



THE HISTORICAL HARP
SOCIETY OF IRELAND
Cumann Cláirsí Stairiúla na hÉireann

Scoil na gCláirseach – Festival of Early Irish harp
2019

TIMETABLE

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www.irishharp.org/festival

Wednesday 14th August 2019

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

3:00 – 4:00 pm Public **Beginners' Taster
Workshop**

Introductory Class for Scoil
participants who are new to the
early Irish harp
Sylvia Crawford

4:30 - 5:30 pm Participants' Registration

5:30 - 6:30 pm Participants' Orientation Session

6:30 – 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting of the Historical Harp Society of Ireland

7:00 - 8:00 pm Official opening of Scoil na gCláirseach 2019

Thursday 15th August 2019

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

8.45-9.15 am	Practice time		
9.15-9.30 am	Tuning		
9:30 -10.30 am	Active listening – Irish archive recordings with Ronan Browne		
10.30-11.00am	Tea break		
11.00-12.30pm	Group classes		
12:30-1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30-2.15pm	Peer performance platform	Practice time	Individual tuition
2.15-3.00pm			Individual tuition
3.00-3.30pm	Tea break		
3.30-4.30pm	Workshop – Sylvia Crawford Approaches to early Irish harp fingering		

Medieval Mile Museum, St Mary's Lane, High Street, Kilkenny,

6.30-7.10pm	Illustrated talk - Siobhán Armstrong Music, Kilkenny and the Sixteenth Century		
7.30-8.30pm	Concert: DANCING FINGERS Paul Dooley , harp Brendan Ring , harp Darren Mag Aoidh , fiddle Lillis Ó Laoire voice		

Friday 16th August 2019

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

8.45-9.15 am	Practice time		
9.15-9.30 am	Tuning		
9:30 -10.30 am	Active listening - Darren Mag Aoidh , fiddle		
10.30-11.00am	Tea break		
11.00-12.30pm	Group classes		
12:30-1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30-2.15pm	Peer	Practice time	Individual tuition
	performance		
2.15-3.00pm	platform		Individual tuition
3.00-3.30pm	Tea break		
3.30-4.30pm	General workshop - Eibhlís Ní Ríordáin Learn a song in Irish (for non-Irish speakers)	Specialist workshop - Lillis Ó Laoire Singing class for Irish speakers	

Medieval Mile Museum, St Mary's Lane, High Street, Kilkenny

6.30-7.10pm	Illustrated talk – Simon Chadwick Histories and traditions of the Irish harp		
7.30-8.30pm	Concert: ELSAFTY, ARMSTRONG & BROWN Róisín Elsafty voice Siobhán Armstrong harp Ronan Browne Grand Union pipes and whistles		

Saturday 17th August 2019 **Harpmakers' day**

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

8.45-9.15 am	Practice time		
9.15-9.30 am	Tuning		
9:30 -10.30 am	Active listening – Ronan Browne pipes		
10.30-11.00am	Harpmakers' exhibition	Tea break	
11.00-12.30pm	Group classes		
12:30-1.30pm	Harpmakers' exhibition	Lunch	
1.30-2.15pm	Peer	Practice time	Individual tuition
2.15-3.00pm	performance platform		Individual tuition
3.00-3.30pm	Harpmakers' exhibition	Tea break	
3.30-4.30pm	Workshop – Simon Chadwick Replica harps and portraits of harpers as a source for performance practice		
4.30-5.00pm	Harpmaker's exhibition		
5.00pm	Illustrated talk – Karen Loomis (virtual) Evolution of the Irish Harp		

Sunday 18th August 2019

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

8.45-9.15 am	Practice time		
9.15-9.30 am	Tuning		
9:30 -10.30 am	Active listening – Scottish archive recordings with Simon Chadwick		
10.30-11.00am	Tea break		
11.00-12.30pm	Group classes		
12:30-1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30-2.15pm	Peer	Practice time	Individual tuition
2.15-3.00pm	performance platform		Individual tuition
3.00-3.30pm	Tea break		
3.30-4.30pm	General workshop – Siobhán Armstrong An introduction to 18 th -century Irish harp manuscripts	Specialist workshop - Simon Chadwick Pentatonic structures in arrangements and basses of Gaelic harp tunes	

Medieval Mile Museum, St Mary's Lane, High Street, Kilkenny

6.30-7.10pm	Illustrated talk – Nancy Hurrell The Egan Irish harps: traditions, patrons and players		
7.30-8.30pm	Concert: ALL THE FLOWERS IN THE FOREST James Ruff harp Eibhlís Ní Ríordáin voice and harp Sarah Ghríallais , voice		

Monday 19th August 2019

Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

8.45-9.15 am Practice time

9.15-9.30 am Tuning

9:30 -10.30 am **Active listening - Sarah Ghríallais** song

10.30-11.00am Tea break

11.00-12.30pm **Group classes**

12:30-1.30pm Lunch

1.30-2.15pm **Peer** Practice time Class tuition

2.15-3.00pm **performance platform** Class tuition

3.00-3.30pm Tea break

3.30-4.30pm **Workshop**
- Siobhán Armstrong
Do we want to try to sound like old Irish harpers? Understanding idiomatic differences between different kinds of harping.

4.30pm **Closing reception & Book launch**
Nancy Hurrell, The Egan Irish harps: tradition, patrons and players (Four Courts Press)

Tuesday 20th August 2019

Optional field trip to Dublin
led by Simon Chadwick
(times are approximate)

8.00am Depart Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny

Approx 10.30am Coffee break at Peaches, Nassau Street, Dublin

11.00am-12.00noon Trinity College Dublin:
• Trinity College harp
• Patrick Quin's Castle Otway harp

Approx 12.30pm Lunch break at Brambles cafe, Collins Barracks, Dublin

2.00-3.00pm National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin:
• Kildare harp
• Mullagh Mast harp
• SIRR harp
• Carolan (Rose Mooney) harp
• Hollybrook harp
• Cloyne harp fragments
• Cloyne reconstruction

3.30-4.00pm Guinness Storehouse Museum, Dublin:
• Denis O'Hampsey's Downhill harp

4.00-4.30pm Afternoon tea break at Guinness Storehouse

4.30pm Depart Dublin for those returning to Kilkenny

Approx. 7.00pm arrive Kilkenny