





Mike Hanrahan & Eleanor Shanley

Tara Erraught

Limerick Sings Virtual Trail

Front Cover: Main Photo: The UCH Panto, Jack & The Beanstalk Top, left to right: Pat Shortt, Cliona Hagan and Barry Douglas

Back Cover: Main Photo: The Compton Organ





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# ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021









### PERFORMANCES October 2020 – September 2021

### **Online Events**

**Finghin Collins** University Concert Hall

Brickflicks Create School & UCH (2 workshops)

**Mike Hanrahan & Eleanor Shanley** University Concert Hall

Sinead O'Brien University Concert Hall

Jack & The Beanstalk Robert C Kelly & UCH

How To Make A Flipbook Create School & UCH

**Tara Erraught & Dearbhla Collins** Awakening, Limerick Concert Series

Brickflicks Create School & UCH

**Fighting Words Limerick Workshops** University Concert Hall (3 Workshops)

**Rising Stars 2021** University Concert Hall

**Hugh Tinney & Christopher Marwood** Awakening, Limerick Concert Series

**Barry Douglas** Awakening, Limerick Concert Series

ANÚNA Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

ANÚNA Workshop with Lucy Champion Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival (2 Workshops)

Sing Your Story Workshop with James Davey Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

Changing Choral Colour Workshop with James Davey Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

In Conversation - Choral Programming with Bernie Sherlock, James Davey & Michael Barrett Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

**Chamber Choir Ireland** Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

Sing Ireland Workshop Limerick Sings Intl. Choral Festival

Summer Country with Cliona Hagan, Clodagh Lawlor & Claudia Buckley University Concert Hall

### Live Events

ICO - Mozart, Deane & Bruckner Awakening, Limerick Concert Series

ICO – Mozart & Strauss Irish Chamber Orchestra

Culture Day 2021 University Concert Hall

Culture Night 2021 University Concert Hall

Back2Live – Jack Lukeman University Concert Hall

**Exhibition On Screen: Frida Kahlo** University Concert Hall

The Punchline with Chris Kent University Concert Hall

### Recordings

ICO - Schubert & Dvořák (3 Recordings)

Music Generation

Pat Shortt

Irish World Academy (2 Recordings)

ULSL Podcast (4 Recordings)

Irish National Opera (4 Recordings)

Limerick Sings Virtual Outdoor Chorus

**UL Conferring's President Speech** 

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# **KEY MILESTONES 2020/2021**



**Rising Stars** 

#### Programme

- Despite the continuing challenge that Covid-19 restrictions brought we presented over 30 events both online and in person across multiple genres while also hosting 18 recordings.
- Our programme of events featured many, much-loved Irish artists including pianist Finghin Collins, comedian Chris Kent and country music stars Cliona Hagan, Clodagh Lawlor and Claudia Buckley.
- Together with Robert C Kelly and with the support the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media we presented our 2020 Pantomime, Jack & The Beanstalk, online for the first time in the venue's history bringing the magic of Panto to homes around the globe.

#### **Audiences**

- Reached over 3,900 people throughout the year through a combination of live events and online streaming.
- The 2020/2021 UCH Panto, Jack & The Beanstalk, was streamed 7,023 times in 21 different countries from Russia to Japan and Germany to New Zealand.
- Processed €569.188 worth of ticket sales via UCH Box Office and Website.
- Presented Limerick Sings International Choral Festival virtually with a number of sold-out workshops hosted by ANÚNA and James Davey. Participants joined online from around the world including Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Japan.

#### Business

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic UCH remained closed with the support of a reduced team on a part-time basis for 2021. We re-opened for a short period in September 2021 operating under government restrictions.
- With the support of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the University of Limerick the first phase of restoration works on the Compton Organ were completed. The newly refurbished Compton Organ was unveiled as part of Culture Night celebrations in September 2021 and featured on RTÉ's Nationwide. The Compton Organ is the last surviving theatre organ of its kind in Ireland.
- A Capacity Building Support Scheme Grant of €19,300 was received from the Arts Council and €7,618 was received from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under stream D of the Cultural Capital Scheme 2019-2022.

#### **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 to 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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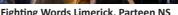








# Jörg Windmann



Sinéad O'Brier



Fighting Words Limerick, Parteen NS

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Really enjoyed the show yesterday. All very organised and safe, well done to all! A little Christmas magic for the kids (and parents)

**f** Facebook Comment

Friendly & helpful staff. Can see that stage from any seat. Seats comfortable.

**G** Google Review

Great show great venue. Staff where excellent. Nice bar for pre drinks

**G** Google Review

A fantastic venue. Great choice of shows, concerts and live music on offer





# **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

2020/2021				
Perf. Type	No. of Perfs	% of Perfs	No. Attending/ Streaming	Attendees as %
Live Events	8	17%	864	22%
Online Events	22	46%	3047	78%
Recordings	18	38%	0	0%
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## **UNIVERSITY CONCERT HALL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENDITO		
	Year ended 30.09.2021 €	Year ended 30.09.2020 €
Income		
Venue Show Income	354,336	1,221,828
UCH Memberships & Donations	12,724	23,685
Limerick and Clare Council Grants	45,000	45,000
Other Operating Income	149,512	6,158
Grant Income	26,918	0
Total Income	588,490	1,296,670
Total Income	588,490	1,296,670
Total Income Expenditure	588,490	1,296,670
	588,490	<b>1,296,670</b> 577,928
Expenditure		
Expenditure Staff Costs & Administration Expenditure	522,952	577,928
Expenditure Staff Costs & Administration Expenditure Direct Performance Costs for Shows	522,952 75,796	577,928 652,731

Total Income for the year was €588,490, a decrease of 54.6% on the previous year, this was utilised as follows:

