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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Musician-in-Residence 2023 Chris Comhail in concert



The first of three musicians to take up residency as part of this year's dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme Chris Comhail will present a concert of work developed during his residency this June.

Dublin based guitarist and songwriter Chris has been working on reimagining a repertoire of Celtic and traditional music for his solo guitar project, titled *Dúchas*. During the residency he has developed new arrangements and compositions for the project using digital technology to bring a modern twist to ancient Celtic melodies. Chris will premiere this exciting new material at a performance to celebrate the end of his residency at dlr LexIcon's Studio space on Thursday 1 June at 7pm.

The Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Mary Hanafin said: "This concert will be a wonderful opportunity to hear one of our local musicians live in the surroundings of the

Studio in dlr Lexlcon. Chris has great talent and a strong career ahead of him and we are delighted to support him through this residency opportunity.”

Now in its 9th year, the dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme provides musicians with space and time to create new work, develop their skills, collaborate with others and showcase their music. Each residency provides an artist with funding, a dedicated space to work in and mentoring to support their career development.

Chris is the recipient of this year’s emerging artist award and the first of three musicians to take up residence at dlr Lexlcon. The scheme will also provide two further residencies later in the year for established musicians - violinist Lidia Jewloszewicz-Clarke and singer Simon Morgan.

In July, Polish violinist Lidia Jewloszewicz-Clarke will take up residence and embark on a cross-cultural collaboration with Irish violinist Larissa O’Grady. The final residency will begin this August when singer Simon Morgan will collaborate with guitarist Drazen Derek and saxophonist Richie Buckley to develop material for their exciting ‘Stolen Chicken’ collective.

Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council: “The County Council continues to provide support to emerging creative talent in the County. We are very proud of the wealth of talent in DLR”

Sharon Rollston CEO of Music Network said: “It’s a pleasure to work with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council once again on the management of this annual scheme. These residencies provide valuable time and resources for the appointed musicians to develop their artistic practice and advance their careers, and we very much look forward to seeing this exciting new work produced by Chris on 1 June.”

Tickets are €5 and available to purchase from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office on Eventbrite now.

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.

Listing information

Chris Comhaill in concert (dlr Musicians-in-Residence)

Thursday 1 June at 7pm

dlr LexIcon (The Studio, level 1), Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin

Tickets: €5

Book online at

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chris-comhaill-in-concert-tickets-633924624617>

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About dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme

The dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme was established in 2015 to provide performers and composers with opportunities to cultivate new artistic collaborations and develop and showcase new work. The Residencies also enrich the cultural environment of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and beyond.

About the artist

Chris Comhaill is a musician, producer and songwriter who aims to create compelling and engaging music across an eclectic array of genres.

As a solo artist and guitar accompanist Chris has performed across Ireland and internationally. Chris has been invited to perform his Dúchas project at the Florence Academy of Art, the Irish Embassy in Tanzania and the Irish Cultural Centre London, as well as having sold out shows in prestigious venues such as St. Patricks Cathedral, the National Concert Hall of Ireland and the Whale Theatre.

He has performed for crowds at Irish festivals such as Electric Picnic and Body & Soul and has had the honour of playing for An Uachtarán, the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins. He has played support for and shared the stage with acts such as The Script, George Ezra, Kurt Elling, Celine Byrne,

Paul Byrom, KÍLA and Mundy. Chris studied music at UCD, BIMM and DCU and holds an Honours Degree and Masters Degree, as well as a Diploma in Guitar Performance.

Chris is involved with Irish musical heritage and culture and regularly performs his Dúchas project, a repertoire of traditional Celtic music arranged for solo guitar. He is co-director of the Celtic music group Celtic Calling. As a producer he releases music under the moniker Front Row Seats exploring his love of jazz, neo-soul and hip-hop. He is the director of the world music group w-IRE ME with singer Filipa Quintino, and he is one half of the Between Two Moons project with oud player Yusef Hourani, a composer for film and an in-demand session musician.

About Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports the development of the arts at a local level and aspires to provide opportunities for all who live in, work in, and visit the County to engage with the arts as creators, participants and spectators.

Since the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office was established in 1994, the County Council has developed a high-quality programme including exhibitions, learning and participation initiatives, festivals, public art projects and artists' residencies.

[Find out more about Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office.](#)

About Music Network

Music Network is Ireland's national music touring and development organisation, founded by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon in 1986.

For over 36 years we have been making high quality live music accessible to communities throughout Ireland and helping musicians to develop fulfilling careers. Our vision is that of a culture which increasingly values live music in our everyday lives, embracing it as an essential part of a healthy, vibrant society.

We deliver a broad range of programmes including a National Touring Programme, Musician Residencies both here and abroad, learning and participation projects, The Music Capital Funding Scheme, commissioning, training programmes and other professional development supports for musicians.

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