

CLADDAGH CHORAL 2023!



Enrolling for 2023

GALWAY CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR JR.

AGES 6-9
MONDAY 16:00-17:00

Scoil Niocláis Naofa, the Claddagh
National School

GALWAY CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR SR.

AGES 10-12
MONDAY 17:15-18:45

Scoil Niocláis Naofa, the Claddagh
National School

GALWAY CITY YOUTH CHOIR

AGES 13-17
TUESDAY 17:00-18:30

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EXCITING CHORAL PROGRAMMES BELOW**
BASED IN GALWAY!

VOICE OF GALWAY

AGES 18+
TUESDAY 19:30-21:00

Email to be added to interest list!
Based in Galway



Claddagh Choral



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INTRODUCTION

Stephen Carroll

is the Founder of Claddagh Choral. He is currently undertaking an MA in Choral Conducting at California State University, Los Angeles and holds a Music Degree (BMus) from Maynooth University. Stephen works on national and international initiatives for choral music all over the world. He has a wealth of experience with some of Ireland's top ensembles such as the Palestrina Choir, Anúna, Celtic Woman, New Dublin Voices and more.

He has extensive experience working with broadcasting; he co-produced Nollaig Cois Coiribe, an hour long TV Show for TG4.



Stephen leading a workshop in Irish Song in Higashikawa, Japan for a cultural exchange between Galway and Japan, August 2022

He has also appeared on the History Channel's hit series "Vikings" and performed RTÉ's long-running "Late Late Show". He has directed other groups in productions for TV and viral videos on YouTube with over a million streams. Over the last few years he has also toured throughout Europe, America and Asia.

He is a member of the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) and is a regular attendee of international conferences and workshops and travels to places such as London, New York, LA for the up-skilling and development of Claddagh Choral.



Carroll leading a vocal workshop in Monaco for 200 members of Microsoft's EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) team, July 2022



Claddagh Choral



Claddagh Choral is a leading Irish choral programme that has choral and vocal training for ages 6-96. It is one of few choral programmes that focuses on both being informative and fun. We have proven that ANYONE can sing using our approach (*The Claddagh Method*) which uses the latest scientific studies partnered with a positive attitude to create a safe learning environment.



So, if you or someone you know have ever wanted to give it a shot, you've found the right place. We have something for everyone at Claddagh Choral!

Our choirs:

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A man in a white shirt is standing and speaking to a group of children sitting in blue chairs in a hall. The children are wearing black t-shirts with a logo. There are tables and a piano in the background.

History

Claddagh Choral (formerly known as Claddagh School of Music) is a choral programme based in the west coast of Ireland. Claddagh Choral is a multifaceted choral programme based in Galway that facilitates choral music globally.

In our short history we have brought choral music to many people through workplace choir initiatives, school and university choirs, and our own choral training programme. Claddagh Choral has toured nationally and internationally exhibiting Irish music and our own *Claddagh Method*.



In 2022 we co-produced “Nollaig Cois Coiribe” with TV production partner’s MOC2 which was broadcast on TG4 on Christmas Eve as it’s featured choral programme. Our show made it into the RTE Guide on the Christmas Eve Highlight page. Watch out Mrs. Brown boys and Father Ted...





Youth Academy

The development of the voice is something we talk about a lot at Claddagh Choral. You may notice your child growing up really fast. Would you believe that the changes in the voice are changing at the same rate? There's a phenomenal difference between a 6 year old and a 10 year old singing the same song. We don't need to get into the science - but we've designed our programme around nurturing and developing the voice of children with age appropriate pedagogy and music.

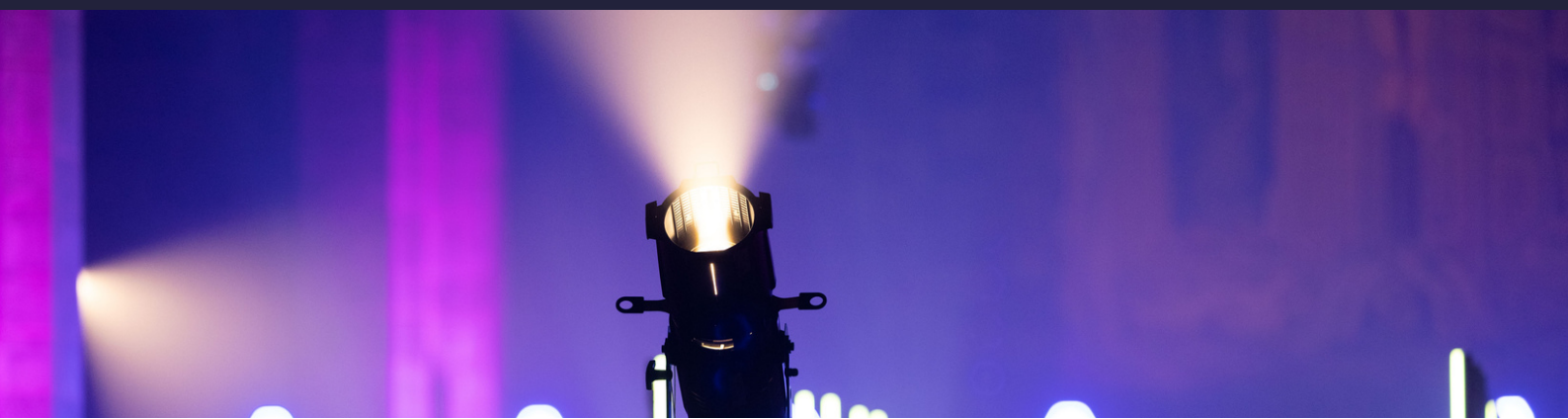
Galway City Children's Choir Jr.

This choir is designed for children's first few years of being a singer. It focuses on the most basic fundamentals of healthy singing and musicianship. The choice of music for this choir is accessible and fun while adopting all of the key elements we use in our more advanced groups. Children here will get a well rounded introduction to choral singing while making friends and having LOTS of fun. For ages 6-9



Galway City Children's Choir Sr.

This choir is where children take their basic training to the next level, begin to sing in harmony and learn more about vocal technique. At this stage the children will take a deeper dive into the world of choral music while keeping the same idea of making it really fun! For ages 10-12





Youth Academy

Galway City Youth Choir

This was the first choir founded by Claddagh Choral which started in 2016. This choir is the foundation of the success of Claddagh Choral. At this stage the voice makes its biggest change. Our pedagogy will help develop and nurture their voices to enable them to reach their full vocal potential. The Youth choir will cover everything from pop to barbershop to hit musicals. No prior experience needed. Rehearsal: Tuesday 5:00-6:30



The Voice of Galway

For years we have wanted to create a choral group to represent the voice of Galway's people. A choir that completely revolves around the feel good factor and community aspect of singing in a group. We are delighted to be launching this choir to kick off 2023 which is set to be our biggest year yet.

After a fantastic 2022 which consisted of hosting world class choral groups and leaders, producing an hour-long TV special and numerous breathtaking performances we are set for a year to remember. This choir is for anyone 18+ who wants to learn about singing, be part of a large supportive community and be part of something bigger than themselves.

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Fir An Chladaigh

Fir an Chladaigh made its debut in September 2021 in Donegal for a production of Irish music. Since then they have performed at multiple Claddagh Choral events



They are a semi-professional male vocal group based in Connemara. Their main focus is Irish folk music; the choir is project based and has made 3 TV broadcasts in 2022. We are set to launch the group as a full time ensemble this year.

Galway City Chamber Choir

This choir started in 2019 and has toured nationally and internationally bringing choral music all over. In 2022, Galway City Chamber Choir was featured on Nollaig Cois Coiribe which was TG4's featured Christmas choral programme, broadcasted globally. This choir gives people a chance to challenge themselves vocally while exhibiting excellent music.





All Voices Heard!! Part II

National / International Initiatives

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Choral singing is very effective in bringing groups of people together. Since 2018 Claddagh Choral has worked on large national and international initiatives. In this time they have worked in Ireland and globally with giants such as Microsoft, Google, SOLAS and the ETB



Mountjoy Prison | SOLAS

Claddagh Choral curated an album recorded from Mountjoy prison. The album featured a collaboration between SOLAS | Learning Works and male singers who are serving life sentences in the progression unit in Mountjoy. The album went on to be the most successful recording ever in Mountjoy Prison. Off the back of this project we have worked and grown relations with organisations and singers such as the US Embassy and other Irish national bodies.

OUR TEAM



Ciara Walsh

Assistant Director
Claddagh Choral Youth
Academy



Nicole Kennedy

Assistant Director
Galway City Chamber
Choir



Ellie Diamond

Programme Admin

Claddagh Choral Ethos

Our culture revolves around the development of both new and experienced musicians from and or based in Galway. We find many Irish organisations tend to focus on importing excellent music and musicians from outside of Ireland and showcasing it as Irish art. We firmly believe supporting and educating our resident artists and population is the best way to develop a thriving music community for years to come.



Galway City Chamber Choir on a European Tour, 2022



Dr. Christopher Gravis (CSU LA) working hands on with Claddagh Choral for an official University visit, 2022

We invest time and effort into budding Galway based musicians and enthusiasts. Post covid, Galway is going through a musical renaissance, music in the west is thriving and we are happy that our community is part of it.

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THANKS FOR READING, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SINGING WITH YOU

