

Friday 2nd March

Duiske Abbey, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny

8.00 pm



Katia and Marielle Labèque Piano

Music for two pianos

C. Debussy Nuages et Fêtes

I. Stravinsky Concerto for two solo pianos

L. Bernstein Songs from West Side Story

G. Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue

For many years Katia and Marielle Labèque have formed one of the most widely recognised and popular piano duos on the international scene. They have performed with the leading conductors and orchestras of the age, and are frequently invited to appear at the most prestigious music festivals in Europe and overseas. A record audience of 33,000 enjoyed their concert in 2005 together with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra at the German capital's famed Waldbühne. For the opening gala concert of the 2012 Barrow River Arts Festival, in the magnificent setting of the 13th century Duiske Abbey, they will perform works by Debussy, Stravinsky, Bernstein and Gershwin.

Tickets: €30.00/€25.00

Saturday 3rd March

Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow

2.00 pm

Opening of Albert Irvin Exhibition

Evan Parker Saxophone (UK) Solo Improvisations



courtesy Joe Hage



photo Caroline Forbes

An exhibition celebrating the 90th birthday of the English Abstract Expressionist painter Albert Irvin ('A painter who lets the sun shine into the city') will adorn the walls of the Ballroom at Borris House throughout the festival and at limited opening times until Sunday 11th March. Evan Parker (among Europe's most innovative and intriguing saxophonists) will play solo improvisations at the exhibition opening.

4.30 pm

Calmus Ensemble (Germany)

Anja Lipfert soprano

Sebastian Krause countertenor

Tobias Poche tenor

Ludwig Bohme baritone

Joe Roesler bass



Sacred and Profane

Heinrich Schütz

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

Unser keiner lebet ihm selber

Es ist erschienen

from: Geistliche Chormusik 1648

J.S. Bach

Jesu, meine Freude

Motet BWV 227

Bernd Franke *1959

And why?

for five voices based on psalm 116

commissioned by Calmus 2010

Claudio Monteverdi

Lamento d'Arianna (1614):

Lasciatemi morire

O Teseo, Teseo mio

Dove, dov'è la fede

Ahi, ch'ei non pur risponde

Mateo Fletcha the elder c.1481-1553

El fuego

ensalada

Anonymus c.1500

Dindireín, dindirín

Mateo Fletcha the elder

La bomba

ensalada

If you heard the Calmus Ensemble on their extensive Music Network tour of Ireland early in 2011 you will want to hear them again. Experience the superb à capella singing of these five extraordinary singers when they perform music by Schütz, Bach, Franke, Monteverdi, Mateo Fletcha the elder (15th century) in beautiful Borris House. Sponsored by the Goethe Institut

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 concession

8.30 pm



The AURORA Trio (Spain & UK)

Agustí Fernández piano

Barry Guy bass

Ramón López percussion

Compositions and Improvisations

The works performed by the duo of Agustí Fernández and Barry Guy at last year's festival were described by Michael Dervan in the Irish Times as 'a sequence of numbers that ranged from riotous and manic to the sheerly soulful'. They are joined for this performance by the sensational percussionist Ramón López - expect to be blown away!

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 concession

This new event may be a boutique festival but its directors (Homburger and Guy) are pursuing an all encompassing vision' -

Michael Dervan
(Irish Times - 2011 Festival)



Sunday 4th March

Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow

2.30 pm

Eddie Lenihan (Ireland)



Irish Story Telling

'If you have no magic in your life, you're in a sad place' - so says leading Irish story-teller Eddie Lenihan who has been at the forefront of story telling and collecting in Ireland for the last twenty years. Sitting around the Borris House fireside, one of Ireland's most historic (and maybe even haunted!) houses, Eddie will have adults and children alike on the edge of their seats. Not for the faint-hearted!

Tickets: €10.00/€5.00 (children and concession)

4.30 pm

Marcella Riordan Roger Marsh



Women in Joyce and Beckett

The Irish actress Marcella Riordan is well known for her portrayal of Molly Bloom on the award winning Naxos audio book of Joyce's Ulysses. Here she performs passages from Molly's soliloquy, from the Anna Livia chapter of Finnegans Wake, and from Samuel Beckett's play Happy Days.

The programme is introduced by Roger Marsh Professor of Music at York University.

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 (concession)

7.00 pm

Calmus Ensemble Camerata Kilkenny

Maya Homburger violin/director

Anja Lipfert soprano

Rachel Beckett flute

Huw Daniel violin

Marja Gaynor viola/violin

Jonny Byers cello

Malcolm Proud harpsichord

Alastair Mitchell bassoon

Barry Guy bass



H.I.F. Biber Mystery Sonata No. 4

J.S. Bach Cantata: Ich habe genug (BWV 82a)

J.S. Bach Cantata: Nach dir, Herr verlanget mich (BWV 150)

J.S. Bach Orchestral Suite in B minor

Ich Habe Genug (BWV 82a) is one of Bach's best loved cantatas. Originally for bass and oboe obligato it will be heard in this performance in Bach's own arrangement for soprano and flute. Written for the Feast of the Ascension Cantata 150 is considered to be one of the earliest of Bach's cantatas to survive. Leading international early music ensemble Camerata Kilkenny, is joined by soprano Anja Lipfert and her colleagues from the Calmus Ensemble for the grand finale of the second Barrow River Arts Festival.

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 (concession)

Meet the Artists: Saturday 3 March

6.30 pm

Tapas Supper for artists and weekend/day ticket holders - advance booking essential

Weekend Pass: €100/€80.00 (concession) (includes Tapas supper)

Day Pass: Saturday: €40/€35 (concession) (includes Tapas supper)

Day Pass: Sunday €40/€35 (concession)

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