

Summer Music on the Shannon

Classical music studies and performances around Ireland's spectacular 'Wild Atlantic Way'

2017

Classical Music Studies and Performances

Experience the magic of SMS performance along Ireland's breathtaking Wild Atlantic Way and beautiful Lough Derg.

Programme

Instrumental:

Monday, July 31st to Sunday, August 13th

Youth Opera Theatre:

Monday, July 17th to Saturday, August 12th

Accommodation

Available for Students and Families

July 17th - August 13th 2017

A 24 - year tradition of '*Providing Accessibility to Excellence in Music*' for music students of all ages and levels of proficiency

Classes and concerts

in Ireland's spectacular Atlantic coastal Counties, Clare and Limerick



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SMS INTERNATIONAL SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL AND FESTIVAL

MISSION

To develop, in the west of Ireland, a world class summer music school and festival with the highest international standards of performance and teaching and with no barriers to admission based on financial disadvantage, age or current level of achievement.

Summer Music on the Shannon (SMS) Instrumental and Youth Opera programmes are designed to provide accessibility to international standards of music instruction and performance excellence. The music school and festival provides, for musicians of all ages and at all levels of achievement, programmes which stimulate inherent artistic talent through a wide variety of classes and rehearsals, plus participation in festival concerts. As participants in the SMS inspiring and enjoyable summer music school and festival, students will be encouraged to explore opportunities for the further enjoyment of music.

No audition is required for admission to one of Ireland's foremost classical summer music festivals. Musicians from eighteen of the world's leading symphony orchestras have participated in SMS for more than two decades; many of these internationally renowned musicians will again be joining our core faculty of musicians and music teachers for SMS 2017.

LOCATION

SMS classes, rehearsals and performances are located in Counties Clare and Limerick, Ireland. SMS Festival performances will take place in the LIT Millennium Theatre, Limerick, St. Columba's Church, Ennis and at a number of heritage locations in Limerick and Clare, and along the Wild Atlantic Way and Lough Derg.. For visiting faculty, students and families, the 2017 SMS Residence, with spacious and fully-equipped apartments, will be located close to the LIT Millennium Theatre and Ennis. SMS is easily accessible by air via Dublin, Shannon and Cork Airports, and by train and bus from Dublin and Cork.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Classes, lessons, rehearsals and performances. Students will be prepared for the performance of repertoire appropriate to their individual level of achievement. All students will have public performance opportunities, including major repertoire with faculty.

Technique and Repertoire classes • Lessons • Ear Training • Concerts
Ensembles • Performance Practices • Masterclasses

PROGRAMME OPTIONS

Trad Music • Chamber Music • Conducting • Preparation for Music Exams
English as a Second Language (ESL) • Instrument Care & Maintenance
Leisure Activities • Scenic Tours

PROGRAMME DURATION

July 31st to August 13th - 2 weeks (Students may register for one or two weeks)

PROGRAMME DATES AND CLASS TIMES

Beginner/Junior (one or two weeks):

Ages 5 - 8; Beginner; Grades 1 & 2 or equivalent
Half days, 9.30am - 12.00pm; Mon, July 31st to Sat, August 5th;
Tue, August 8th to Sun. August 13th

Intermediate (one or two weeks):

Ages 8 - 14; Grades 2 to 5 or equivalent
Full days, 9.30am - 4.30pm; Mon, July 31st to Sat, August 5th;
Tue, August 8th to Sun. August 13th

Senior and Pre-Professional (one or two weeks):

Ages 14 - Adult; Grades 6 to 8 & post Grade 8 or equivalent
Full days, 9.30am - 4.30pm; Mon, July 31st to Sat, August 5th;
Mon, August 7th to Sun. August 13th

ADMISSION

No audition is required for admission to SMS programmes. Please indicate any previous music training and/or performance experience when applying. Students will be assigned to teachers, classes and ensembles upon registration.

REGISTRATION

All Instrumental Students: Between 8.45 and 9.15,
Monday, July 31st or Tuesday, August 8th

STUDENT SUPERVISION & SMS CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Qualified Student Supervisors will be in attendance during all hours that students are on campus, in student residences and on all off-campus trips. SMS is committed to providing a safe environment for children and we comply with Children First National Guidelines for Child Protection and Welfare.

YOUTH OPERA THEATRE 2017

The SMS Youth Opera Theatre is a four-week programme of classes and performances. The final two weeks run concurrently with the Instrumental Programme, bringing instrumentalists and singers together in rehearsals and public performances in Limerick and Clare. SMS was founded upon the principle that all families should have access to music programmes which are designed to encourage and nourish individual artistic potential and does not, therefore, require auditions, or a prior identification of talent level, as a criteria for admission.

SMS 2017 OPERA PRODUCTION

ELIZA & THE SWANS

commissioned by W11 Opera, London, 2015

John Barber, music; Hazel Gould, libretto

Eliza & The Swans is an adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's magical fairy tale about a young princess who has to rescue her brothers from a spell cast upon them by the Queen, their jealous and evil stepmother who banishes Eliza from the castle and turns her brothers into swans each day. In a dream, a good fairy explains to Eliza that she can break this curse on her brothers by knitting eleven shirts from nettle for her brothers, but she must not speak a word until the task is complete, or all eleven brothers will die. While she is collecting nettles in the forest, Eliza meets - and is persuaded she should marry - a young king. However, because of the curse, she cannot speak and explain to him what she is doing.

The archbishop believes that Eliza must be a witch and she is condemned to be burned at the stake. Eliza finishes knitting the last shirt just as she is brought to the stake and she throws them to the swans as they come to rescue her. She is now able to speak and tell the truth about the evil Queen and prejudiced Archbishop. The burning stakes miraculously burst into flowers as the watching crowds cheer Eliza.

PROGRAMME DATES, YOUTH OPERA THEATRE

Classes, Rehearsals and Performances: Monday, July 17th to Saturday, August 12th.

Note: In special circumstances, children may register for three weeks. Please apply to the Registrar.

ADMISSION

No previous singing or acting experience and no audition is required for admission to the Youth Opera Theatre. Auditions, in person or by tape, will be arranged for those students wishing to be assigned a principal role. Please check appropriate box on the Application Form.

REGISTRATION

All principals and chorus. Between 8.45 and 9.15am, Monday, July 17th.

SUMMER MUSIC ON THE SHANNON 2017 APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION: Please print in block letters (Please check)

Male Female

Family Name _____ First Name _____

Age (not required for adults over 21) _____ Date of birth _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

PARENT/GUARDIAN: (not required for adults) Mr. Mrs. Ms (Please check)

Family Name _____ First Name _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Apartment No. _____ Street No _____ Street Name _____

Town/City _____ County/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____ Country _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Email: _____

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMMES: Please estimate level & check appropriate box below.

Beginner, Junior (Ages 5 - 8, grades 1 & 2) Intermediate (Ages 8 - 14, grades 2 to 5)

Senior (Ages 14+, grades 6 to 8) Pre-Professional (Ages 17+, post grade 8)

INSTRUMENT: Principal _____ Number of years study _____

INSTRUMENT: Second _____ Number of years study _____

Current music grade level, if available: RIAM _____ ABRSM _____ Other _____

Current study repertoire:

(please give any available details - composer, Opus, K., key etc.)

Title _____

CURRENT MUSIC SCHOOL: Name _____ City _____

CURRENT TEACHER: _____

TEACHER CONTACT NUMBER (if available): _____

YOUTH OPERA THEATRE PROGRAMME: (Please check below where appropriate)

Male: boy soprano tenor baritone bass

Female: soprano mezzo soprano alto

I wish to audition for a principal role

WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS:

Because of SMS contractual commitments to service providers, Programme and Accommodation fee refunds will not be possible after Monday, July 3rd, except in cases of illness or bereavement. In such cases, fees may be refunded, minus a €40 handling charge, upon receipt of a written request to The Registrar, Summer Music on the Shannon, prior to the commencement of the Programme. For illness or bereavement occurring during the Programme, refunds will be made on a pro-rata basis.

FEES & DATES, INSTRUMENTAL

DATES & FEES:

SMS Week 1: July 17th - July 23rd (Opera only)

SMS Week 2: July 24th - July 30th (Opera only)

SMS Week 3: July 31st – August 6th (Opera & Instrumental)

SMS Week 4: August 7th – August 13th (Opera & Instrumental)

SMS INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME: July 31st - August 6th

Beginner/Junior: half days, 9.30am - 12.00pm; Programme Fee - €100 per week

Intermediate: full days, 9.30am - 4.30pm; Programme Fee - 2 weeks, €350; 1 week, €225

Senior/Pre-Professional: full days, 9.30am - 4.30pm; Programme Fee - 2 weeks, €350; 1 week, €225

Note: Students may register for one or two weeks (Please Tick where applicable)

July 31st - August 13th (2 weeks)

July 31st - August 6th (1 week)

August 8th - August 13th (1 week)

APPLICATION FEES:

Application Fee **Fee** € 30 **Payment** € 30

Late Application Fee (After 03/07/2017: €50 Single; €75 family) € _____

INSTRUMENTAL (including piano)

Beginner/Junior: Ages 5 - 8; Grades 1 to 2 or equivalent (half days), 1 week € 100 € _____

Beginner/Junior: Ages 5 - 8; Grades 1 to 2 or equivalent (half days), 2 weeks € 200 € _____

Intermediate: Ages 8 - 14; Grades 2 to 5 or equivalent, 1 week € 225 € _____

Intermediate: Ages 8 - 14; Grades 2 to 5 or equivalent, 2 weeks € 350 € _____

Senior: Ages 14 - Adult; Grades 6 to 8 or equivalent, 1 week € 225 € _____

Senior: Ages 14 - Adult; Grades 6 to 8 or equivalent, 2 weeks € 350 € _____

Pre-Professional: Ages 17 - Adult; post Grade 8 or equivalent, 2 weeks € _____

Number of additional lessons requested: (1,2,3 or 4) _____ x € 35 per lesson € _____

YOUTH OPERA THEATRE

Principals & Chorus: 3 or 4 Weeks € 300 € _____

ACCOMMODATION

Resident students, one week (Including breakfast supplies) € 125 € _____

Resident students, two weeks (including breakfast supplies) € 250 € _____

Resident students, three weeks (including breakfast supplies) € 350 € _____

Family private apartments, 2 bedrooms: number of weeks (1,2,3,4) x € 200 € _____

3 bedrooms: number of weeks (1,2,3,4) x € 300 € _____

RESIDENT STUDENT MEALS

Lunches: number of weeks (1,2,3,4) _____ x € 56 € _____

Dinners: number of weeks (1,2,3,4) _____ x € 70 € _____

TOTAL FEES

€ _____

PAYMENT METHODS ((Note: Upon request (below) SMS will send you credit card payment information)

1. Cheques or Bank Drafts, payable to Summer Music on the Shannon

2. Please tick box if you require bank IBAN bank transfer information

3. Please tick box if you would like to pay by credit card

SUPPORT SMS by Getting Involved

To help talented students and make great musicians, SMS needs great friends. SMS has developed, in Ireland, a classical summer music school and festival with the highest international standards and with no barriers to admission based on age, level of ability or financial disadvantage. SMS is an extraordinary organization which dares to dream of the role great music, and of those who make it, play in building a better tomorrow. Although SMS has had remarkable success in meeting the yearly challenges facing a not-for-profit organization, it needs to develop a strong volunteer base in order to meet the increasing demands of continuing to develop SMS into a world-class summer school and festival. You can make your mark to shape SMS's future by volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, learning new skills and benefiting your community. You will have opportunities for networking and to actively influence the work of SMS. Volunteering is about more than money and is FREE!!

10 Ways To Get Involved With SMS

1. Sign-up to this summer's SMS programmes! Have fun learning new skills and improving old ones. by joining in the music-making with students and faculty from Ireland and abroad.
2. Start spreading the word (to friends, family members, youth orchestras, teachers, school music directors, everyone) that SMS is Ireland's foremost classical summer music school and festival. and includes all symphonic instruments (strings, winds, brass and percussion)! Send e-mails, forward our newsletters, direct friends and family members to our facebook and website, attend our events in Counties Clare and Limerick.
3. Become a Student Supervisor! Supervisors for students during school break periods, for under-age students staying in accommodation and for students travelling by public transport are needed during the School and Festival.
4. Share your expertise by becoming an SMS Administrator! SMS needs administrative support in marketing, fundraising, promotion and IT, both before and during the School and Festival.
5. Help out with Raffles! Raffles are held at SMS concerts throughout the Festival, and raffle prizes and raffle ticket sellers are needed.
6. Distribute Brochures and Flyers to local schools, orchestras, libraries, everywhere!
7. LIKE our Summer Music on the Shannon (SMS) FaceBook Page! We post LOTS of great articles and information on our FaceBook Page regularly! Check back often for updates and photos!
8. Become an SMS "Member"! You and your family will receive regular updates on upcoming SMS events, exciting concerts in your area and around the country, and discounts to SMS events and more.
9. Buy or Sell an Advertisement in our SMS Programme Book! 500 Printed A4 Programmes for 13 events — Festival Concerts and Opera — over a two- week period, 31st July to 13th August.
10. 'Contact us' with your ideas and suggestions!

GIVING TO SUMMER MUSIC ON THE SHANNON

Sponsorship and Membership Rates - 2017

Friend	€25 +
Supporter	€50 +
Patron	€100 +

Advertising Rates - 2017

Quarter Page (w: 85mm x h: 128.5mm)	€50
Half Page (w: 180mm x h: 128.5mm)	€75
Full Page (w: 180mm x h: 267mm)	€200
Inside Front/Back Cover (colour) (w: 180mm x h: 267mm)	€250
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