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ON VALENTIA
ISLAND**

**13-16
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YOUR 13TH FESTIVAL

SWISS PIANO TRIO | MARIA DU TOIT | GABY LESTER | SARAH-JANE BRADLEY | ADRIAN MANTU
DARRAGH MORGAN | THOMAS KEMP | HANNAH ROBERTS | WEST CORK GAMELAN | PLUS MUCH
MORE



YOUR 2026 EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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VALSE & FILM CONCERT

7.30pm - 9.00pm | Church of St. John the Baptist | €10 – €20

The opening concert takes inspiration from the genre of the 'valse' and some of the most striking music for film by composers from Schubert to Philip Glass, Michael Nyman to Wojciech Kilar, weaving dance with the evocations of these pieces.

LATE NIGHT SESSION: WOMEN OF EUROPE CONCERT

9.30pm - 10.30pm | Church of St. John the Baptist | €7 - €15

To celebrate Ireland's EU Presidency in 2026, we present a programme of principally solo works for strings and clarinet by EU women composers featuring older voices to highlight the resilience and determination of these European women, and contemporary composers reflecting on their heritages and countries.

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ACROSS THE OCEAN CONCERT

7.30pm - 9.00pm | Church of Immaculate Conception, Knightstown | €10 – €20

Threading together some remarkable music from America on this other side of the Atlantic and marking Kerry's twinning with Czechia this year with two core chamber music works by Antonín Dvořák in his 'American' string quartet and Piano Quintet Op. 81.

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FAMILY CONCERT AT THE LIGHTHOUSE CONCERT

11.00am - 11.45am | Valentia Island Lighthouse | €7 – €12

An annual highlight in the stunning location of one of the Great Lighthouses of Ireland. Book early to experience an interactive morning of music and fun.

MUSICAL MAP EXPERIENCE

2.00pm - 5.00pm | All across Valentia Island | FREE

A cornerstone of our programme is an afternoon of short, pop-up, free entry events around the island.

CEILIÚRADH CHIARRAÍ CELEBRATION OF KERRY

6.00pm - 7.00pm | Church of St. John the Baptist, Knightstown | FREE

Join us for this special FREE concert featuring performances from our workshops, Music Generation and calls for participation. No booking required.

SWISS PIANO TRIO CONCERT

7.30pm – 9.00pm | Church of Immaculate Conception, Knightstown | €10 - €20

Founded in 1998, the Swiss Piano Trio has gained since a remarkable reputation as an ensemble of outstanding balance and technical perfection whose interpretations electrify with emotional power and their rich and colourful sound. It is therefore not surprising that the US-magazine Fanfare described the Swiss Piano Trio as "one of the very top piano trio ensembles on today's stage".

LATE NIGHT SESSION: TREES & TALES CONCERT

9.30pm - 10.30pm | Church of Immaculate Conception, Knightstown | €7 - €15

An immersive experience exploring nature's sounds and inspirational titles with music from early 20th century to the present day, from Ravel's Mother Goose Suite to Dvorak's Silent Woods to Nick Roth's tree of heaven inspired 'Ailanthus'.





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LUNCHTIME CONCERT: MOERAN & MOZART CONCERT

1.00pm - 2.00pm | Church of St. Dorarca and St. Teresa, Chapeltown |
€7 - €15

Take a midday break with a chamber music treat. We celebrate the lyrical warmth of Mozart with his Clarinet Quintet alongside the folk-infused vitality of our Festival Patron composer, Ernest J. Moeran.

FESTIVAL FINALE: 'THE IRISH MOZART' CONCERT

7.30pm - 8.45pm | Church of the Immaculate Conception | €10 - €20
Irish composer John Field earned the title 'The Irish Mozart' and this finale concert celebrates works for piano and strings, a rare performance of Irish composer Joan Trimble's *In Glenade* and bookended by those ever-fresh works for string orchestra, Holst's *St. Paul's Suite* and Grieg's *Holberg Suite*.

CEILIÚRADH CHIARRAÍ

As part of our 13th festival, we have five opportunities for YOU to get involved in masterclasses and performance opportunities at Chamber Music on Valentia.

We are inviting an emerging videographer or filmmaker to document performances of music by Dvořák against the unique backdrop of South Kerry; young violinists can apply for a paid Side-by-Side opportunity, performing alongside our Festival Artists in the Finale Concert; and violin, cello and clarinet players can receive expert guidance and feedback through our Festival masterclasses.

For those interested in creating their own music, Composers-in-Residence Amy Rooney and Murrough Connolly will lead supportive composition workshops for young people aged 15-18 and adults, with no previous compositional experience required. We are also inviting musicians of all ages and genres from across the county to showcase their talents in our Celebration of Kerry concert, returning for its third year on the Saturday evening of the Festival.

Whether you are a performer, composer or filmmaker, Ceiliúradh Chiarraí offers opportunities to create, learn, perform and collaborate as part of this year's Festival. Applications and expressions of interest for all five opportunities close at 5.00pm on Friday, 17 July 2026. For full information and details of how to apply, visit the [Ceiliúradh Chiarraí 2026 opportunities page](#) on our website or email info@chambermusiconvalentia.com.

FÁILTE

We are delighted to launch our 13th annual Chamber Music on Valentia Festival. Going from strength to strength, we have curated a rich and diverse programme of concerts, music workshops, immersive experiences, and participatory events that celebrate music from all over the world. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to welcome you to the island.

With guest artists from Ireland, Switzerland, the UK, and beyond, this year's festival features eight concerts over four days, plus the much-loved 'Musical Map' on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th August. Our opening concert on Thursday, 13th August, is specially curated around 'Valse + Film', weaving dance and cinema with music from Schubert to Philip Glass, Michael Nyman to Wojciech Kilar. Highlights include Glass's String Quartet No. 3 'Mishima', Neil Martin's *Sliabh Luachra Polkas*, and Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings. The evening concludes with a Late Night Solos programme of works by women composers spanning 250 years. The Closing Finale Concert on Sunday, 16th August, 'The Irish Mozart', celebrates John Field alongside Joan Trimble's *In Glenade*, Holst's St Paul's Suite and Grieg's *Holberg Suite*. We're also thrilled to welcome the Swiss Piano Trio, who perform Beethoven, Frank Martin's trio on Irish folk melodies, and Brahms on Saturday evening.

We are honoured to welcome the following artists: Darragh Morgan (violin), Gaby Lester (violin), Thomas Kemp (violin/viola), Sarah-Jane Bradley (viola), Hannah Roberts (cello), Adrian Mantu (cello), Ben Burnley (double bass), Maria du Toit (clarinet), Mary Dullea (piano), and the Swiss Piano Trio. This year also features new works by composers Murrough Connolly and Amy Rooney, as our feature composers for 2026. As always, we proudly support Young Artists and encourage community engagement through our festival programme – including special performances from Music Generation Kerry and the West Cork Gamelan, who are celebrating their 10th anniversary, as part of the Musical Map.

All of this takes place across a variety of unique venues on beautiful Valentia Island – from the Church of St John the Baptist to The Lighthouse, Chapeltown, and Knightstown. We look forward to welcoming you this August for our 13th Festival. As ever, a huge thank you to our supporters, venues, volunteers, and audience for making this festival exist in such a magical place.

Mary Dullea Artistic Director

Details on all events and opportunities are to be found at www.chambermusiconvalentia.com where you can book your tickets online. Additionally you can book tickets by emailing info@chambermusiconvalentia.com, calling +353 (83) 096 5977, or in person from [Walsh's Grocery Store](#), Market Street, Knightstown (from 1 August 2026).



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