikigai, percussionist and composer Éamonn Cagney, improvising pianist and composer Izumi Kimura, composer, sound designer and multi-instrumentalist Lara Gallagher, vocalist and songwriter Susan McKeown, pianist and composer Conor Linehan, sound artist and composer Craig Cox, musician and composer Sebastian Adams, The Eidola Trio, soprano Elizabeth Hilliard with composer Gráinne Mulvey, jazz drummer Matthew Jacobson and Metier, a jazz quintet led by Ronan Guilfoyle.

Music Network is Ireland's national music touring and development organisation whose mission is to make high quality live music accessible to communities throughout Ireland and support musicians in developing fulfilling careers. Music Network is funded by The Arts Council of Ireland.