



# Limerick Jazz Festival 2016

## Limerick Jazz Society Autumn Concert Season 2016

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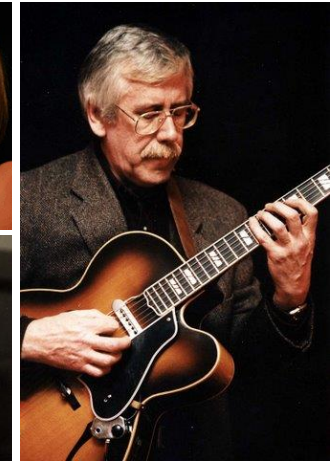
# Limerick Jazz Overview



- Limerick Jazz seeks to develop all aspects of jazz performance, participation and education in the Midwest region
- Limerick Jazz Society Concert Seasons
  - Regular Spring and Autumn concert seasons since 1982
  - Most active Irish promoter of quality jazz performances outside Dublin
- Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Inaugurated in 2012 festival to celebrate 30th anniversary of Limerick Jazz Society
  - Programming designed to combine quality and accessibility through big band and vocal performance
  - Our “shop window” helps to improve awareness of our rich local scene
- Jazz Education
  - Only regular jazz workshop in Ireland outside Dublin since 2007
  - International Vibes Workshop summer school since 2008
- Strong partnerships in local community
  - Co-promotions with University Concert Hall, Riverfest and Unfringed festivals
  - Limerick Jazz Society benefit for Rape Crisis Centre in 2006 raised €17,000
  - Limerick Jazz Workshop performances at Limerick Youth Service Conference, Africa Day and UCH
- Significant economic impact well in excess of Arts Council Funding
  - Annual artist fees c. €20,000
  - Limerick Jazz Workshop teacher payments are c. €11,000 p.a., with shortfall to student fees privately funded

## Indicative Programme Autumn 2016

Vein featuring Greg Osby (Switzerland, US)	September
Scott Flanigan Trio (Northern Ireland)	October
Edel Meade Trio (Ireland)	November
Limerick Jazz Workshop Christmas Gig	December



Past Performers

Clockwise: Spike Robinson, Ingrid Laubrock, Louis Stewart, Julian Joseph

- Consistently high standard of programming consistent with level of international festivals
  - See appendix for details of all seasons 2005-2015
- Programming arranged from multiple sources to get maximum value for available budget
  - National touring acts in collaboration with IMC, Music Network and Note e.g.  
*Manu Katche, Chris Potter, John Abercrombie, Kevin Brady/Bill Carrothers*
  - Irish groups with international reputations e.g.  
*Metier, Togetherness, Phil Ware Trio, Organics, Yurodny*
  - Irish/ International artists in collaboration with house trio e.g.  
*Hugh Buckley, Guy Barker, Tony Miceli*

Ticketed Events		
<b>Dublin City Jazz Orchestra with Norma Winstone (UK)</b>	Sep 23	69 O'Connell St.
<b>The Partisans (UK)</b>	Sep 23	Dolans Upstairs
<b>Atchere (Spain)</b>	Sep 24	TBC
<b>David O'Rourke Band (US/Ireland)</b>	Sep 24	Dolans Upstairs
<b>Joe O'Callaghan plus guests (Ireland)</b>	Sep 25	Dolans Warehouse



- We are seeking to develop a distinctive profile for Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Fill Autumn gap in Irish jazz festival calendar apart from Cork
  - Highlight strength of local scene through collaborations between local and visiting artists
  - Commission new compositions from Irish artists for medium/large ensembles
- Usual strong international line-up for ticketed events, with early and late gigs on both Friday and Saturday
- Sunday afternoon gig modelled on last night of the proms – new compositions followed by party atmosphere
- Large number of free events<sup>1</sup> to enhance festival atmosphere and local audience reach
  - Guitar and composition masterclasses with David O'Rourke
  - Late night pub trail, free concerts in museums/galleries, jazz on the streets, jazz for kids

1. Free events are normally finalized nearer September. See last years flyer for sample programme.

# Jazz Education Activities



Linley Hamilton masterclass in Hunt Museum  
Limerick Jazz Festival 2016



Limerick Jazz Workshop students perform on Thomas St.  
Limerick Jazz Festival 2016

- Limerick Jazz Workshop has provided jazz education since 2007
  - 12-week Spring and Autumn semesters culminating in public performances
  - Nearly 100 participants in total with broad range of ages and backgrounds
  - Some LJW participants have progressed to jazz degree course at Newpark Music Centre
  - Masterclasses by visiting Limerick Jazz performers e.g. David Liebman, Kenny Werner, Lauren Kinsella
  - Future strategy is to increase junior activity by providing workshops in secondary schools
- International Vibes Workshop summer school with Tony Miceli every July since 2008
  - International student body from Europe and North America
- Free public masterclasses are a regular feature of Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Tony Miceli/Larry McKenna 2013, Julian Siegel 2014, Linley Hamilton 2015



# Organization



- All volunteer committee of seven people (see biographies in appendix)
  - Broad range of skills with arts practice, arts administration, business and professional backgrounds
  - Lots of experience with average term of nearly ten years
  - Demonstrated ability to manage large scale projects such as Van Morrison co-promotion with University Concert Hall as part of Limerick Jazz Festival 2014 (turnover c. €80,000)
  - Additional resources from UL co-op students have facilitated development of online presence and high quality concert video
- Strong track record in fundraising
  - Multiple recipient of Arts Council funding
  - Additional funding received in recent years from the Arts Office of Limerick City and County Council, Limerick City of Culture 2014 and Failte Ireland
  - Festival Friends Scheme has raised over €10,000 since 2012
- Audience development through multiple marketing channels
  - Local press and radio paid advertising and physical media for festival (flyers, flags, banners, projections)
  - Editorial coverage with local and national media (RTE, Irish Times, Irish Independent) facilitated by 061 campaign PR resources plus international coverage in specialist jazz outlets (All About Jazz website, Jazzwise Magazine)
  - Strong online presence through [www.limerickjazzfestival.com](http://www.limerickjazzfestival.com) , [www.limerickjazz.com](http://www.limerickjazz.com), Facebook and twitter



# Appendices

Limerick Jazz Promotions  
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# Impact on Local Arts and Arts Education



- Limerick Jazz activities help create positive environment for other jazz related activity in city
- MBNA Festival (Wayne Shorter), UCH (Bela Fleck) and UL (Bobby McFerrin) have all put on well-supported concerts in recent years by major performers we can't afford (!)
- Other promoters such as Speakeasy Jazz have staged well-attended gigs featuring local musicians and targeting a young, dance-oriented audience
- Educational activities in addition to Limerick Jazz Workshop
  - Tony Miceli, a noted Philadelphian vibes player, has hosted a small-scale summer school annually from 2008 which has attracted students from Ireland, the US, the UK, Switzerland and the Netherlands
  - Regular short summer courses on jazz theory by teachers from Limerick Jazz Workshop
- Limerick Jazz Society artist payments have been up to c. €10,000 p.a., well in excess of Arts Council and other grant funding
- Limerick Jazz Workshop teacher payments are c. €16,000 p.a., with shortfall privately funded



## LJS Promotions 2005-2015



# LJS Promotions



## 2015

- Joe O'Callaghan's Electric Freeplay
- Sue Rynhart Duo
- Beka Goshiasvili Trio
- Paul Dunlea Band
- Modern Irish Quartet
- Tommy Halferty Trio
- Jamie Oehlers/Tal Cohen Quartet
- Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Paul Dunlea Big Band
  - Perico Sambeat with Phil Ware Trio
  - The Jost Project Septet
  - Brian Priestly Sextet plays Cannonball Adderly
  - Honor Heffernan/Michael Buckley
- Andy Sheppard Quartet

## 2014

- Berklee meets Newpark
- Anders Bergcrantz with Phil Ware Trio
- Modern Irish Quartet
- Joe O'Callaghan's Freeplay
- Cormac O'Brien/Kit Downes Quartet
- Limerick Jazz Festival
  - An Evening with Van Morrison
  - Dublin City Jazz Orchestra with Pete Churchill, Tina May, Cleveland Watkiss
  - Nigel Mooney
  - David Sanborn Trio feat. Joey De Francesco
  - Brian Priestly Sextet feat. Julian Siegel, Richie Buckley
  - Crisis Point Big Band
- Jacob Deaton Trio



# LJS Promotions



## 2013

- Paul Dunlea Group
- World Service Project
- ReDiviDeR
- Ian Shaw with the Phil Ware Trio
- Mikkel Ploug Trio
- Tony Miceli Quartet
- Thought-Fox with Julian Siegel
- Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Louis Stewart/JimDoherty
  - Tony Miceli/Larry McKenna
  - Christine Tobin Trio
  - Crisis Point Big Band
- Edmar Castaneda
- Yurodny

## 2012

- Louis Stewart Quartet
- Norma Winstone and Tommy Halferty / Kevin Brady Trio feat. Bill Carrothers
- Pete Robbins Transatlantic Quartet
- Emilie Conway
- Bob Whelan and Limerick Jazz Quartet
- Duo Elegance
- Tony Miceli Quartet
- Joshua Redman Trio
- Limerick Jazz Festival
  - Black Magic Big Band
  - Joe Locke / Geoff Keezer Group
  - Liane Carroll Trio
  - Crisis Point
- Mick Coady's Synergy feat. David Binney
- Kenny Werner / Ronan Guilfoyle

## 2011

- Nigel Mooney Quartet
- David Lyttle/Torsten Goods (Germany)/Andreas Varady
- Firm Routes
- Alex Mathias Quartet
- Darren Sigesmund (Canada) and Strands II
- Peter King Quartet
- Tony Miceli Quartet
- Togetherness
- Limerick Jazz Quartet
- David Liebman/Ronan Guilfoyle/Jossi Lehtonen
- Alex Mathias/Jake Hertzog Quartet
- Palooka
- ReDiviDeR
- Nigel Mooney's Hip Operation & Special Guest



# LJS Promotions



## 2010

- Mark McKnight
- Julian Arguelles/Ronan Guilfoyle/Jim Black
- David Lyttle/Terrell Stafford
- Pete Robbins Transatlantic Quartet
- Linley Hamilton/Derek O'Connor/House Trio
- Cormac O'Brien's Rhythm Method
- Kit Downes Trio
- Francesco Turrusi
- Cormac Kenevey
- Greg Felton/Isa Wiss
- Mark McKnight/Seamus Blake
- Dublin City Jazz Orchestra
- Clare Horgan/House Trio

## 2009

- John Moriarty
- Gyan Riley
- Hugh Buckley
- Togetherness
- David Lyttle/Soweto Kinch
- Kevin Brady/Bill Carrothers
- European Union Quartet
- Claire Daly
- David Lyttle/Tim Warfield
- Phil Ware Trio
- Yurodny
- Metier
- Dorota Konczewska

## 2008

- Ferenc Snetberger
- Phil Ware Trio
- Protea
- Dave Allen
- Lunfardia
- Nina Project
- Richie Buckley / Myles Drennan
- John Donegan
- Carroll / Rigby Quartet
- Equinox
- Quintessential
- Tom Arthurs/ Fuzzy Logic
- Tony Miceli
- Bryan Corbett
- Krazy
- John Abercrombie
- Mark McKnight
- Elio Villafranca
- Organics
- Manu Katche
- Guy Barker
- Ameiresco



# LJS Promotions



2007

- Chris Potter
- Bill Carrothers
- Ingrid Laubrock
- Nick Roth
- Microclimate
- Neil Cowley
- Marco Kegel
- Kate McGarry
- David Lyttle
- Polly Gibbons
- Havana Son
- Jan Lesley
- Trot a Mouse
- Jamie Oehlers/ Paul Williamson
- EM
- Dorothy Murphy
- Tomasz Stanko
- Balls of Fire Trio
- Bester Quartet
- Paul Williamson
- Nigel Mooney
- Derek O'Connor

2006

- Louis Stewart
- White Rocket
- Linley Hamilton
- Melissa Stott
- Joel Harrison
- Dorothy Murphy
- Cortisol
- Vijay Iyer
- Steve Bernstein
- Mike Nielsen
- Nigel Mooney
- Duncan Eagles
- Marc Copland
- Steve Hanks
- Nils Wogram
- Crazy
- Nic Roth
- Cormac Kenevy
- Organics

2005

- Brendan Doyle
- Danni Healy
- Brian Dunning
- Tommy Halferty
- Karl Rooney
- Jim Doherty
- Honor Heffernan
- Maria Tecce
- Susannah de Wrixon
- Susannah and the Magical Orchestra
- Trio Resistances
- Grainne Brookfield
- Kirk Lightsey
- Honor Heffernan
- Michael Buckley
- Phil Ware Trio



# Limerick Jazz Society Committee Biographies



- John Daly, Chairperson. John is a professional musician and teacher and a founding member of LJS. John has huge experience in artist booking both in Ireland and internationally and working with performance venues.
- Robert Hernan, Treasurer. Robert is an Enterprise Ireland scientist. He has been a member of the LJS committee since 2003 and is responsible for budgeting, cash management and preparation of accounts.
- Edward Hansom, committee member. Edward is an aircraft finance professional. He has been a member of the LJS committee since 2008 and is responsible for organizing Limerick Jazz Workshop and for fund-raising including the Festival Friends Scheme. Edward is a director of UCH Limerick.
- Gerry Kirby, committee member. Gerry is coordinator of the Umbrella Project. He has been a member of the LJS committee since 2012 and is responsible for relationships with Limerick City Council, festival hotel partners and works with John Daly on venues.
- Giuseppe Torre, committee member. Giuseppe is Course Director for the BSC in Music Multimedia and performance Technology at UL. Giuseppe has been a committee member since 2013 and is responsible for the festival's website and on-line presence including social media.
- Deirdre Wilson, committee member. Deirdre is the administrator of Limerick Youth Theatre and has extensive arts administration experience in the UK. Deirdre has been a member of the LJS committee since 2014.
- Tony Bradley, committee member. Tony is an experienced events manager (Irish Festival of Speed, Tops of the Town) and human resources professional. Tony has been a member of the LJS committee since 2014.
- Eoghan Prendergast, committee member. Eoghan is Director of Service, LCCC and former head of the Limerick Marketing Company. Eoghan has been a member of the LJS committee since 2015.