

Introduction

The Vogler Spring Festival 2007 once again resolves around the Vogler Quartet with an artistic directors and key performers. This year they are joined by acclaimed Irish and international guest artists in a highly distinctive programme mixing traditional repertoire with rarely performed works.

A festival commission, for String Quartet and Children's Choir, is a welcome addition for the 2007 festival as is the inclusion of a late night concert of *Klezmerim* – music based on traditional Jewish music. The continuation of the festival beyond the Vogler Quartet in Sligo Residency timeframe has been welcomed by chamber music enthusiasts locally, nationally and internationally with the event, now in its eighth year, firmly established on the calendar of national music events.

This year's event spans four days, nine concerts and features seventeen performers; so for May Bank Holiday 2007 join The Vogler Quartet in picturesque Drumcliffe for this international gathering of much-loved masterpieces, creative programming and world class performances.

Guest artists for the 2007 festival

John O'Connor, piano (Ireland)
Jaścha Nemtsov, piano (Russia)
Chen Halevi, clarinet (Israel)
Robin Tritschler, tenor (Ireland)
Graham Oppenheimer, viola (UK)
Monika Leskovař, cello (Croatia)
Alina Ibragimova, violin (Russia)
Riona O'Duinnin, flute (Ireland)
Elaine Agnew, composer (Ireland)
Niall Henry, speaker (Ireland)
 and
David Orlowsky's Klezmerim (Germany)

Programme Friday 4th May

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Gustav Mahler
Piano Quartet Movement in A minor
 Alina Ibragimova (violin)
 Graham Oppenheimer (viola)
 Monika Leskovař (cello) and
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Maurice Ravel

Deux mélodies hébraïques
Chanson hébraïque
 Robin Tritschler (tenor) and
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Francis Poulenc

Sonata for clarinet and piano
 Chen Halevi (clarinet) and
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Franz Schubert

String Quartet in G, D887
 Vogler Quartet

Programme Saturday 5th May

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Joseph Achorn
Children's Suite, Op 57, for clarinet, piano and string quartet
 Chen Halevi (clarinet)
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano) and
 Vogler Quartet

Elaine Agnew

New Work for String Quartet and Children's Choir
 first performance of festival commission
 Vogler Quartet with students from Ardkeenin NS, Riverstown

Saturday 5th May 2.00pm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Flute Quartet in D, K413
 Riona O'Duinnin (flute)
 Alina Ibragimova (violin)
 Graham Oppenheimer (viola)
 Monika Leskovař (cello)

Anton Arensky

Quartet in A minor, Op 35, for violin, viola and two cellos
 Frank Reinicke (violin)
 Stefan Fehlandt (viola)
 Stephan Forck (cello)
 Monika Leskovař (cello)

Songs by

Glinka Balakiriev Mussorgsky Rimsky-Korsakov
Shostakovich Avidom Mahler Milhaud Mendelssohn
 Robin Tritschler (tenor)
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Saturday 5th May 3.00pm

Joseph Haydn
The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross,
Op 31, for string quartet
 Vogler Quartet
 Niall Henry (speaker)

Programme Sunday 6th May

Sunday 6th May 1.00pm

Piano Recital
John O'Connor (piano)
Ludwig van Beethoven
Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 13 (Pathétique)
Alexander Scriabin
Prelude and Nocturne for the Left Hand, Op 9
Franz Schubert
Piano Sonata in C minor, D935

Sunday 6th May 2.00pm

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata for piano and violin in F, Op 24 (Spring)
 Alina Ibragimova (violin)
 John O'Connor (piano)

Hanns Eisler

Vierzehn Arten, den Regen zu beschreiben, Op 70,
for flute, clarinet, violin, viola, cello and piano
 Chen Halevi (clarinet)
 Riona O'Duinnin (flute)
 Alina Ibragimova (violin)
 Graham Oppenheimer (viola)
 Monika Leskovař (cello)
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Lowell Liebermann

A Poet to his Beloved, Op 40 (Poetry by WB Yeats)
 Robin Tritschler (tenor)
 John O'Connor (piano)

Carl Maria von Weber

Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34
 Chen Halevi (clarinet)
 Vogler Quartet

Sunday 6th May 3.00pm

David Orlowsky's Klezmerim (see details overleaf)
 David Orlowsky (clarinet)
 Florian Dohrmann (bass player)
 Jens-Uwe Popp (concertguitar)

Programme Monday 7th May

Monday 7th May 1.00pm

Igor Stravinsky
Suite Italienne for cello and piano
 Monika Leskovař (cello)
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Grigori Krein

Prelude for clarinet, piano and string quartet
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)
 Chen Halevi (clarinet)
 Vogler Quartet

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Piano Quartet in E flat, K493
 Alina Ibragimova (violin)
 Graham Oppenheimer (viola)
 Monika Leskovař (cello)
 Jaścha Nemtsov (piano)

Monday 7th May 2.00pm

Antonin Dvořák
Piano Quintet in A, Op 81
 John O'Connor (piano)
 Vogler Quartet

Encore including works by

Yaşar Achorn Solima Lourié Prokofiev and others
 All Artists

Sligo Arts Department 1997–2007

In 2007 the Arts Department of Sligo County Council will celebrate its 10th Birthday with a special programme of arts events, performances and new commissions.

The establishment of the Arts Office by Sligo County Council in 1997 was significant for the development of the arts within the County. On the journey from 1997 to 2007 there have been many notable achievements in music, the visual arts, literature, public art, youth arts, arts in education and arts in health, which created new opportunities for artists and arts professionals, and resulted in much greater access to the arts for the general public.

A key achievement in music development was the establishment of the annual Vogler Spring Festival in 2000 as part of the Vogler Quartet in Sligo Residency Programme 1999–2004. Through it, the Arts Department provides ongoing support for the performance and promotion of chamber music of excellence. As part of the Arts Department's Birthday Celebratory Programme the Festival has commissioned Elaine Agnew to write a work for children's choir and string quartet. Six Primary Schools – St Patrick's NS (Calry), St Joseph's NS (Kilmactranny), St Michael's NS (Cloonacool), Ardkeenin NS (Riverstown), Owenbeg NS, SN Christ Ri (Enniscrone) – which were part of the Vogler Music Education Programme 1999–2004 will take part in the composition project with Elaine Agnew and poet Eibhlín Nic Eocháid. A choir from Ardkeenin NS, Riverstown will premiere the new choral work with the Vogler Quartet at the 2pm concert on Saturday 5th May.

The Birthday Celebratory Programme will culminate in the launch of the new County Sligo Arts Plan 2007–2012 in September 2007 which will map the way forward for Sligo Arts Service, working in partnership with local and national partners, in particular The Arts Council of Ireland/An Chomhairle Ealaíon.

