





# **SMI/ICTM-IE Annual Postgraduate Conference**

# Maynooth University, 19 and 20 January 2018

## **Programme**

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Dear Delegates,

We warmly welcome you to Maynooth University. When planning this conference, our hope was to continue to build on the collaborative forum that emerged from last year's joint postgraduate conference at UCD. Therefore, we have sought to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue through our programming, and we hope that special presentations on new and developing approaches in the fields of ethnomusicology and musicology by our keynote speaker Professor Amanda Bayley and by research staff at the Irish Traditional Music Archive will enrich and stimulate your own postgraduate research.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr Adrian Scahill, Dr Lorraine Byrne-Bodley, Dr Majella Boland, Dr Lonán Ó Briain, and Ms Marie Breen for their help and support in the preparation of this conference. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow student and friend Joyce Xin Lee. Joyce was instrumental in assisting us in the early stages of conference planning, and we send her our warmest wishes as she recovers from illness. We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, without whom this conference would not be possible: Maynooth University Conference and Workshop Support Fund, Maynooth University Graduate Studies Office, and the Contemporary Music Centre.

Stephanie Ford, Cathal Twomey, and Nathan Hoctor

Conference Team

On behalf of the Department of Music, I am delighted to welcome you to Maynooth University.

The Department has been proud to host a series of events with a strong interdisciplinary dimension, and we take great pleasure in opening our doors this weekend to a conference that brings together two learned societies in a varied programme of outstanding postgraduate research from Ireland and abroad. We hope you find these two days provocative and enriching.

**Christopher Morris (Professor of Music, Maynooth University)** 

Head of Music Department

Occasions such as this, which bring together a whole range of individual scholars who understand how exciting and important musicology can be, are vital for the success of the society in nurturing new talent and connecting with its members. My warm congratulations to Stephanie Ford, who has worked so hard to gather us together, and my thanks to each and every one of you for showing your interest and commitment by being here. The SMI are working really hard to be a connecting society, supporting a whole range of conference initiatives, which makes our discipline so vibrant here in Ireland. We are especially proud of our graduate students and have endeavoured to show you our support not only through events like this, but also through establishing a careers forum, an SMI critical skills group and travel grants offered twice yearly. This conference is a very significant event through the establishment of the Alison Dunlop Graduate Prize, in memory of our very gifted graduate student whose monograph, The Life and Work of Gottfied Muffat (1690-1770) published by Hollitzer Verlag in Vienna 2013, is so richly appreciated in a review by Harry White in Eighteenth-Century Music 12/1 (2015). May this conference be a signal reminder to us of the significance of our support of each other and the value of all our endeavours.

**Lorraine Byrne Bodley** DMUS, PHD, MRIA (Senior Lecturer, Maynooth University) President of the Society of Musicology in Ireland

On behalf of the ICTM Ireland National Committee, I am pleased to welcome you to the ICTM-IE/SMI Postgraduate Conference at Maynooth University. This is the second year of our joint annual conference, which provides a unique opportunity for interaction between scholars from two of the major music research societies in Ireland. We are once again excited to see the remarkable breadth of music scholarship currently in progress at postgraduate institutions in Ireland and further afield.

For their excellent work in organising this conference, we are particularly grateful to Stephanie Ford, Cathal Twomey, Joyce Xin Lee, and Nathan Hoctor. This impressive programme is a testament to their teamwork. Having hosted the ICTM Ireland Annual Conference last year, we are fortunate to be able to return to the Department of Music at Maynooth University for this postgraduate conference. I hope that you will find this event to be most stimulating and look forward to meeting many of you over the weekend.

Lonán Ó Briain (Assistant Professor of Music, University of Nottingham)

Chair of the International Council for Traditional Music, Ireland

# Friday 19 January 2018

**8h30 – 9h00:** Registration (Music Department)

## 9h00 – 9h15: Introductory Address (Bewerunge Room)

by Christopher Morris, (Professor of Music, Maynooth University), Head of Music Department

9h15 - 10h45

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
(Bewerunge Room)	(O'Callaghan Room)	(New Music Room)
CHMHE Undergraduate	Popular Music(s) 1	18 <sup>th</sup> Century Music
<b>Musicology Competition</b>		
Session		
Chair: Professor	Chair: Dr Jaime Jones	Chair: Dr Michael Lee
Christopher Morris	(University College Dublin)	(Trinity College Dublin)
(Maynooth University)		
James McGlynn	Stephanie Caffrey	Ciara Conway (Queen's
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(University College Cork)	(Dundalk Institute of Technology)	University, Belfast)
(University College Cork)  Scoring Realities: Sonically	(Dundalk Institute of Technology) Creating a Signature Sound:	University, Belfast)  John O'Keeffe and the South
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(University College Cork)  Scoring Realities: Sonically Conveying Narrative, Temporality and	(Dundalk Institute of Technology) Creating a Signature Sound: Blending Celtic Roots and Aesthetics with Popular	University, Belfast)  John O'Keeffe and the South  Seas: Omai; or, a Trip round

Ellie McGinley (Dundalk	David Sleator (BIMM	Federico Funari
Institute of Technology)	Dublin)	(University of Sheffield)
From the Periphery to the	The Music of Die Antwoord	New Sources for Giovanni
Forefront: An Investigation	as a Manifestation of	Battista Serini's Biography
of the Processes of Revival	Fractured and Subverted	
in the Donegal Fiddle	Local Identities Responding	
Tradition	to Increasing Globalization	
Marie Edmonds (Mary	Mark Cronin (Institute of	Bridget Knowles (CIT
Immaculate College)	Education, University	Cork School of Music)
	College London)	
The Significance of	The Learning Lives of	The Tessitura of the
Traditional Music to the	Professionals in the Popular	Contralto Voice in Handel's
Ewe Community of South-	Music World with No	Operas: A Quantitative
Eastern Ghana	Formal Training	Analysis and the Implications
		for Modern Performance
		Practice

11h15 - 13h15

Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
(Bewerunge Room)	(O'Callaghan Room)	(New Music Room)
The 19th Century	Popular Music(s) 2	Reception, Representation
		and Narrative
Chair: Mr. Bryan Whitelaw	Chair: Dr Jaime Jones (University	Chair: Dr Éamonn Costello
(Queens University Belfast)	College Dublin)	(Irish World Academy of
		Music and Dance, University
		of Limerick)
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Luodmila Podlesnykh	Fardo Ine Eringa (University of	John Millar (University
(DIT Conservatory of	Groningen)	College Dublin)
Music and Drama)		
The Impact of John Field on	Performing Michael Jackson to	Country at the Fringes
Alexander Dubuque's	Make the World a Better Place: The	
Technique of Piano Playing	Ardent Dedication of Michael	
	Jackson Pilgrims and the Divine	
	Mission of the Major Love Prayer	
Faez I. Abdalla Abarca	Emma Stapleton (Goldsmith's	Felix Morgenstern (Irish

(University of Arizona)	College, University of London)	World Academy of Music
		and Dance, University of
		Limerick)
Chromatic Evolution: V-of-	Nick Cave's Dark Romanticism: An	'The Freer, Wilder, and
iii as a Dominant Substitute	Analysis of Gothic Style and	Unpoliciter the Folk, the More
in Felix Mendelssohn's	Freudian Themes	Lyrical its Songs have to be!' –
Songs without Words		Herder's Romanticising of the
		Celtic European Fringe: A
		Recurring Narrative of
		German-Irish Musical
		Affinities?
Nicolás Puyané	Snezhina Gulubova (Royal	Maria Byrne (Maynooth
(Maynooth University)	Holloway University of London)	University)
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Parallel Lines: Liszt's ossia	From Revolution to Evolution:	The Irish Constabulary Band:
to 'Im Rhein, im schonen	Havana's New Music Scene	A Musical Authority in
Strome'		Nineteenth-Century Ireland
		(1861-1872)
		(1861-1872)

13h15 – 14h30: Lunch (Pugin Hall, St. Patrick's College, South Campus)

14h30 - 14h40: ICTM Ireland Chair's Address (Bewerunge Room)

by Lonán Ó Briain (Assistant Professor of Music, University of Nottingham), Chair of the International Council for Traditional Music, Ireland

14h40 – 15h15: Digital Research and Resources Special Information Session (Bewerunge

Room)

Chair: Dr Lonán Ó Briain

Guest Speakers: Dr Lynnsey Weissenberger (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, ITMA) and

Treasa Harkin (Governance & Images Officer, ITMA)

Title: The Irish Traditional Music Archive: LITMUS Project and Research Resources

Session 7	Session 8	Session 9
(Bewerunge Room)	(O'Callaghan Room)	(New Music Room)
English Language Vocal	20th Century Music:	<b>Cross-Cultural Perspectives</b>
Music	Analytical Perspectives	in Irish Music
Chair: Dr Michael Lee	Chair: Dr Martin O'Leary	Chair: Dr John O'Keeffe
(Trinity College Dublin)	(Maynooth University)	(Maynooth University)
Cathal Twomey (Maynooth	Claire Wilson (Ulster	Rosemary Heredos (Irish
University)	University)	World Academy of Music
		and Dance, University of
		Limerick)
'Suit your Words to your	A Diffusion of Regularity:	Vox Virginis: Marian Imagery
Music Well': A Schematic	Metric Ambiguity in André	of the Crucifixion in the Vocal
Approach to English Baroque	Caplet's Mélodie	Music of Roman Catholic,
Word-Setting		Greek Orthodox, and Irish
		Sean-Nós Traditions
Sarah Ledwidge (Trinity	Georgina Hughes	<b>Eleanor Jones McAuley</b>
College Dublin)	(University College	(Trinity College, Dublin)
	Dublin)	'Will sure the Pretend'r and

'Little Eyases': The	The Changing Status of	Popery bring in': Italian Music,
Adolescent Male Voice on	Percussion in the Twentieth	Anti-Catholicism, and the
the Shakespearean Stage	Century	Church in Eighteenth-Century
		Ireland
	Varazdat Khachatryan	Eamonn Galldubh (Dundalk
	(DIT Conservatory of	Institute of Technology)
	(DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)	Institute of Technology)  'Jigg to the Irish Cry' -
	Music and Drama)	'Jigg to the Irish Cry' -
	Music and Drama) Structural Development of	'Jigg to the Irish Cry' - Exploring Thumoth's Irish
	Music and Drama) Structural Development of Rachmaninoff's Piano	'Jigg to the Irish Cry' - Exploring Thumoth's Irish

16h45 – 17h15: Tea and coffee break (Music Department, Logic House)

## 17h15 - 19h15

Session 10	Session 11
(O'Callaghan Room)	(New Music Room)
Music and Gender	Theory in Context
Chair: Dr Jaime Jones (University College	Chair: Dr Danielle Sofer (Maynooth
Dublin)	University)
Joanne Cusack (Maynooth University)	Nadine Scharfetter (University of Music and Performing Arts, Graz)
A Woman's Heart: Challenging Gender Roles	G , , ,
	Dieter Schnebel's Experimental Music and its
in Irish Traditional Music, and the	Pedagogical Approach
Diversification of the (Masculine) Button	
Accordion	
Kirstie Alison Muldoon (Maynooth	Laura Vattano (University of Edinburgh)
University)	
The Role of Women in Irish Music	The Conceptualisation of Musical Experience
Institutions: Dublin 1879 – 1924	in Luigi Russolo's The Art of Noises

# Francesca Stevens (University of Groningen)

The Women of Doom: An Ethnographic Study of Women's Experience in Doom

# Martina Bratic (University of Graz,

### Austria)

Metal

On Female Music, or 'How 'Feminist' Really
Works in Feminist Musicology'

## Nicholas Cooper (University College

## Dublin)

Hanslick, Kant, and Wittgenstein: Re-Evaluating Formalism

19h45: Conference dinner: Red Torch Ginger Restaurant, Main Street, Maynooth

# **Saturday 20 January 2018**

9h00 – 9h30: Registration (Music Department, Logic House, South Campus)

9h30 - 11h30

Session 12	Session 13	Session 14
(New Music Room)	(Bewerunge Room)	(O'Callaghan Room)
Political and Theoretical	Performance and	Jazz
Discourses in Music	Composition as Research	
Chair: Dr Francesca Placanica	Chair: Dr Ryan Molloy	Chair: Dr Laura Watson
(Maynooth University)	(Maynooth University)	(Maynooth University)
Michael Whitten (Queen's	Alex Petcu-Colan (Royal	Scott Flanigan (Ulster
University, Belfast)	Irish Academy of Music)	University)
Respect, Esteem, and	Beyond the Standard	'I'll Be Seeing You': Rhythmic
Distinction: The Recognitive	Tuning of Bell Plates	Exploration and Harmonic
Foundations of Musical		Freedom in the Vocabulary of
Disagreement		Aaron Pa
Alan Taylor (Royal Central	Alan Barclay (Queen's	Darach O Laoire (DIT
School of Speech and	University, Belfast)	Conservatory of Music and
Drama)		Drama)
A Psychological Theory of	Cantillation in The Long	Django Reinhardt, Charlie
Narrative and Drama in Music	Nights Dawn	Christian, and the Octatonic Scale

Emma-Jayne Reekie	Clair Butler (University	Jimmy Brennan (DIT
(Institute of Popular Music	College Cork)	Conservatory of Music and
Studies, University of		Drama)
Liverpool)		
'The Times They Are A-	Western Choral	A Demonstration of George Van
Changin': Politicians,	Arrangements for Javanese	Eps' Influence on Solo Jazz
Musicians, and the Political	Gamelan	Guitar Performance Practice
Award		through the Comparative Analysis
		of a Jazz Standard
Riccardo La Spina		Kevin Higgins (Independent
(Universidad de La Rioja)		Scholar)
Opera and Coffee:		Unfinished Phrases and Double
Contemporaneous Perspectives		Meaning in Ahmad Jamal's 'At
on Madrid's Café Concerts		the Pershing: But Not For Me'
under Fernando VII		

11h30 – 12h00: Tea and coffee break (Music Department, Logic House)

#### 12h00 - 13h30

### **SMI Careers Forum (Bewerunge Room)**

Chair: Bláithín Duggan (Trinity College Dublin)

Guest Speakers: Orlaith Tunney (Careers Advisory Service, Trinity College Dublin), Dr Patricia Flynn (Dublin City University), Kevin O'Brien (Music Generation), Dr John O'Flynn (Dublin City University), Anaïs Verhulst (Resonant Centre for Musical Heritage, Belgium)

Title: Post-PhD: Career Opportunities In and Beyond the Academy

13h30 – 14h45: Lunch (Pugin Hall, St. Patrick's College, South Campus)

14h45 - 16h15

Session 15	Session 16	Session 17
(New Music Room)	(Bewerunge Room)	(O'Callaghan Room)
Music, Technology, and the	Developments in Irish Art	Innovation and Tradition
Digital Age	Music	
Chair: Dr Gordon Delap	Chair: Dr Majella Boland (Royal	Chair: Dr Adrian Scahill
(Maynooth University)	Irish Academy of Music)	(Maynooth University)
Eamon O'Doherty (DIT	Maxime Le Mée (Dublin City	Kaylie Streit (University
Conservatory of Music and	University)	College Cork)
Drama)		
Saxify: Detecting Fraudulent	Voice of the Poet, Voice of the	Creativity with Tradition:
Music Recordings	People: Irony and Romanticizing	A Case Study of Two
	in Moore's Irish Melodies	Cellists and Innovation in
		Irish Traditional Music
Gonzalo Parrilla Gallego	Áine Mulvey (Dublin City	Mark Redmond (DIT
(Complutense University of	University)	Conservatory of Music
Madrid)		and Drama)
The Music and Animation Path	Alfred Perceval Graves and his	The Uilleann Pipes:
through The Legend of Zelda	Contribution to Irish Song	Beyond Traditional
Saga	Literature	Practice

Martin Clancy (Trinity	David Scott (DIT	Brendan Lamb
College Dublin)	Conservatory of Music and	(University of Tasmania)
	Drama)	
You Can Call Me Hal (Music	Rediscovering Muirgheis: The	Instrumental Change: The
and Machine Learning)	First Grand Opera in Irish	Introduction of String
		Instruments to Irish Music
		During the Irish Folk
		Music Revival (1960s and
		1970s)

16h15 – 16h45: Tea and coffee break

#### 16h45 – 16h55: SMI Presidential Address (Bewerunge Room)

by Lorraine Byrne Bodley DMUS, PHD, MRIA (Senior Lecturer, Maynooth University),

President of the Society of Musicology in Ireland

16h55 – 18h00: Keynote Address (Bewerunge Room)

Chair: Dr Lorraine Byrne Bodley

Guest Speaker: Amanda Bayley (Professor of Music, Bath Spa University)

**Title**: Creative and Interactive Processes in Cross-Cultural Collaborations

#### 18h00 – 18h30: Presentation of the Alison Dunlop Graduate Prize (Bewerunge Room)

by Christopher Morris (Professor of Music, Maynooth University) and Yo Tomita (Professor of Music, Queens University Belfast)

18h30 – 19h30: Wine reception sponsored by the Contemporary Music Centre

**19h45:** Music session at Brady's Pub (food served until 9pm)

### **Abstracts**

Session 1: 11th CHMHE Undergraduate Musicology Competition Session

Scoring Realities: Sonically Conveying Narrative, Temporality, and Characterisation in HBO's *Westworld* (2016)

James McGlynn (University College Cork)

In 2016, Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy's serialised reimagining of Michael Crichton's *Westworld* (1973) was not short of visual or stylistic innovation. However, I propose that Ramin Djawadi's original score, alongside his music's symbiotic relationship with narrative, temporality and character-formation, are among the greatest innovations of this revival. This paper is an exploration of the uniquely nuanced, complex narrative functionalities that Djawadi's markedly intertextual score to *Westworld* serves throughout its ten-hour narrative.

Confounded Frontiers: By means of introduction to Djawadi's idiosyncratic sonority for the series, I will first explore how music contributes to defining the unique and arguably bizarre locus that Westworld occupies between 19<sup>th</sup> Century Wild West fiction and 21<sup>st</sup> Century dystopian fantasy, and how his rearrangements of modern rock music create a sense of cohesiveness rather than convergence. I will demonstrate how this intertextual score informs our perception of the central unreality of the show's setting and, crucially, how it denotes the burgeoning sentience of Westworld's android cast.

*Sonic Omnipresence:* The second half of this paper discusses the sense of "sonic omnipresence" that Djawadi's score lends the character of Robert Ford, inventor of the series' eponymous theme

park and its android "hosts". Examining the very deliberate marriage of the piano and Dr Ford, I propose we are prompted to continually recognise this character's presence and that Djawadi's score (as well as the visual foregrounding and narrative significance of music in *Westworld*) serves to perpetuate his presence, influence and his almost supernatural manipulation of the reality he has created.

From the Periphery to the Forefront: An Investigation of the Processes of Revival in the Donegal Fiddle Tradition

#### Ellie McGinley (Dundalk Institute of Technology)

The Donegal fiddle tradition is a recognised regional tradition within the musical landscape of 21<sup>st</sup> century Ireland. However, prior to 1980, the Donegal fiddle tradition was arguably misrepresented on a national scale and often degraded due to its perceived "non-Irish" influences. The stylistic traits identified through the analysis of highly personalised performers led to contradictory conclusions which varied from scholar to scholar, as it did not reflect the full scope of the county's fiddle tradition. The concept of regions and regional styles in Irish traditional music has been discussed continuously since its inception with more disagreements in its definitions than potentially any other aspect of the tradition. The diversity among musicians and the inability to definitively describe the Donegal fiddle tradition has been one of those many disagreements.

While this paper does little to define the exact characteristics of the performance style of the region, it hopes to illustrate the investigation into its revival from 1980 to the present and its strengthening during this period through organisations, the media, scholarship and the dissemination of recordings which have led to the development of a more rounded perception of the tradition. This paper suggests that through the specific investigation of their impact, it may be possible to identify catalysts which have had the greatest influence on the strength of the tradition and its perception on a micro and macro scale.

#### The Significance of Traditional Music to the Ewe Community of South-Eastern Ghana

#### **Marie Edmonds (Mary Immaculate College)**

This paper discusses traditional music in South-Eastern Ghana by exploring its role in Ewe social life. It aims to provide an account of the significance of traditional music to the communities of Kopeyia and the broader Volta Region.

A brief literature review of academic writing on Ewe music is followed by an explanation of the methods that I followed to carry out this research during my stay in Ghana. The role of dance-drumming groups and music-making at both funerals and festivals is explored to discuss the how traditional music is both made and used in daily life. Traditional Ewe music is then explored as a repository of history, knowledge, and culture.

The Kopeyia school cultural troupe and brass band are highlighted to discuss the position of traditional arts in the lives of the younger generations today. Also mentioned is the Dagbe Cultural Institute and Arts Centre in Kopeyia and its role in teaching Ewe music, dance, song, and language. Three key interviews with teachers of this centre help to provide further insight into music-making in the Ewe community.

Taking these points into consideration, the paper then offers a glimpse into the significance of traditional music to the Ewe community of Kopeyia and the broader Volta Region of Ghana.

#### Session 2: Popular Music(s) 1

Creating a Signature Sound: Blending Celtic Roots and Aesthetics with Popular Music Production in Albums Recorded by the Corrs

#### **Stephanie Caffrey (Dundalk Institute of Technology)**

The Corrs are a popular music group from Dundalk, Co. Louth, who draw upon traditional Irish music with folk, rock and pop genres to achieve global commercial success. While this blanket signature sound is evident throughout their entire recording career, each of their studio albums offer different musical flavours, interpretations and styles, exhibiting the band's musical growth and development.

This research project will critically analyse and evaluate the music production techniques implemented on the Corrs' first studio album *Forgiven Not Forgotten*. This analysis will involve the reverse engineering of the five official singles released from the album to consider each of the song's attributes in terms of structure, melody, harmony, rhythm, arrangement, instrumentation, lyrical content and mix production. The role of recording technology combined with the impact of music producer David Foster, collaborative songwriters and guest musicians on these recordings will also be critically considered.

Through a critical examination of their signature sound created through a multi-faceted production process, this paper will consider the music of the Corrs in the context of the music industry in Ireland at the time of their initial chart success.

# The Music of Die Antwoord as a Manifestation of Fractured and Subverted Local Identities Responding to Increasing Globalization

#### **David Sleator (BIMM Dublin)**

This study investigates rap-rave music trio Die Antwoord and their place in a modern, postapartheid South Africa. It analyses their creative output, which employs parodical, post-modern
elements, through various theoretical lenses. The effects on a culture, under capitalism's
structures of power, is addressed with support from some Marxian concepts. On a macro-level,
the facets of globalization and neo-liberal policies are included. It is nigh-on impossible to
escape the effects of these forces, and Die Antwoord were no exception. The influence on their
creative output, as well as how they played to the tune of these forces through the viral and sleek
nature of their music videos, will be addressed.

The majority of the paper pursues the idea of identity, from multiple angles. It addresses race and ethnic identities in recent and modern South Africa, also investigating how language and tribalism shapes identity. Finally, a Lacanian-inspired approach to identity and self, with support from examples of Freud, distils the essence of Die Antwoord's creative vision. Though not to everyone's taste, the group have left a lasting impression on the music industry and culture. Though they sometimes (or often) don't take themselves seriously, when we do, it provides a very intriguing insight into their world.

# The Learning Lives of Professionals in the Popular Music World with No Formal Training Mark Cronin (Institute of Education, University College London)

Many professional musicians in Ireland did not pursue music at school and subsequently have not taken part in any formal music programmes. Many of these professionals are popular musicians who either teach or work as performers or in other capacities within the entertainment industry. Relatively little attention has been given to the broad and varied activities of those engaged in this type of musical venture, which can be a rich and engrossing experience for the participants involved. At present, no research exists focussing specifically on the sub-group of professional musicians who have no experience of formal music education.

My paper presents findings from a qualitative study which explores the learning experiences, attitudes, and values of professional popular musicians in the Irish city of Cork, who have taken informal or non-formal routes. Data were collected through a survey of 100 such musicians, and 16 in-depth interviews, to provide detailed descriptions of the participants' experiences. The paper aims to address a central issue which is an application of a question investigated by Green (2002), but in a different context and with a different subset of musicians. That is: How do these musicians go about acquiring skills and knowledge? The paper illustrates some of the informal learning practices that are available to these musicians allowing for the transmission of knowledge and skills. These informal learning practices, it is argued, are intimately bound up with the development of their identities.

Session 3: 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Music

John O'Keeffe and the South Seas: Omai; or, a Trip round the World (1783)

Ciara Conway (Queen's University, Belfast)

Captain James Cook is best known for his exploration of the south seas and his death by homicide in Hawaii in 1780. Cook made a total of three Pacific journeys; the first from 1768-1771, the second from 1772-1775 and the third from 1776-1780. Well acquainted were the British public with Cook's journeys due to the publication of first-hand accounts. John Hawkesworth's *An Account of a Voyage round the World* (1773) was widely read and critiqued, and sparked huge interest in the unknown cultures in Polynesia. In 1784 *A Voyage to the Pacific Ocean* was published in three volumes; the first two volumes comprised Cook's memoirs and the third James King's memoirs. Nicely timed and well received was John O'Keeffe and William Shield's new pantomime *Omai; or, a Trip round the World* in Covent Garden in December 1785. The main plot focuses on real life Tahitian characters, that of Omai in particular, who accompanied Captain Cook to London at the end of his second voyage. Innovations in spectacular machinery and effects received universal praise from reviewers; so too did authenticity across set, staging, and costume, which were based on the drawings of chief illustrator John Webber aboard the final Cook voyage.

However, the same ethnographic legitimacy cannot be claimed in the music. Even though the pantomime consists of the well-known *commedia dell'arte* characters, it strays from typical pantomimic conventions which raises questions not only concerning characterisation but also its allocation of borrowed music. This paper will place *Omai* in the context of musical

characterisation on the London stage in the late eighteenth century when the racialisation of the south seas was taking hold.

#### New Sources for Giovanni Battista Serini's Biography

#### Federico Funari (University of Sheffield)

Giovanni Battista Serini was an Italian harpsichordist and composer. Born in the North of Italy (most likely in Cremona) ca. 1710, he spent his life between Italy (Venice) and Germany (Bueckeburg and Bonn). My paper is based on the sources I (re)discovered in the Bueckeburg archive and my aim is to review Serini's biography according to this documentation.

The most important documents about Serini's life are preserved in the Bueckeburg Archive. These are primary sources related to the stay of Serini in that Court. Among those documents are musician's contracts, receipt of payments, letters addressed to Count Schaumburg-Lippe (Bueckeburg Count) where Serini wrote about his future plans (in 1755 he left Bueckeburg to Prague and then for Bonn). Bueckeburg preserves some lists of works written by Serini himself.

The Schauburg-Lippe court was a multicultural place with painters, poets, scientists and, of course, musicians. The court was modelled on the Berlin court and as such, Italian taste was predominant. In fact, with the exception of Bach' son (also known as Bueckeburg Bach), all of the court musicians were Italian. In this context, Serini can be seen as the court composer.

This is the first investigation of Giovanni Battista Serini, in terms of both his life and catalogue, and it represents the first step toward the systematic study of musicians and musical life in the Bueckeburg court in the middle of 18th Century.

The Tessitura of the Contralto Voice in Handel's Operas: A Quantitative Analysis and the Implications for Modern Performance Practice

#### **Bridget Knowles (CIT Cork School of Music)**

This paper details a quantities analysis of the tessitura used by Handel when writing operatic roles for the contralto voice and considers the implications for the modern practice of having these roles performed by the higher mezzo soprano. Tessitura can be defined as either the predominant pitch area of a composition or the vocal register where a singer is most comfortable. Although the vocal range of a contralto is similar to that of a mezzo-soprano, the tessitura and colour of each voice will be different. Roles composed by Handel for the contralto tessitura may not have the same effect when performed by a higher voice. This research mathematically quantifies the tessitura by assigning a numeric value to the pitch and duration of each note, thus taking into account the amount of time spent singing each pitch. The tessitura of each aria is assessed by reference to the mean pitch, the mode, and the standard deviation.

Handel's contraltos have been described as having voices of moderate range with a register typically extending from b to e ", implying that Handel wrote in this limited range because his singers were unable to extend beyond it. This paper will consider an alternative hypothesis: Perhaps Handel deliberately composed in this register to exploit the lower tessitura and colour of the contralto voice and the limited range is not a reflection of the singers' lack of ability but more a consequence of Handel's compositional style for this voice type. This research will contribute to current understanding of Handel's contralto roles, providing a basis for informed artistic decisions.

#### **Session 4: The 19th Century**

The Impact of John Field on Alexander Dubuque's Technique of Piano Playing
Luodmila Podlesnykh (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

John Field (1782-1837) is still widely recognised as the father of pianism in Russia, his adopted home. In his own lifetime, devotees to his school were to be found all over Europe and his revolutionary methods had a profound effect on the development of a distinct and tangible piano school in Russia, which prevails to this day.

However, quantifying Field's piano methods is not straightforward as he left behind no specific technical exercises. His favourite and most devoted student, Alexander Dubuque (1812-1898) did document Field's pedagogical beliefs through his own method book: *Technique of Piano Playing* which is deserving of careful analysis. Written in 1866, the *Technique of Piano Playing* contains technical principles inherited from Field's teaching methods and represents the preromantic era of pianism in Russia. But, the exercises also form a bridge to the romantic period and the pianistic art of virtuosi such as Thalberg, Liszt and Chopin.

This lecture recital aims to compare and contrast, as far as possible, Field's studies with Dubuque's technical work, thereby exposing the most important facets of Field's piano methods and their influence on the future Russian school of piano playing. A modern edition of Dubuque's work was published in 2005 and has been translated and assessed by Luodmila Podlesnykh.

Chromatic Evolution: V-of- iii as a Dominant Substitute in Felix Mendelssohn's *Songs* without Words

#### Faez I. Abdalla Abarca (University of Arizona)

In biological evolution, a living population evolves when it is exposed to the selection pressures of a new biological medium. Analogously, in my *chromatic evolution* a chord "evolves" when it is exposed to a new chromatic medium, forcing it to adapt and harmonically modify its pitch content. This is a process by which a diatonic chord is progressively transformed into a chromatic substitute, over a span of several similar works, without losing or modifying the chord's resolution tendencies, harmonic function, or formal location.

Felix Mendelssohn's *Songs without Words* are ideal candidates for an "evolutionary" analysis. Since the vast majority of these pieces share the same ternary form, it is possible to consider a specific harmonic choice that consistently occurs in a precise location within the form: the *pre-recapitulatory harmony* (i.e., the chord that precedes and prepares the return of main theme in the recapitulation). A close assessment of this repertoire reveals that all of the early pieces (1829 to 1832) possess a root-position pre-recapitulatory dominant. However, in the late pieces (1845), this option is replaced by a highly chromatic alternative: the dominant of the mediant.

From a Schenkerian perspective, I will demonstrate how this intriguing harmonic tendency can be explained as a process of chromatic evolution, by which the late prominence of pre-recapitulatory V-of-iii results from the harmonic transformation of the early root-position dominant, mediated by a long middle period of harmonic exploration.

Parallel Lines: Liszt's ossia to 'Im Rhein, im schonen Strome'

Nicolás Puyané (Maynooth University)

Franz Liszt's settings of the poems of Heinrich Heine are amongst his most celebrated compositions in song form and according to Susan Youens are 'some of the best Heine songs of the century'. Liszt set seven of Heine's poems, all of which exist in multiple published versions. One of these settings, 'Im Rhein im schönen Strome' displays an almost unique variety of textual fluidity amongst his Lieder, or indeed his wider compositional output. Not only does the song exist in a heavily revised second version, but the first version was published with an extended ossia in the piano part which runs for the entire duration of the song. This more elaborate piano part in essence creates a 'parallel' version, that is radically different from the 'main' first version. This paper examines all three versions of 'Im Rhein im schönen Strome', exploring Liszt's non-traditional attitude to the musical work and the Werktreue ideal whilst also investigating the rationale that led Liszt to heavily revise this setting.

#### Session 5: Popular Music(s) 2

Performing Michael Jackson to Make the World a Better Place: The Ardent Dedication of Michael Jackson Pilgrims and the Divine Mission of the Major Love Prayer

#### Fardo Ine Eringa (University of Groningen)

In the aftermath of Michael Jackson's passing 'Michaeling' originated, a pilgrimage in honour of Jackson. Another post-mortem initiative that arose was the Major Love Prayer (MLP), a monthly prayer on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Through the rituals of 'Michaeling' and the MLP MJ-fans internalize, continue and spread MJ's humanitarian and artistic legacy to 'Heal the World'. MJ is appropriated as a guide for (moral) conduct and is used to facilitate an intimate experience of the divine. In my proposed paper I will explore the ardent dedication of Jackson's followers via the following question: 'How do the rituals of 'Michaeling' and the MLP function as *sensational forms* which enable and reinforce an experience of the sacred in everyday life and contribute to the reflexive creation and maintenance of an ethical self?'

I will answer this question through an analysis of the lived pilgrimage experiences of 11 MJ-pilgrims. I augment these findings with an examination of the MLP, to explore why and how MLP-participants consciously choose to listen to certain MJ songs. Working from the perspectives of these fans can enhance our knowledge of how contemporary people consume popular cultural resources – particularly the medium of music – for meaning-making purposes in the context of their everyday lives.

As a religious scholar, combining the academic fields of Religious Studies and Popular Culture, I very much welcome input from the fields of ethnomusicology and musicology. In particular, I

would like to exchange thoughts on investigating the act of purposeful listening in music, and its role in (group) identity-formation and maintenance.

Nick Cave's Dark Romanticism: An Analysis of Gothic Style and Freudian Themes
Emma Stapleton (Goldsmith's College, University of London)

This work considers the music of Nick Cave with regards to Gothic and Freudian themes. Cave is often referred to as goth because of his work with the Birthday Party in the 1980s. However, I believe that there needs to be more consideration given to his application of Gothic themes later in his career.

At first, this work considers Cave's time as the frontman of goth band The Birthday Party, and the way in which he utilised the Gothic in the 1980s. Subsequently, Cave's employment of the Gothic in two of his albums with the Bad Seeds from the 1990s is examined, namely *Let Love In* and *Murder Ballads*.

Three songs from these later albums are investigated in depth using a different element of Freudian and Gothic expression for each. Dark Romanticism- a term coined by G. R. Thompson to describe literature in which the Romantic and the Gothic intertwine- is utilised to analyse 'Loverman,' Freud's concept of the uncanny is applied to 'Red Right Hand,' and Bahktin's carnivalesque is employed in an interpretation of 'O'Malley's Bar.'

In this work, the evolution of the Gothic in Cave's work is traced, from the blatant Gothic references in the work of The Birthday Party, to Cave's later use of literary Gothic themes in the Bad Seeds' albums from the 1990s.

From Revolution to Evolution: Havana's New Music Scene

**Snezhina Gulubova (Royal Holloway University of London)** 

Cuba's rich musical legacy has been one of the island's most important national and international contributions for over 100 years. Its study has been divided into three distinct periods: pre-1959 Revolution, post-1959, and the Special Period (following the collapse of the Soviet Union, 1990). Following the country's détente with the US and the introduction of private ownership over the past few years, Cuba is at the dawn of a new period of social and economic transformation, and of a new phase in its musical history. From Revolution to Evolution investigates the social and economic restructuring of Havana's popular music scenes, profession, performance spaces, and audiences, as a result of the creation of private music venues in the capital since 2012, a striking departure from the country's post-1959 model of state ownership. These new private clubs in reflect the new modus operandi of Cuban society, one based on economic wealth rather than racial or regional distinctions. Hence, within its new private music venues, Havana exists both in socialism and post-socialism (sociocapitalism), distorting the city's temporality. Furthermore, this shift from ethnicity to economics is supplemented by Havana's burgeoning status as an international musical hub, re-drawing its social and economic geographies and distorting the capital's old spacial stratification. This new focus on wealth, considered both a form of protest and an expression of the new Cuban society, has been most apparently expressed by reggaetón music and musicians, especially in the high prices which they charge for their concerts.

#### Session 6: Reception, Representation and Narrative

#### **Country at the Fringes**

#### John Millar (University College Dublin)

As country music has become a mainstream, established genre across the country, it has come to be associated with a particular form of the music in the public eye. Through media depictions on television and radio, the term 'country' is often used interchangeably and often derisively phrase 'country and Irish'. Despite this portrayal of a somewhat homogenous genre category, there are multiple instances of localised and, to some degree, underground musical practices. This paper will look at some of these practices, at some of the music-making which operates as a form of resistance to the perceived dominant musical tastes and practices of particular locations. By looking at the musical practices of the northwest and south of the country - particularly those of counties Mayo, Sligo, and Waterford - this paper will show how musicians work both within and against the multiple identities and social markers that are associated with both 'country' as a genre, and 'country' as a geographic, socio-cultural, and political indicator. From bluegrass and old-time string band music practiced in long-running sessions of the northwest to the Dunmore East Bluegrass Festival, now in its third decade, these are musical traditions that, though visible, operate on the fringes.

'The Freer, Wilder, and *Unpoliciter* the Folk, the More Lyrical its Songs have to be!' – Herder's Romanticising of the Celtic European Fringe: A Recurring Narrative of German-Irish Musical Affinities?

## Felix Morgenstern (Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick)

Published in 1773, German philosopher and theologian Johann Gottfried Herder's seminal essay on Ossian, James Macpherson's Celtic myth hero, grounded much of his later theorising on folk song and its liaison with language and the nation. Moreover, this important reference point for the period of European Romanticism in the 19<sup>th</sup> century unveils a historically-rooted Germanic fascination with the culture of the Celtic European fringe, Ireland and Scotland respectively, which has resurfaced in later historical periods and appears to have underpinned the avid German reception and performance of Ireland's vernacular music from the 1970s onwards.

Drawing on existing scholarship (Haefs 1983; Steinbiß 1984; Frey and Siniveer 1987) and the author's ethnographic research among members of the 1970s German folk music revival movement, this paper explores the discursive echoes, nuances, and distortions emerging out of Herder's *Correspondence about Ossian and the Songs of the Ancient Peoples* (1973) and uncovers, how a romantic German draw to this Celtic Other manifests in musical form.

Ultimately, what connotes the "wildness", "freedom" and "lyrical quality" that Herder attributes to Irish music and culture reaches beyond his longing for the remnants of an ancient "Celtic Twilight" (Stokes and Bohlman 2003: 15). More critically, this romantic attraction has been interpreted in different shades by scholars, practitioners, and those who market Irish music to German audiences. Peeling away the various layers of meaning attached to the music of the Celtic European fringe moves us closer to understanding routes that Irish musical practices have taken in the German context.

The Irish Constabulary Band: A Musical Authority in Nineteenth-Century Ireland (1861-1872)

## Maria Byrne (Maynooth University)

This paper examines the interplay of authority and music in the context of the Irish Constabulary band. Established in 1861, this band held a prominent position in the musical life of nineteenth-century Ireland, while also being a significant musical marker of police authority.

Twenty-five years after its foundation, the Irish Constabulary requested the government to establish a band conforming to the spirit of social progress. It mirrored British regimental bands in instrumentation and repertoire, raising the profile of the institution it represented. Performing for official constabulary functions and civilian entertainments, this band intersected with a predominantly middle-class audience.

This paper documents the early years of the Irish Constabulary band during the eleven-year tenure of its founding bandmaster, Harry Hardy. Delivering a visual and sonic image of institutional power, the Irish Constabulary band nonetheless succeeded in endearing itself to the public, carving its own niche as Ireland's national band under the charismatic Mr Hardy.

This paper considers how institutions and societies seek to mould music to promote their own agendas. It explores the authority of an individual bandmaster to wow an audience and the power of music to elicit an emotional response conducive to the social context within which it is performed.

## Session 7 (Bewerunge Room) English Language Vocal Music

'Suit your Words to your Music Well': A Schematic Approach to English Baroque Word-Setting

# **Cathal Twomey (Maynooth University)**

In the 1990s, Katherine Rohrer noted the prevalence of dance forms in Purcell's vocal music, arguing that the dance chosen depended on the poetic metre of the lyrics. Rohrer also observed that Purcell and his contemporaries employed local rhythmic effects for certain types of poetic line, but she described them as transcriptions of verbal stress into music, rather than theorising a set of stereotyped musical rhythms suited to specific types of poetry. In short, Rohrer offered a theory of large-scale English Baroque musico-poetics, but saw smaller-scale word-setting patterns as text-derived rather than musically systematic.

This paper expands upon Rohrer's analysis, filtered through Robert O. Gjerdingen's 'schematic' theory of eighteenth-century composition. It presents both dance-form macro-structures and local rhythmic figures as part of a wider set of musico-poetic schemata, stock devices applicable to specific English poetic metres, line-types, and stanza-forms. It suggests these schemata as means by which composers added musical variety to their settings whilst remaining faithful to poetic form. It also notes hitherto unobserved patterns in English Baroque word-setting, suggesting that even expressive effects like word-repetition and phrase-structure could be pre-determined by formal characteristics of the text. The paper places these schemata in a larger cultural and historical context, noting similar schematic approaches to word-setting not only in Italian, but

also in German and French over at least four centuries, thereby suggesting that poetic form had a far greater role in vocal music than has hitherto been supposed.

'Little Eyases': The Adolescent Male Voice on the Shakespearean Stage Sarah Ledwidge (Trinity College Dublin)

The famous 'little eyases' passage in Hamlet where Rosenkrantz deplores the 'aerie of children' who 'cry out on the top of question and are most tyrannically clapped for't' merely scratches the surface of the deep rivalry that ran between London's choirboy and adult theatre companies during the second half of the sixteenth century. The traditional view, however, that the indoor companies of St Paul's and the Chapel Royal performed complex polyphonic art songs while the open air adult companies such as Shakespeare's were limited to unaccompanied popular ballads, has lately been challenged, particularly by Linda Phyllis Austern.

While is true that choirboy plays contain their fair share of ballads, it cannot be denied that

Shakespeare called on the vocal talents of young boys at poignant dramatic moments: the

performance of Morley's 'It was a lover and his lass' in As You Like It (V.iii), for instance, or

Lucius' lute song in Julius Caesar (IV.ii) which heralds the appearance of Caesar's ghost.

Humorous references to the cracking of boys' voices, furthermore, are rife to the point of

becoming an Elizabethan dramatic trope. The present study explores the importance of pre
pubescent and adolescent male singers on the Elizabethan stage, and asks whether the dissolution

of the choirboy companies impacted the musical content of the adult repertoire.

**Session 8: 20th Century Music: Analytical Perspectives** 

A Diffusion of Regularity: Metric Ambiguity in André Caplet's Mélodie

**Claire Wilson (Ulster University)** 

Exploring the dissemination of regularity in rhythmic motion, and the perception of where the bar line actually lies in the mélodies of André Caplet is a task not just for the analyst, but also for the performer. The way in which we analyse a piece of music and our perception of translating the score to the listener bears great impact on how the work is perceived. The French mélodie is particularly interesting in this respect, because the presence of a poetic text saturated by a highly complex harmonic language already sets the scene for a story to unfold... and not always how we might expect! The potential to tell this story and find meaning in different ways lies hidden within the deeper metric layers of the music.

This paper seeks to address the concept of metric dissonance and consonance in selected mélodies by André Caplet, and in doing so will offer some thoughts on the partnership of poetic interpretation and metric irregularity in the mélodie. Inspired by the work of Harald Krebs, analytical examples throughout the paper will demonstrate grouping methods that show the processes in which the poetic text and piano accompaniment can be interpreted, and will be further supported by illustrative recordings.

The paper will conclude with thoughts on analytically informed interpretations of Caplet's mélodie and will highlight the ways in which the performer's understanding of metric dissonance informs our perception of both the poetic text and the fundamental pulse within the music.

## The Changing Status of Percussion in the Twentieth Century

## **Georgina Hughes (University College Dublin)**

This paper will consider changing perceptions of percussion in orchestral and chamber music of the twentieth century by examining attitudes towards the section in orchestration manuals.

Percussion is arguably the defining timbral identity of contemporary music; its growth and expansion from the rear of the orchestra to centre-stage have been a relatively sudden (and largely unanticipated) progression. Despite the fact that percussion instruments are amongst the oldest known to man, their value above and beyond colouristic or exotic effect was not acknowledged until well after Varese emancipated the section in *Ionisation*.

Commencing with an exploration of cautious advice (and at times derogatory commentary on the limitations of percussion) issued to orchestrators and composers in the early part of the twentieth century, this paper will trace the gradual growth of interest in the section.

From the 1960s onwards, a percussion renaissance was in full effect; this is manifested with the advent of instrumentation manuals devoted solely to percussion. Such publications were of fundamental importance in promoting greater understanding and more effective use of percussion instruments.

Initially condemned at best as exotic and colouristic additions to the ensemble, and at worst as barbaric and 'unmusical' instruments, percussion has become a powerful force in shaping the sound and direction of contemporary music. This presentation will chronicle the metamorphosis of percussion from occasional (and troublesome) orchestral member to its full realisation as a chamber and solo entity – one capable of renewing and reinvigorating compositional and performance practice.

## Structural Development of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concertos No. 1, 2, 3

## Varazdat Khachatryan (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

Often referred to as the 'last Romantic', Sergey Rachmaninoff's legacy provides an interesting insight to the development of musical heritage of the twentieth century. Most of his works were composed at the cross-juncture of important events in the history marked by several revolutions and two world wars. Moreover, the overall musical tastes and structures were transforming from romanticism to impressionism and modernism. In this context, Rachmaninoff was often referred to as a 'conservative' composer. However, despite this type of simple categorisation, throughout his musical life, Rachmaninoff developed a style that has become unique and revolutionary in its own right.

Rachmaninoff's piano concertos are perhaps the most representative musical works of his legacy and provide the researchers with an ample ground to follow his life as a composer and pianist in its entirety. His early compositions, including the first piano concerto, carry a heavy influence of Piotr Tchaikovsky whom he admired and considered his inspiration. With time, Rachmaninoff developed his own interpretation and style of presenting contemporary musical ideas, which, however, were not conceived as 'progressive' at the time. To shed light on the transformation of Rachmaninoff's compositions, this paper examines and compares his three piano concertos. It focuses on the structural development of these monumental works to illustrate the growing complexity of Rachmaninoff's writing style and approach.

## Session 9 (New Music Room) Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Irish Music

Vox Virginis: Marian Imagery of the Crucifixion in the Vocal Music of Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Irish Sean-Nós Traditions

Rosemary Heredos (Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick)

The iconic image of Mary at the Cross of Christ appears across three different Christian musical traditions of the late Middle Ages, including Roman Catholic (Gregorian) chant, Byzantine chant, and Irish-Catholic sean-nós ritual song. These three musical practices each include a very similar prayer which utilises this image: the Stabat Mater dolorosa ('The Sorrowful Mother was Standing') of the Western Church, the Stavrotheotokion (hymns to Mary at the Cross) of the Eastern Orthodox church, and the Keening songs of traditional Irish music. This topos is unusual in its appearance across these three such different cultures across time and space, although the manner in which this the theme of Mary's sorrow is explored differs from tradition to tradition. As a case study, one vocal piece has been analysed from each tradition, including the fourteenth-century prose sequence Stabat iuxta Christi crucem, 'She stood by the cross of Christ' (Burgos, Monasterio de Las Huelgas, no. 61, ff. 51r-52v), the fifteenth-century Greek Orthodox lament for Good Friday, 'Παρισταμένη τῷ Σταυρῷ, Paristaméni to Stavró, 'Standing by the Cross' (Duke University, Kenneth Willis Clark, 45, f. 44r) and the Irish sean-nós song for Good Friday, Caoineadh Mhuire, 'Mary's Keen' (based on the notation and singing of Nóirín Ní Riain). The method of depicting sorrow through vocal song is examined via the form, structure, and palaeography of the music and text of each piece.

'Will sure the Pretend'r and Popery bring in': Italian Music, Anti-Catholicism, and the Church in Eighteenth-Century Ireland

**Eleanor Jones McAuley (Trinity College, Dublin)** 

While Italian music enjoyed great popularity in Ireland during the eighteenth century, it was also the target of frequent criticism. As well as being accused of shallowness, frivolity and the promotion of effeminate and "unmanly" behaviour, it was even believed to encourage the spread of Catholicism. Anti-Catholic sentiment was widespread in the British Isles during this period, fed by the religious tensions of the Civil War and Jacobite rebellions, and this sentiment was liberally expressed throughout the burgeoning public sphere. Within the Established Church, where the commemoration of events like the Gunpowder Plot served as annual reminders of Catholic treachery, explicit anti-Catholicism was a fundamental part of the community's collective identity, and Italian music, accordingly, was viewed with suspicion.

This paper explores the extent of anti-Italian feeling in the churches of eighteenth-century Dublin, a city where Italian music enjoyed great popularity among the Protestant upper classes, and where those same upper classes believed themselves to be under constant threat of a Catholic Jacobite uprising. It examines the anti-Italian sentiments expressed by church authorities, from humble parish clerks to the Dean of St Patrick's himself, and how the church music of the period was influenced by these views. It also investigates the ways in which anti-Italian and anti-Catholic rhetoric functioned across confessional boundaries as an

expression of loyalism in an era of heightened socio-political and religious tension.

#### 'Jigg to the Irish Cry' - Exploring Thumoth's Irish Airs (1746-1748)

#### **Eamonn Galldubh (Dundalk Institute of Technology)**

This paper will explore the repertoire found in the collections of Burke Thumoth in '12 Irish and 12 Scottish Airs with Variations' (1748) as well as '12 English and 12 Irish Airs with Variations' (1746). These collections were set for the German flute, violin or harpsichord and featured a basso continuo part. Pieces still familiar today such as 'Bumper Squire Jones' and 'Tabhair dom do Lámh' are included as well as many less familiar tunes. Extensive and elaborate variations are included for some of the pieces, with the setting of 'Eibhlín a Rúin' being a notable example.

In the early 18th century the uilleann pipes were developed from the existing pastoral pipes. The term 'uilleann pipes' dates only from the 20th century and the original name for the instrument was the 'union pipes'. The first people to acquire these instruments were people of financial means and early tutors for the instrument were aimed at a musically literate audience. At this stage the uilleann pipes would have been used to play the popular music of the time rather than exclusively used for folk music. Adaptions of settings from Thumoth's collection found their way into 'O Farrell's Pocket Companion for the Irish or Union Pipes' (1806).

The performance aspect of this presentation will realise settings from Thumoth's collection on uilleann pipes and flute. Particular emphasis will be given to the settings with elaborate variations and to unfamiliar repertoire.

#### Session 10 Music and Gender

A Woman's Heart: Challenging Gender Roles in Irish Traditional Music, and the

Diversification of the (Masculine) Button Accordion

Joanne Cusack (Maynooth University)

The overall aim of this paper is to highlight the influence of *A Woman's Heart* on changing gender equality within the Irish traditional music scene, with particular focus on the Irish button accordion. Historically, women's participation in Irish traditional music has been predominantly restricted to certain roles, particularly as singers, dancers and listeners. During the 1950s revival, female participation increased due to numerous factors such as the creation of lounges in pubs and the establishment of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. However, many traditional instruments such as the button accordion retained strong gender associations.

Despite the increase in participation, many female instrumentalists did not take part in the commercial Irish music scene due to conflicts with expected domestic responsibilities, and related embedded gender inequalities. Female participation continued to increase through the 1990s, possibly reflecting changing attitudes towards women's rights and gender equality (signposted by Mary Robinson's election in 1990 and the 1992 abortion referendum). In this paper, I argue that female musicians Mary Black, Eleanor McEvoy, Mary Coughlan, Dolores Keane, Maura O'Connell, and female button accordionist, Sharon Shannon exemplified the changing socially constructed gender values in Irish society by achieving substantial commercial success with the release of their 1992 album, *A Woman's Heart*. The success of the album raises

interesting questions about the changing gender roles within Irish traditional music, the diversification of the Irish button accordion, and indeed society in general.

The Role of Women in Irish Music Institutions: Dublin 1879 – 1924

**Kirstie Alison Muldoon (Maynooth University)** 

Following the War of Independence, two sisters: - May Cosgrave and Joan Burke, became the musical directors of the Leinster School of Music in 1921. Under the official directorship of Cosgrave and Burke the school coined the emblem 'Gan Ceol, Gan Tír' (without music, without country) in 1922, echoing the words of the fallen hero Padraig Pearse 'Tír Gan Teanga, Tír Gan Anam' (a country without a language, a country without a name). This paper will shed light on the core values of Irishness that was asserted within the Leinster School of Music in 1922.

Under the directorship of the sisters, the Leinster School of Music aimed to become a music institution independent of British influence and to promote the traditional past of the country of Ireland. The sisters propelled the school forward to play an imperative role in musical life in Dublin at the dawn of the twentieth century. In a city battered by previous years of war, Cosgrave and Burke aimed to promote music education and teacher training, and to instil national pride in the society of Dublin.

Cosgrave and Burke promoted an Irish music institution that supported and built on the pioneering influence of Dr Annie Wilson Patterson and her promotion of the Feis Ceoil. The importance and extent of their work in Irish history remained hidden among the rubble and neglected for some time. This paper aims to promote their role within the Leinster School of Music in Dublin during the tumultuous years of the twentieth century.

The Women of Doom: An Ethnographic Study of Women's Experience in Doom Metal Francesca Stevens (University of Groningen)

The female fan, musician, and industry professional are on the rise in heavy metal culture. It has been noted that women fans make up a third of the global heavy metal fan base and there is reason to believe that this number is gradually increasing. However, in both scholarly and journalistic literature, heavy metal is still generally understood as a masculinist and misogynist genre. But what this fails to acknowledge is the strong and ever-growing participation of women in the culture. This paper aims to highlight and validate the valuable experience of women in metal culture, drawing from an ethnographic case study of 'The Women of Doom', an informal social group of women doom fans in Birmingham, UK. Using ethnographic research, literature from fans and cultural studies and heavily relying upon feminist theory, this paper demonstrates the empowering experience of being a woman in doom metal, including an intersectional analysis of race, gender and sexuality in relation to fan-based musical passion. The fundamental goal of this paper is not to merely write a 'herstory' of metal, but to explore the process of 'rescription': writing women back into metal, where they have been all along.

## On Female Music, or 'How 'Feminist' Really Works in Feminist Musicology'

## Martina Bratic (University of Graz, Austria)

My doctoral dissertation project addresses the question of feminist musicology, namely, the issue of *female music*. It will discuss how this concept came to be, what its core and background ideas are, and will further question the possibility of its existence.

Feminist musicology emerged in the 1980s, together with some new approaches employed in the discipline of musicology. It has accumulated a large body of work, creating different research trajectories and questioning the role of music, creativity, musical formal analysis, and authorial position in regard to gender. However, as with the *écriture féminine* in (feminist) literary studies, the core question of female aesthetics in music has rarely been addressed, as it presents one of the most complex if not perplexing perspectives of feminist musicology. If music operates and communicates through an eminently *musical language*, how can gender be presented on a level where one could speak of a *female aesthetics in music*?

In discussing this question, my paper will examine how the concept of *female music* is conveyed in the perspective of feminist musicology and how it came about; it will consider what it presupposes, what it includes and excludes, what its political implications are and, finally – whether the idea of female music is tenable in contemporary musicology.

#### **Session 11 Theory in Context**

## Dieter Schnebel's Experimental Music and its Pedagogical Approach

#### Nadine Scharfetter (University of Music and Performing Arts, Graz)

Influenced by performances of John Cage's works in Europe in the 1950s, the German composer Dieter Schnebel started to compose experimental music himself. His interest in experimental music was awoken by the fact that it offered opportunities that deliberately subverted the traditional understanding of composing and performing a musical work. In experimental works, composers disregarded conventional compositional theories, included new sound materials and used instruments in new non-traditional ways. Other composers have also influenced Schnebel's compositions. His education in various fields such as theology, philosophy and musicology, as well as his teaching profession also significantly influenced Schnebel's work as a composer.

In this paper, I focus on the pedagogical aspect in Dieter Schnebel's experimental music. By analysing some of Schnebel's works with a pedagogical approach – for example 'Maulwerke für Artikulationsorgane und Reproduktionsgeräte' or 'Schulmusik' – I deal with the following questions: How does Schnebel's pedagogical approach manifest itself in these works? For whom did he compose these works: professional musicians, amateur musicians, or both? Are these musical works even supposed to be performed on stage, or are they intended to serve an educational purpose only? For what purpose did Schnebel compose these works? Where does Schnebel's interest to apply a pedagogical approach in his musical works stem from? However, analysing the musical works is not enough to answer all of these questions. For a better understanding of his musical works, one must consider Schnebel's biography as well.

# The Conceptualisation of Musical Experience in Luigi Russolo's *The Art of Noises*Laura Vattano (University of Edinburgh)

Luigi Russolo, a renowned Italian Futurist painter, is likewise considered a pioneer in the evolution of twentieth-century music. In 1913, Russolo signed a Futurist manifesto entitled *The Art of Noises* and in 1916, he published a book carrying the same title that summed up his musical thoughts. During that period, he invented more than twenty musical instruments that he named *intonarumori* (noise-tuners) and composed three orchestra pieces specifically thought for these instruments.

Nonetheless, soon after 1913, Russolo experienced a conflict between his musical practice and theory when he realized that his *intonarumori* and other compositions were incapable of fully conveying his theory of noises. Russolo then pursued a radical reconsideration of the very early premises of his research. What if his art could have found expression in a completely unprecedented dimension? What if his Futurist music got rid of sound itself?

By considering several empiric elements such as the language that Russolo used in *The Art of Noises*, the nature and function of his instruments and, ultimately, the only available fragment of a score for *intonarumori* published in 1914 in the Italian Journal *Lacerba*, I will demonstrate that Russolo's contribution to the twentieth-century music was not merely limited to his inventions or to the scores he wrote. Rather, it comprised a radical re-conceptualization of music that paralleled similar instances brought forward by Avant-gardes in other artistic fields, e.g. the shift from figurative to abstract painting or the loss of metrical rules in poetry.

## Hanslick, Kant and Wittgenstein: Re-Evaluating Formalism

## **Nicholas Cooper (University College Dublin)**

Musical formalism is the idea that instrumental music on its own does not represent or arouse emotions or external facets in the world. Rather, the aesthetic force of the work is a product of the sonic elements of the piece, nothing more, and nothing less. In its original statement by Eduard Hanslick, musical formalism relied heavily on the work of Immanuel Kant in his *Critique of the Power of Judgement*, the founding text of formalism in art. This underpinning is central to Hanslick's project, and it has since been justifiably subjected to serious objections by modern musicology; the blinkered ontological and political assumptions of old music criticism and analysis have been undercut repeatedly. It is possible, however, to follow the thought of another thinker in assembling an argument in favour of musical formalism, Ludwig Wittgenstein. Wittgenstein drew on certain Kantian distinctions concerning necessity and contingency throughout his writings in articulating an account of how meaning emerges in collective social practice. I contend that it is possible to suggest a revised version of Hanslick's formalist project that takes account of our living musical practices, the challenges of modern musicology, and the fraught landscape of the philosophy of meaning.

#### Session 12: Political and Theoretical Discourses in Music

Respect, Esteem, and Distinction: The Recognitive Foundations of Musical Disagreement

Michael Whitten (Queen's University, Belfast)

Disagreement about music is nothing new. We can all recall a time when we have been engaged in a dispute about something musically related (our favourite ABBA song perhaps?) Disagreement can range from abstract aesthetic considerations to more concrete social ones, i.e., the negative appraisal of a musically-inspired fashion trend. On first examination, such disagreement may seem harmless; simply the clash of subjective viewpoints. On closer inspection, however, disagreement about music signals to the mechanisms of societal conflict more generally which is expressed in the struggle for recognition. Recognition involves the desire to have our beliefs, identity, and selfhood recognised by others and for us to recognise this same desire in others. Disagreement or conflict, therefore, is the result of recognition claims not being met. This is because the desire for recognition often involves disputes over the normative authority of recognition claims. By exploring the theories of recognition outlined by Charles Taylor and Axel Honneth, coupled with Philip Pettit's work on esteem, this paper will argue that the desire to have our musical taste or judgment recognised as a matter of right or justice is incorrect. This is because taste and judgement are evaluative tools and cannot be linked to notions of equal respect or dignity. This idea will be explored in relation to the struggle for epistemic authority between music researcher and music practitioner as well as the role social distinction plays in the everyday practice of music.

#### A Psychological Theory of Narrative and Drama in Music

## Alan Taylor (Royal Central School of Speech and Drama)

Theories of narrative in music, and challenges to the concept of musical narrativity, have centred around the ability of music to represent things external to itself, or at least to be describable verbally. Modern studies of the psychology and neurology of the perception of music show that it is understood as a complex, and unsummarisable experience in the right hemisphere of the brain. Verbal or representational interpretations of music are the result of the attempt by the left hemisphere to grasp and define this complex experience. In the attempt to do so, the essence of the experience slips away between the fingers.

As well, the study of the effect of mirror neurons shows that humans can experience one event as like another kind of event, and therefore as analogues of one another. I propose from this that music of certain types may be experienced as an analogue of a story. The listener senses that they have experienced a story, but cannot truly define its nature. The fact that music, particularly of the nineteenth century, has been often interpreted in story terms is evidence that the brain perceives such music as story analogues.

Music might therefore be analysed as consisting of a narrative-analogue, or a drama-analogue, or neither, with the drama-narrative distinction resting on the rate of information change in the music as it is experienced.

'The Times They Are A-Changin': Politicians, Musicians, and the Political Award
Emma-Jayne Reekie (Institute of Popular Music Studies, University of Liverpool)

Politics is not popular; it is not ordinary nor easily relatable. There is often a gulf between politicians and their electorate. Popular music, however, is the antithesis of this as it originates in the 'ordinary', what is actually a dynamic mix of cultural, social and political values, and manages to retain its sense of humble beginnings whilst being elevated to a revered status among its audience. It is unsurprising that the political world, as it navigates huge technological upheaval and its consequent social changes, has started to call upon and cultivate support from popular musicians as the public, both in the UK and USA, increasingly disengage from orthodox political practices.

While considerable attention has been given to how popular music has been harnessed in election campaigns, minimal work has been conducted regarding the awards that politicians bestow upon musicians such as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and an entire hierarchy of awards in the UK from MBEs to knighthoods. This paper will discuss how the relationship between awards, pop and politics reveals societal trends and the rise of the phenomenon of celebrity in politics. It will examine the purpose of these awards and question the decision-making process behind them; what prompted anti-establishment Bob Dylan to be given a Presidential Medal of Freedom or Mick Jagger to be given a knighthood? This paper hopes to demonstrate the shifting position of pop in society and further cement the wider implications of the relationship between popular music and politics.

Opera and Coffee: Contemporaneous Perspectives on Madrid's Café Concerts under Fernando VII

#### Riccardo La Spina (Universidad de La Rioja)

Before the advent of performance societies, the immediate aftermath of the Bourbon restoration discouraged Madrid's public concerts. From 1814, Fernando VII's absolutist regime imposed strictures relegating musical life to tightly-controlled theatres or private salons (tertulias), while denying performers petitions. Between 1820 and 1823, constitutional reforms took place, facilitating Madrid's first uninterrupted Italian opera seasons in decades. This brought temporary shifts of venue to the café, setting a precedent for later societal concerts. Of these, the Café Cruz de Malta series (1821-1823) received exclusive attention across Madrid's rarefied cultural periodicals spearheaded by José María Carnerero. Thanks to new press freedoms, the brief but fruitful triennio constitucional parentheses afforded this wave of Rossini reception an unprecedented flurry of review coverage. Though sporadic, this vital concert activity informed musical taste and sophistication, enabling repertory and paradigm-shifts, as Rossini's introduction juxtaposed older titles with modern, making both ripe for journalistic dissection. These entertainments – remarkable for their frequency, scheduling and concomitant occurrence with theatrically staged operas coinciding with the Ópera Italiana's establishment– predate a second apogee of café concert life (1826-1833), identified here in several important groupings: Madrid (1820-1826), and Cádiz (1825, 1829-1830). Previously poorly-documented and confused for want of sources, this pivotal episode now transcends its purported lack of journalism, by engaging musical criticism's developing role. Emerging as precursors to the concerts, commentary on the Triennium's first café concert series that was previously unknown is examined in historical context with its planning and execution.

#### **Session 13: Performance and Composition as Research**

#### **Beyond the Standard Tuning of Bell Plates**

#### Alex Petcu-Colan (Royal Irish Academy of Music)

Church bells have long been a source of inspiration for composers and many attempts have been made to provide practical substitutes for them in the concert hall. These include suspended tubes of metal known as tubular bells, rectangular metal sheets known as bell plates and others. Once these instruments were in regular use, however, composers began to use them in ways that were different from their original purpose and to exploit them for their own unique properties. Today, these instruments are found in a wide variety of settings including the orchestra, small ensembles and even sound and music therapy.

This paper investigates the acoustic properties of bell plates and expands on the standard tuning of these instruments. As an established performer of new music, I am constantly in contact with composers who are looking for new ways to manipulate existing sounds and instruments. This research should be of great use to them by providing them with a much larger sound palette than currently exists for these instruments.

The standard tuning of a bell plate produces a sound where the fundamental and 1st overtones are one octave apart. This is achieved by setting the aspect ratio to be around 1.4. A simple alteration of this ratio should change this interval and provide an instrument with a completely different harmonic spectrum, which, to the best of my knowledge, is something new and has not been explored before. The paper will examine some of these possible variations in terms of tone clarity, timbre and overtone makeup.

# Cantillation in The Long Nights Dawn

# Alan Barclay (Queen's University, Belfast)

At its core, my paper will be an exegesis to complement my practical work, or more precisely my compositional practice of extended modality, through methods which combine computer-based techniques using OpenMusic (computer software from Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique). Often when considering composition from an academic perspective, aims and objectives, research questions and methodologies are thought of as a linear process. However, Art and music, in particular, has always demonstrated its capacity to function on multiple levels. In the past twenty years, we have seen, two artistic practices grow in dominance. The first is the use of computer-based techniques, and secondly the use of modality in contemporary music. As a result, we have seen composers such as Tristan Murail, Brian Ferneyhough, and Kaija Saariaho grow in number. The issue of modality has been the subject of much discussion, such as books like The Jazz Theory Book by Mark Levine (1995), Beyond Functional Harmony by Wayne Naus (1998), and Modalogy: Scales, Modes and Chords by Jeff Brent and Schell Barkley (2011).

My paper will examine the use of modal cantillations and computer-based techniques in my recent work, 'The Long Nights Dawn for Flute', with glissando headjoint and Bass Flute (for one performer), My research looks at the embrace of multiple goals, as a dialectic of contrary interests in a single work, and how this dialectic could be used to outline the research underpinning my creative practice in a practitioner-led instance of practice as research.

## Western Choral Arrangements for Javanese Gamelan

## **Clair Butler (University College Cork)**

This paper discusses the recital which was composed, arranged and performed as my major study project in May 2017. The performance entitled 'Western Choral Arrangements for Javanese Gamelan' involved a twenty-minute performance of two well-known western liturgical choral pieces blended with the music of the Javanese gamelan. The paper firstly provides some context for the performance, by outlining a brief history of the relationship between the Javanese Gamelan and western society. Once the historical context has been established, the paper investigates the nature of the project itself.

The paper open with a discussion on the structure of the Gamelan compositions. Brief examples of cipher notation are provided in order to present a clear image of the pieces.

The second half of the paper discusses the editing of the western scores and their marriage to the Gamelan compositions. Examples from both original scores and newly revised scores are provided throughout the paper and all full scores are available as an appendix at the end of the essay. The physical performance carried out on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 is later discussed. The paper comes to a conclusion analysing the successful aspects of the arrangement and performance, but also highlighting areas for further improvement.

'I'll Be Seeing You': Rhythmic Exploration and Harmonic Freedom in the Vocabulary of Aaron Pa

# **Scott Flanigan (Ulster University)**

Aaron Parks has slipped under the net of contemporary jazz research today. Undaunted by the preconceived expectations his genre, Parks' style embodies a sense of harmonic freedom and rhythmic exploration that is fresh in its approach.

This paper offers an insight into the ways in which Parks' treatment of *I'll Be Seeing You* (2009) demonstrates a deep understanding of the formal structure, through unrestricted use of unexpected harmonic superimposition, irregular rhythmic groupings; and during solos through a heightened use of melodic referencing.

I'll Be Seeing You is a well-known jazz standard, and since 1938 has been interpreted in many ways. To support insight into the individual nature of Parks' approach to jazz pianism, his interpretation of this standard will be considered in light of the well-known 1999 rendering by famed fellow American pianist, Brad Mehldau. By doing so, this paper will offer reflections on Parks' adventurous approach to compositional structure, as well considering his novel approaches to jazz improvisation. Supported by musical examples and demonstrations, the paper will conclude with thoughts on the eclectic nature of the jazz pianist in current musicological research.

#### Django Reinhardt, Charlie Christian, and the Octatonic Scale

## Darach O Laoire (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

Django Reinhardt and Charlie Christian were the first two guitarists to move the instrument beyond its place in the rhythm section and into the solo realm in the Jazz genre. In doing so, a new musical vocabulary emerged encompassing a growing virtuosity and harmonic awareness. Key to this was developing techniques in single note playing which involved an increased level of chromaticism. Each musician had a different approach towards this end. Charlie Christian used the blues scale and extended chord tones, whilst Django Reinhardt had a virtuosic command of arpeggio playing, leaning heavily on the octatonic scale. This paper involves the investigation into how the two guitarists dealt with similar musical material in single note playing in different ways, through the transcription and analysis of their audio material. This paper also aims to demonstrate that the work of Christian and Reinhardt represents the foundation of the Jazz guitar as a solo instrument, upon which every Jazz guitarist who has followed has drawn upon.

A Demonstration of George Van Eps' Influence on Solo Jazz Guitar Performance Practice through the Comparative Analysis of a Jazz Standard

Jimmy Brennan (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

The purpose of this research is to assess critically the contribution of George Van Eps to the development of jazz guitar harmony, placing particular emphasis on his use of voice-leading and its application in the context of solo instrumental performance.

This study appraises Van Eps's role in the development of jazz guitar as a solo instrument and assesses his influence on contemporary guitar styles. In doing so, it draws particular attention to the influence of classical fingerstyle technique on his guitar style and assesses its influence and application in contemporary practice.

While the larger body of this study assesses the content of his publications, which focus heavily on voice-leading studies for guitar, today's presentation assesses his influence on his contemporaries in the context of solo jazz guitar arranging and performance practice.

Unfinished Phrases and Double Meaning in Ahmad Jamal's 'At the Pershing: But Not For Me'

#### **Kevin Higgins (Independent Scholar)**

This paper explores tensions between competing constructions of Ahmad Jamal's career through musicological analysis of 'gestures of brokenness' in his influential 1958 jazz release 'At The Pershing: But Not For Me'. On the album, Jamal's playing differs markedly from that of contemporaneous pianists and, although lauded by leading jazz musicians, was dismissed by critics of the time as 'innocuous' 'cocktail music'. I contend that understanding Jamal's musical decisions as 'gestures of brokenness' may account for this divergence of opinion. By 'brokenness', I refer to intentional discontinuity or incorrectness, 'radically unfinished forms' or 'wilfully damaged signs', (Paul Gilroy, 1993), in the musics of the Black Atlantic, which evoke the 'unsayability' of racial terror and critique rational modernity, whilst offering an opportunity for antiphony. The term 'gestures' is used as I am investigating phenomena at the scale of the musical phrase.

This paper interprets Jamal's gestures of brokenness as reconfigurations of the jazz solo break. His versions replaced virtuosity with sparseness and undercutting of emotion. I argue this may have prevented critical categorisation of Jamal within convenient tropes like entertainer, romanticist or heroic soloist. The perspective on Black Cool offered by hip hop drummer and commentator Questlove (2014) is invoked to argue that Jamal's gestures involved 'masquerading' and 'intensity held in check'. Having situated Jamal's gestures of brokenness in black cultural traditions, I argue that the classically-trained Jamal created a work whose double consciousness simultaneously spoke the language of pop and hip jazz, frustrating critical narratives based on art-commerce and white-black binaries.

Session 15: Music, Technology and the Digital Age

**Saxify: Detecting Fraudulent Music Recordings** 

Eamon O'Doherty (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

Several years ago, researchers at the UK CHARM Centre (Nicholas Cook and Craig Sapp) developed Scapeplots as a way to compare music recordings. Using Pearson Correlations, and a corpus of Chopin Mazurka recordings, they demonstrated that supposed recordings by English pianist Joyce Hatto were in fact fraudulent manipulations of earlier recordings by Eugen Indjic. My PhD research has developed an automated software model to determine how dissimilar recordings are from each other, and from a conceptual performance norm (an "average" performance). The primary aim has been to evaluate changes in performing style over time, focusing on a discography of 44 recordings of Schoenberg's penultimate chamber work and the Phantasy for Violin Op. 47. Important aspects of the research have been to build a model that can (a) handle unlimited multivariate music data, (b) reduce the dimensionality and numericity, and (c) be extended beyond tempo and dynamic data (e.g. rates of acceleration, rates of change of dynamics, harmonic composition of pitch, vibrato frequency or vibrato width).

As part of my research programme, I validated the model on the publicly-available CHARM data, and on relevant published papers by Cook and Sapp. I achieved identical conclusions as they did in respect of Hatto, but coming from very different assumptions. The findings of my research are important to current music performance science in offering techniques to compare recorded performances even where manipulation has occurred. My paper will outline the model and discuss how it may be used to find Hatto-like frauds.

## The Music and Animation Path through The Legend of Zelda Saga

## Gonzalo Parrilla Gallego (Complutense University of Madrid)

In 1986 Nintendo released The Legend of Zelda. It was the first famous videogame saga and one of the most acclaimed videogame sagas ever created. It was released for the NES Console system and sold over 6.5 million of copies, a record for the Nintendo Company in those years. Since then, The Legend of Zelda has become one of the main titles for Nintendo and it has been a required purchase by every single gaming-system developed by the Japanese entertainment company.

The Legend of Zelda has given us enough musical material to carry on defending the inclusion of video game industry studies in academic institutions, as well being deserving of the same treatment as the cinematic or music industry, due to the exponential growth experienced by entertainment and gaming industry.

Graphic animation and music compositions have gone together through different platforms since 1986 within The Legend of Zelda saga. We will see how animation has been updated in current products from a pixel-quality graphic, and also how music has experienced an incredible change within the saga's development since 1986. The relationship between gameplay, graphic animation and musical functions will be examined from an analytical and musicological point of view.

## You Can Call Me Hal (Music and Machine Learning)

# **Martin Clancy (Trinity College Dublin)**

From Ada Lovelace, creator of the very first algorithm, to Google's Magenta mission statement in June 2016 ('To develop algorithms that learn how to generate art and music, potentially creating compelling and artistic content on their own'), questions of the possibility, if not always the probity of music generated without human agency have persisted and tantalized developers for the past one hundred years.

My paper will present an array of powerful and creative contemporary actors who have recently dedicated significant resources to achieving the goal of creating original music generated by machine learning- music that is largely indistinguishable from that created by human agency. This cross-section sampling will draw from transnational corporations, indie start-ups and the Academy.

My paper will present a series of audio blind tests for the audience from different musical genres to frame the nuance of the modern ethic and fiscal argument regarding music created by Artificial Intelligence. This paper will also develop themes from a public lecture I delivered at the Science Gallery Dublin as a keynote for its *Festival of Curiosity* season July 2017.

#### **Session 16: Developments in Irish Art Music**

Voice of the Poet, Voice of the People: Irony and Romanticizing in Moore's Irish Melodies

Maxime Le Mée (Dublin City University)

Moore's Irish Melodies have received relatively little scholarly attention from a musical point of view, with Una Hunt's recent book, Source and Style in Moore's Irish Melodies, providing a welcome addition to the area. The texts of Moore's *Melodies* have been of considerably more interest to scholars over the years, even though Moore intended that text and music would be experienced and understood together. It is striking, then, that the accompaniments of John Stevenson were much discussed by critics, while it seems that only the interpretation of the poems has been worth exploring in the academic sphere. This paper considers how the music of Moore's Irish Melodies contributes to the Romanticizing of the texts it accompanies. The question of the passage from 'popular' song culture to the "pianofortes of the rich and the educated", carries significant connotations concerning identity. The mere fact that Michael Balfe was asked to redo the accompaniment, and refine the transition from 'light music' to 'serious music' is significant regarding the importance of the music of the Irish Melodies. It is thus possible to link the Irish Melodies to the concepts of Adorno in the 'Fetish-Character in Music'. Furthermore, a parallel with Richard Taruskin's observations on the lieder and the Volkstümlichkeit can draw the creation of an irony between the voice of the poet and the voice of the people. The music contributes to the Romanticizing of Moore's so-called nationalistic claims amidst questions of identity that remain meaningful and relevant today.

## Alfred Perceval Graves and his Contribution to Irish Song Literature

## **Áine Mulvey (Dublin City University)**

Throughout the nineteenth century in Ireland, the realisation that the culture of a Gaelic civilisation was rapidly disappearing as the Irish language fell into disuse, which prompted feverish activity in collecting and preserving artefacts of an Irish identity. Building on the folksong collections of Bunting and Petrie, antiquarian and scholarly research provoked debates on a variety of issues including the place of folksong in national education; the accuracy and authenticity of the transcriptions; the provenance of the songs and their original lyrics; and how best to preserve and present the songs to a public who no longer spoke the language.

The anthologist, poet and songwriter Alfred Perceval Graves had a life-long interest in the Irish language, folklore and music. He collaborated with many of the leading musicians and revivalists of the day, including Charles Villiers Stanford, Michele Esposito, and Charles Wood, working with them on folksong collections, original songs with Irish themes, and even an opera. He was a founding member (and twice President) of the Irish Literary Society in London, and his lectures on folksong given to the National Literary Society in Dublin (with Dr Annie Patterson) would give rise to the founding of the Feis Ceoil in 1897. His circle of acquaintances included luminaries such as W.B. Yeats, Douglas Hyde, Charlotte Milligan Fox, and George Bernard Shaw.

This paper will examine Grave's contribution to Irish song literature, through his collaborations with composers and collectors, as well as his advocacy of Irish song through lectures, papers and affiliations.

Rediscovering Muirgheis: The First Grand Opera in Irish

**David Scott (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)** 

In October 2017, Opera theatre company revived Robert O'Dwyer's 1909 Irish language opera

Eithne, declaring it to be the 'Ireland's first romantic opera sung in the Irish language.' However,

in December 1903, Dublin's Theatre Royal was the host of the first and only performance of

Thomas O'Brien Butler's Muirgheis, an opera billed as the 'first Grand Opera in the Irish

Language'.

Kerry born O'Brien Butler received tuition at the Royal College of Music, and became interested

in composing music aligned to the ideas of the Gaelic Revival. Muirgheis was commissioned by

An tOireachtas and a notice in An Claidheamh Soluis stated 'the composer has come to the

Gaelic League with his work, and the Gaelic Leaguers of Dublin should support him.' In the

same year as the premiere of *Muirgheis*, the Gaelic League published his art song collection

Seven Original Irish Melodies. O'Brien Butler's career came to an abrupt end in 1915 when he

died on the RMS Lusitania and his music was soon forgotten. This paper will examine if O'Brien

Butler was successful in his attempt to align art music with Gaelic culture, and whether or not his

opera would be worth considering for modern day performance.

**Session 17: Innovation and Tradition** 

Creativity with Tradition: A Case Study of Two Cellists and Innovation in Irish

**Traditional Music** 

**Kaylie Streit (University College Cork)** 

This paper focuses on the creative works of Kate Ellis and Ilse de Ziah, two cellists performing music based on Irish traditional music idioms. Both cellists learned Irish traditional music through immersion in the oral transmission process essential to acquiring the techniques, sounds, formulas, and motifs essential to the sound of the music, but applied these to the cello in different ways. Kate Ellis chose to take these motifs and create compositions in performance (Lord 1964) through improvisation based on Irish traditional music idioms. Ilse de Ziah chose to take the tunes and song airs and re-create arrangements to be played on the cello, both for her own performance and in written form to be performed later by other cellists. This paper will focus on how each of these cellists uses components of Irish traditional music and the oral transmission process to create their works. It also discusses the potential for other cellists working with traditional transmission processes to create new, innovative works within the style of Irish traditional music and the potential for other artists to use this process to carry on innovation in the living tradition that is Irish traditional music.

The Uilleann Pipes: Beyond Traditional Practice

## Mark Redmond (DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama)

Without doubt, the uilleann pipes are unique to Ireland; however, research has shown that the music performed on them historically was not often solely regarded as traditional Irish music as we recognise it today. During the eighteenth century, while in the early stages of development, the union pipes (as they were then known) were influenced by European court instruments.

The evolution of the Irish pipes seems to have been tailored towards the performance of European art music (as opposed to purely traditional music), by the inclusion of a fully chromatic range exceeding two octaves as well as the incorporation of a system of additional pipes capable of (limited) western harmony. These developments, by skilled professional instrument makers occurred when the instrument was in vogue among the upper class. It gave rise to a limited source of literature, mainly tutors and music collections; many of which (including unpublished manuscripts) featured art music compositions alongside traditional melodies.

This paper explores links and relationships between the uilleann pipes and similar European art music instruments. It will examine the evolution and advancement of the instrument, as influenced by art music; the contributions of significant instrument makers and the impact of art music on their developments; the role of renowned performers and their repertoire as well as the part played by a number of prominent publishers in promoting both the instrument and the music, with a special focus on the inclusion of art music.

Instrumental Change: The Introduction of String Instruments to Irish Music During the Irish Folk Music Revival (1960s and 1970s)

## **Brendan Lamb (University of Tasmania)**

In the history and progress of Irish folk/traditional music, a select group of instruments have been cited as the core requirement for an Irish 'sound'. The fiddle, uilleann pipes, whistle and flute, have been cited by Irish musicologists such as Seán Ó Riada, Breandán Breathnach and Tomás Ó Canainn as fundamental components of an Irish sound due to the melodic nature of the music. Instruments outside of this select grouping were often rejected or dismissed. The popularity of the Irish folk music revival of the mid-twentieth century, however, challenged this perspective through the inclusion of stringed instruments from non-Irish backgrounds and has left an identifiable legacy in Irish music performance. Musicians such as Seán Ó Riada, Barney McKenna, Johnny Moynihan, Andy Irvine, Dónal Lunny, Paul Brady and Micheál Ó Domhnaill all contributed to this inclusion of non-traditional instruments and adapted their performances to suit the style of Irish traditional music.

This paper will briefly examine the use of instruments of the tenor banjo, bouzouki, mandolin, acoustic guitar and harpsichord as well as the stylistic elements developed by the aforementioned musicians to promote an Irish sound. It will also discuss the impact of these developments on traditional Irish music and ensembles.

## **Keynote Address by Amanda Bayley (Professor of Music, Bath Spa University)**

#### **Creative and Interactive Processes in Cross-Cultural Collaborations**

An ethnography of intercultural practice helps us understand the nature of musical creativity and collaboration in terms of communication and dialogue. Using examples from a range of case studies I will consider issues surrounding authority and authorship in rehearsal and performance, examined from dialogue and musicking, and the relationship between the two. The notion of authorship needs to accommodate the way creativity flows across cultural boundaries, especially for oral traditions, or in cases where oral and notated traditions are combined. Conventional boundaries between composers and performers are adapted, challenged or re-defined. The subsequent dialogue that takes place between traditions is interpreted through the inventive actions and ideas of musicians, prompting questions surrounding integration, preservation and innovation.