



UNIVERSITY
CONCERT HALL
LIMERICK

ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020



Don Mescall



A Viennese Strauss Gala



Dirty Dusting



Front Cover:

Main Photo: Aladdin Panto

Top, left to right: Dermot & Dave, Irish Chamber Orchestra
and Albert Hammond

Back Cover:

Main Photo: Jack Lukeman



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PERFORMANCES

October 2019 – September 2020

Classical

The Music Club with Liz Nolan
University Convert Hall (4 Clubs)

ICO – Saint Saens’s Cello Concerto
Irish Chamber Orchestra

Magical Mozart
TP Europe Ltd.

UL Orchestra Winter Concert
University Concert Hall

RTÉ Lyric Fm Choirs for Christmas
RTÉ Lyric Fm

Handel’s Messiah
Limerick Choral Union

Viennese Strauss Gala
TP Europe Ltd.

ICO - Beethoven’s 7th Symphony
Irish Chamber Orchestra

The Royal Moscow Ballet - Sleeping Beauty
KCP

Limerick School of Classical Ballet 35th Anniversary
Limerick School of Classical Ballet (2 Shows)

ICO – Bach With A Bang
Irish Chamber Orchestra (2 Shows)

Comedy

Dermot & Dave
Dolans

Defending the Caveman
Robert C Kelly & Theatre Mogul

Ardal O’Hanlon
Mick Perrin Worldwide in association with Dawn Sedgwick Management

The 2 Johnnies
Aiken Promotions

Neil Delamere
Lisa Richards

The Punchline – Colin Geddis
University Concert Hall

Farmer Michael & Kathleen
MPI Artists

Foil Arms and Hog
Aviary Talent (2 Shows)

Pat Shortt
Shortt Comedy Theatre

The Punchline – Danny O’Brien
University Concert Hall

Community

Cork Pops
Evelyn Grant and the Cork Pops Orchestra (2 Shows)

Winter’s Tale
Limerick Educate Together Secondary School

Trad Café
Irish World Academy (3 Shows)

Youth Factor
Limerick Youth Service

Drama/Musical

Dirty Dusting
Dressing Room 1 Productions

Eclectic

RIBBF
Mick Bullman

In Conversation with Joe Schmidt
Penguin Live

Junk Kouture
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Family

UCH Panto – Aladdin
Robert C Kelly & UCH (36 Shows)

Film

NTL - King Lear

Pan’s Labyrinth

UL Film Society

Nightmare Before Christmas

Leonardo The Works

UL Student Leadership Hidden Figures Screening

Fargo

Home Alone

Gone With The Wind

The Bodyguard

Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon

UP

EOS - The Impressionists

NTL - One Man Two Guvnors

Music

The Bon Jovi Story
Fergus House Productions

Albert Hammond
Tommy Swarbrigg

Fainne Oir
Kathy Fahey

Amanda Palmer
UCH & Aiken Promotion

The Three Amigos
J and C Promotions

The High Kings
Aiken Promotions

Reeling in the Showband Years
Tommy Swarbrigg

Tommy Emmanuel
University Concert Hall

Sharon Shannon, Mary Coughlan & Frances Black
Dolans

Finbar Wright
Pat Egan

Derek Ryan
Rising Management

Tommy Fleming
TF Productions Ltd

Mike Denver
Tom Kelly Promotions

Leo Sayer
Pat Egan

Jack Lukeman
Martin Clancy & UCH

University of Limerick Events

Space Week
University of Limerick

PVA Awards
JP McManus & University of Limerick

UL Open Days
University of Limerick (2 Days)

UL President Briefing
University of Limerick

All Ireland Scholarship Awards
JP McManus & University of Limerick

Box Office Services (Other Venues)

Change Makers Conference
The Arts Council and MA Festive Arts (University of Limerick)



KEY MILESTONES 2019/2020



Programme

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic UCH closed its doors on the 13th of March 2020 resulting in 49 cancelled and 27 rescheduled shows including the planned Late Late Show outside broadcast due to take place over St. Patrick’s Day weekend.
- Despite our doors closing and the challenging year that Covid-19 brought we presented over 115 events across multiple genres.
- Programmed big name artists across all genres including singers Albert Hammond, Don Mescall and Leo Sayer and comedians including Foil Arms and Hog and Pat Shortt.
- Jack Lukeman performed as part of our first ever online stream in September 2020 as we adapted to the changing world of Covid-19.

Audiences

- Welcomed over 74,000 people throughout the year through a combination of live events and online streaming.
- Welcomed over 26,799 people to the 2019/2020 UCH Specsavers Panto, Aladdin, from throughout Limerick and the wider Mid-West Region.
- Processed over €1.2 million worth of ticket sales via UCH Box Office and Website.
- Presented Limerick Sings virtually for the first time in the programme’s history with a number of sold-out workshops hosted by Anúna. Participants joined in online from around the world including Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Japan.

Business

- In February 2021 UCH conducted a customer survey to investigate how audiences felt about returning to UCH once the pandemic had passed. The results said:
 - 82% can’t wait to see live music in the venue again.
 - 96% found the UCH online streaming platform easy to use
 - 99% feel confident in the Health & Safety measures that UCH has in place
- With the support of the Department of Culture and Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the University of Limerick works continued on the restoration of the Compton Organ due to be unveiled later in 2021. The Compton Organ is the last surviving theatre organ of its kind in Ireland.

Charitable Objectives

- As a registered Charity University Concert Hall’s work aims to:
- Develop an accessible concert programme of national and international standing
 - Develop culture and entertainment in the region, helping contribute to the social and cultural life of Limerick and the surrounding Mid-west region.
 - Provide a platform to showcase community arts entities including many Limerick operatic and oratorio choirs, youth choirs, local orchestras, musical theatre companies as well as stage and dance schools

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

2019/2020				
Perf. Type	No. of Perfs	% of Perfs	No. Attending	Attendees as %
Box Office	1	1%	164	0.2%
Classical	16	14%	5,384	7.0%
Comedy	11	10%	5,531	7.2%
Community	7	6%	3,006	3.9%
Drama/Musical	1	1%	461	0.6%
Eclectic	3	3%	1,990	2.6%
Family	36	31%	26,799	34.9%
Film	14	12%	1,494	1.9%
Music	20	17%	11,894	15.5%
UL Event	6	5%	20,000	26.1%
	115	100%	76,723	100%

UNIVERSITY CONCERT HALL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Year Ended 30th September 2020

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
	Year ended 30.09.2020 €	Year ended 30.09.2019 €
Income		
Venue Show Income	1,221,828	1,803,272
UCH Memberships & Donations	23,685	26,919
Limerick and Clare Council Grants	45,000	45,000
Total Income	1,290,512	1,875,191
Expenditure		
Staff Costs & Administration Expenditure	574,410	791,105
Direct Performance Costs for Shows	657,710	961,721
Total Operational Expenditure	1,232,120	1,752,826
Operational Surplus	58,393	122,365

Total Income for the year was €1,290,512, an increase of 31.2% on the previous year, this was utilised as follows:

