



ConTempo

Arts in Action in association with the President's Office, Galway Music Residency and Múscailt present the Romanian string quartet ConTempo **Bogdan Sofei**, violin **Ingrid Nicola**, violin **Andreea Banciu**, viola **Adrian Mantu**, cello

ConTempo String Quartet was formed in 1995 when the members were students at the Music University in Bucharest, Romania. From September 1999 they took up a position as Chamber Music Fellows at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where they stayed until 2002.

Recognised as one of the world's top string quartets, ConTempo has won a record of 14 International Prizes and performed more than 1,000 concerts all over the world, including Wigmore Hall, Carnegie Hall, Berliner Philharmoniker, Theatre Chatelet in Paris, Opera House in Tel Aviv, Gedai Hall in Tokyo and Palazzo Quirinale in Rome.

In 2008, ConTempo performed for the first time at New York's Carnegie Hall as part of the Contemporary Music Centre's celebration of new Irish music. ConTempo continue to perform throughout Galway City and County and performed in the 2010 Galway Arts Festival with percussionist Chen Zimbalista. The Irish Times said, "The performance by the Galway-based ConTempo Quartet was a full-on affair, unflinching and at times searing."

"ConTempo goes West", a documentary by Bob Quinn, which chronicles ConTempo's Galway residency, premiered at the Galway Film Fleadh in 2006 and has aired on TG4. The Galway Music Residency was established in 2002 to develop a comprehensive music development programme for Galway, with a professional residency at its centre. ConTempo String Quartet was chosen as Galway's first Ensemble-in-Residence in January 2003.

Friday
February 10
1pm -2pm

Bailey Allen Hall,
Áras na MacLéinn

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