

# Medical Orchestra NUI Galway

Following the excellent initiative and development of *Medicine and the Arts* (special study module), the NUI Galway Medical Orchestra, was formed in January 2011

**Thursday  
March 15  
1 - 2pm**

**The CUBE  
Áras na MacLéinn**

Medicine was previously known as an art. Ealaín an Leighis, the art of curing, is a phrase from Irish that remembers this clearly. In many cultures across the world, music is regarded as having a supernatural agency that aids healing and enhances convalescence. The power of music is frequently harnessed to assist and increase the effect of other curing procedures. Ealaín and lucht leighis - art and medics, they come together to play - play being a fundamental meaning of ealaín in Irish. From the art of music to the art of healing, the two are embodied in the playing of the medical orchestra, one complementing and affirming the other in holistic, productive unison. This cohabitation can only be felicituous, ensuring that those who play know how to heal, and that those who heal know how to play, ag ealaín le chéile.

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## Ag Ealaín le chéile



The NUI Galway Medical Orchestra at their inaugural performance in the Baily Allen Hall in March 2011  
Executive Producer: Professor Fidelma Dunne (Head of School of Medicine) Producer: Mary Mc Partlan  
Musical Director: Carl Hession.