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**NATIONAL STRING QUARTET FOUNDATION SPRING SEASON 2026
BRINGS 32 CONCERTS TO 22 VENUES NATIONWIDE**

NSQF'S IRISH QUARTET ARCHIVE NOW INCLUDES 55 WORKS



The National String Quartet Foundation is delighted to present nine string quartets bringing high quality music to audiences throughout the country in its spring concert season

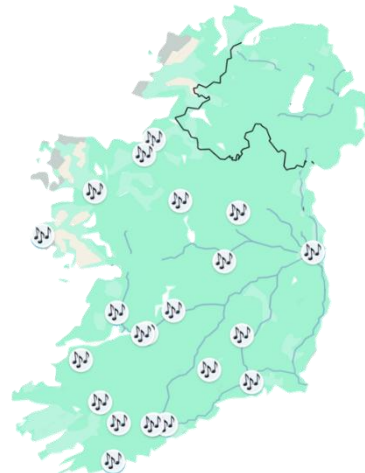
Performed by many of **Ireland's finest musicians**, the series includes music by Donnacha Dennehy, Marian Ingoldsby, Milo McCarthy and Jane O'Leary alongside treasured favourites and lesser-known gems.

The season features a second collaboration with **Finding a Voice** festival and three concerts in a new **NSQF Young Artists** strand, celebrating a new generation of younger musicians

NSQF's **Irish Quartet Archive** of recordings of music by Irish composers which has been performed on NSQF tours now holds 55 works with updates from Seóirse Bodley, Brian Boydell, Siobhán Cleary, Michael Doherty, Marja Gaynor, Deirdre Gribbin, Katherine Hunka and Sam Perkin

Calathea Quartet (14-18 January)
Vanbrugh & Friends (23-25 January)
Lumiere Quartet (4-8 February)
Meliora Quartet (Young Artists Concert 8 February)
Olympia Quartet (Young Artists Concert 21 February)
Ora Quartet (1 March)
Banbha Quartet (4-8 March)
Tara and Féinics Quartets (Young Artists Concert 21 March)
Vanbrugh & Friends (27-29 March)
Solas Quartet (8-12 April)

Visiting: Bantry, Castlebar, Castlepollard, Clifden, Clonmel,
Cork, Dublin, Ennis, Fota, Kilkenny, Limerick, Listowel,
Macroom, Nenagh, Rathmore, Rosscarbery, Sligo,
Strokestown, Tullamore, Waterford



The series is supported by the Arts Council, RTÉ Lyric FM, University College, Cork, Cork City Council and Cork County Council.

Full details are at NSQF.ie

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