

About Cork Orchestral Society

Founded in 1938 by composer, conductor and musicologist Professor Aloys Fleischmann, Cork Orchestral Society has long established itself as a reputable organisation dedicated to the provision of high-quality classical music events in Cork City. Serving an integral role in the local music ecology and wider national infrastructure, the Society presents concerts throughout the year in a varied programme of chamber, choral and orchestral music, inviting audiences to experience the very best of local, national and international performers and ensembles.

In recent years, the Society has programmed performances by National Symphony Orchestra Ireland, the RTE Concert Orchestra and Irish Chamber Orchestra, as well as supporting Cork-based music-making and early-career musicians. Cork Orchestral Society is supported with funding from both the Arts Council and Cork City Council, and its long-standing partnership with MTU Cork School of Music.



COS Programme Sept-Dec 2025

BANHA QUARTET
Thursday 25 September, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IRELAND
Saturday 18 October, 19:30
City Hall, Cork

MARMEN QUARTET
Thursday 6 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Saturday 15 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

EMMANUEL CEYSSON and SARAH SHINE
Thursday 27 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

FLEISCHMANN CHOIR
Sunday 7 December, 19:00
Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross

MADRIGAL '75
Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 December, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

MEMBERSHIP AND TICKET INFORMATION

Membership of Cork Orchestral Society is by means of an annual subscription and entitles the holder to generous discounts on tickets, email updates and free text alerts. From September 2025, Standard and Concession subscribers now avail of a single **Members** category.

Membership is available for purchase online, at our concerts, or by post.

Standard: €40
Concession (e.g. retired, unwaged): €20
Students: € free

General Admission

€20, €15 [concession], €10 [members], €5 [students]

Except:

National Symphony Orchestra Ireland (18 October)

Balcony: €30, €28 [concession], €26 [members]
Stalls: €24, €22 [concession], €20 [members], €12 [students]

Fleischmann Choir (7 December)

€18, €15 [concession], €10 [members], €5 [students and under-18s]

Madrigal '75 (17 and 18 December)

€25, €18 [members], €5 [students, on the door subject to availability]

Box office generally opens 45 minutes prior to concert start time.

Full programme details and artist info, plus advance online booking, are available on our website

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BANBHA QUARTET
Thursday 25 September, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

Presented in association with the National String Quartet Foundation, the Banbha Quartet begin the Society's Winter Season with performances of Haydn's String Quartet in G major (Op. 77, No. 1), Walter Beckett's String Quartet, and Tchaikovsky's String Quartet No.1 in D major.



MARMEN QUARTET
Thursday 6 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

Presented in association with the National String Quartet Foundation, the Marmen Quartet return to perform Haydn's "Sunrise" Quartet (Op. 76, No. 4), the first performances of Sam Perkin's *My Young Love Was Gone*, Bartók's Third String Quartet and Beethoven's String Quartet in F major (Op. 135).



IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Saturday 15 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

The Irish Chamber Orchestra and percussionist Matthew Jacobson present Purcell's tuneful *Abdelazer* Suite, Dvořák's elegant Serenade for Strings (Op. 22) and *Mani* by Ronan Guilfoyle, a vibrant tribute to Indian percussion legend T. A. S. Mani.



FLEISCHMANN CHOIR
Sunday 7 December, 19:00
Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross

The 130-strong Fleischmann Choir, directed by Tom Doyle, present two rich symphonic choral pieces by Max Bruch – *Gruß an die heilige Nacht* (Op. 62), and the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Op. 35) – alongside the mystical *Salve Regina* by Arvo Pärt.



NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IRELAND



Saturday 18 October, 19:30
City Hall, Cork

National Symphony Orchestra Ireland and conductor Anna Rakitina return in style to City Hall, Cork, with a premiere performance of Anna Clyne's *Restless Oceans*, Tchaikovsky's virtuosic Violin Concerto in D major (Op. 35) featuring Cork violinist Mairéad Hickey, and conclude with Shostakovich's epic and powerful Symphony No. 5 (Op. 47).



EMMANUEL CEYSSON and SARAH SHINE
Thursday 27 November, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

As part of a nationwide Music Network tour, world-renowned French harpist Emmanuel Ceysson joins forces with the exceptional Irish soprano Sarah Shine for an evening of music and song featuring music by Vierne, Fauré and Debussy, and the first performances of a Music Network Commission by Anne-Marie O'Farrell.



MADRIGAL '75
Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 December, 19:30
MTU Cork School of Music

Choral ensemble Madrigal '75, conducted by James Taylor, present their ever-popular Christmas concert series featuring a stunning selection of seasonal choral music and rarely performed works spanning the ages.