

Máirtín O'Connor Frankie Gavin.

Special guest Carl Hession

Traditional musician and composer, Máirtín O'Connor, Honorary MA, NUI Galway. Traditional musician and composer, Frankie Gavin, Honorary MA, NUI Galway. Composer, arranger and musician, Carl Hession.

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This lunch time concert reunites three musicians who between them have accolades that speak volumes. Máirtín O'Connor's remarkable career has seen him perform from Midnight Well to De Dannan with many international stars in the intervening time. His current band is made up of three other musicians, Cathal Hayden, Seamie O'Dowd and Jimmy Higgins. They continually travel to all parts of the globe to critical acclaim. Máirtín's infectious style has kept him busy with live concerts and his own albums, but also as a session musician with Rod Stewart and Elvis Costello. Last year, Máirtín launched his first book of composition, entitled "Inside the Box, Outside the Box" in NUI Galway. He received an Honorary MA from the University in 2010.

At the age of seventeen Frankie Gavin placed first in the All Ireland Fiddle Competition and in the All Ireland Flute Competition, both on the same day. Mainly learning by ear, he was influenced by the 78 recordings of Michael Coleman and James Morrison. Frankie's virtuoso fiddle playing has been at the core of acclaimed group De Danann and he continues to work with that band. He has recorded 16 albums with De Dannan as well as a number of solo albums. He has also played with some of the most world famous stars from Steffan Grappelli to the Rolling Stones. Frankie received an honorary MA from NUI Galway in 2009.

Composer and arranger, Carl Hession teaches music at the Jesuit School. He studied in University College Cork and received high honours in London College of Music as well as a Gold Medal for theory. He has worked with the Liverpool Philharmonic to the Boston Pops. His composition 'Morning Gallop', was recorded by the West Ocean Quartet and the Monte Verdi String Quartet from the USA. He has played and recorded with Frankie Gavin and is the musical director of the Medical Orchestra, Clinical Sciences Institute, NUI Galway.



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