

Programme



Mendelssohn – Hebrides Overture

Mendelssohn wrote this concert overture in 1830 following an excursion to the island of Staffa during his visit to Scotland in 1829, where he saw Fingal's Cave, which inspired the opening theme of the overture and which gives the work its alternative title.

Wagner – Siegfried Idyll

Wagner composed the Siegfried Idyll as a birthday present for his wife Cosima following the birth of their son Siegfried in 1869. It was first performed on Christmas morning 1870 by a small group on the stairs of their house in Tribschen, near Luzern in Switzerland. The work was subsequently re-scored by Wagner for a larger orchestral group, while retaining all the lyrical character of the original. This is the version we hear tonight.

∞ Interval ∞

Beethoven – Violin Concerto

Beethoven wrote his only violin concerto in 1806, but it was not until the middle of the 19th century that it began to be performed regularly. It is now one of the most popular and most often-played works in the violin concerto repertoire. The work has three movements:

- 1. Allegro ma non troppo*
- 2. Larghetto*
- 3. Rondo - Allegro*

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Violin Soloist – Lynda O'Connor

Lynda O'Connor is one of the finest violinists of her generation. She made her début appearance at the National Concert Hall, Dublin when she was just four years old.

Subsequently, Lynda has performed as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral musician throughout Ireland, Europe, Asia and the USA. Lynda's solo career features many memorable performances including Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante with Nobuko Imai and Bach's Double Violin Concerto with Chee Yun Kim alongside Camerata Ireland. She has performed with all the major orchestras throughout Ireland and many groups throughout Europe, Asia and the USA. In 2023 Lynda made her debut album with a recording of Vivaldi's four seasons and a new composition by Irish composer Ailbhe McDonagh. This will be released in the Spring of 2024.

Conductor – Cillian O'Breachain

Cillian O'Breachain is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and the Royal Irish Academy of Music and holds a Masters in Music Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where he studied violin under the tutelage of Chris George. As an orchestral violinist, Cillian has performed and recorded with many professional orchestras in Ireland and abroad. He is a faculty member at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, teaching violin and conducting. As a conductor, Cillian has performed in concerts with many Irish orchestras and also conducted the Orchestra of the Irish National Youth Ballet between 2014 and 2018. He is currently conductor of the DYO Intermediate Orchestra, St. Agnes' Chamber Orchestra and the RIAM Junior and Divertimenti String Orchestras. He is delighted to be conducting the Greystones Orchestra for the 2023/24 season.

Leader of the Orchestra - Hazel Fortune

Hazel has been the leader of Greystones Orchestra since its foundation as Greystones Orchestral Players in 1989. The daughter of a professional singer father, she began violin studies aged eight in London, and when eleven she won a seven-year scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music in London, where she took piano as a second instrument. Hazel taught the violin for 27 years at music schools in Bray, Wicklow and Delgany, at the DIT Conservatory of Music and at home in Kilcoole. She has been a member of the Dublin Orchestral Players since 1979 and is the 2nd violinist of Pentettra String Quartet.



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Violin 1

Hazel Fortune
Valerie Kelly
Aoife Broxson
Lisa Scanlan
Liz Given
Aifric McMahon
Sile Benny

Violin 2

Geraint Waters
Ola Schulz
Serena Jebb
Oisin Boydell
Etain Gormley
Cait Fairmichael
Mary O'Sullivan
Patricia Moriarty
Alastair Boles

Viola

Kuros Torkadzeh
Sarah Mullins
Zarah Moran
Aisling Keane

Cello

Eavan Mangan
Mary-Lou Keane
Maike Juergens
Lucy Mantle
Vivienne Walsh
Anne-Marie Nolan
Michael Cullen

Double Bass

Geraldine Fitzgerald

Flute

Michelle LeMay
Liam Ryder
Jonie Griffin

Clarinet

Robert Clarke
Simonas Ciunka

Oboe

Jessica Harris
Brendan O'Donnell

Bassoon

Monica Coll
June Robbins

Trumpet

Erick Castillo
Glen Carr

French Horn

Tom Kilbride
Hannah Miller
Peter Mullen

Percussion

Eddie McGinn

Do you play a string or wind instrument ??

Greystones Orchestra is always looking for new members. We rehearse every Monday in Greystones and would love to hear from you! For more information go to our website at www.greystonesorch.ie or email greystonesorch@gmail.com



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Lynda
O'CONNOR
Violin

Cillian
O'BREACHAIN
Conductor

with music by
**MENDELSSOHN
WAGNER**

Saturday
17th February, 20:00
Mermaid Theatre, Bray

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LYNDA O'CONNOR

