

## gallery 1

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Lúthchleasa / [lu:hxl'æsə]

Mícheál Ó Catháin

8th – 22nd December

The word *Lúthchleasa* (athletics) is cast in this exhibition in a dual musical role, describing at once the feats of fingers on the metal strings of the early Irish harp or *cláirseach*, and the idiomatic musical patterns that result. Bridging the ancient and the modern, this exhibition of new generative artwork by Mícheál Ó Catháin showcases his process of engaging with the early Irish harp tradition on the harp's own terms. For over a decade Mícheál has been discovering the shapes and sounds offered to human touch by the metal and wood of this instrument, and the *lúthchleasa* patterns encoded in the notes penned by a young Edward Bunting at the 1792 Belfast Harp Meeting. Interpreting the Bunting manuscripts for a contemporary audience, Mícheál employs computer code as a collaborative partner to represent these patterns in visual form and expresses in this generative art his emotional response to the music. *Lúthchleasa* [lu:hxl'æsə] illuminates ancient music and celebrates the beauty and colour spaces inhabited by early Irish art, reimagining for today the full spectrum of expression felt and heard by harpers and listeners alike centuries ago.

The exhibition culminates with a solo concert on harp, voice and electronics by Mícheál on Saturday 18 December at Galway Arts Centre's Nuns Island Theatre.

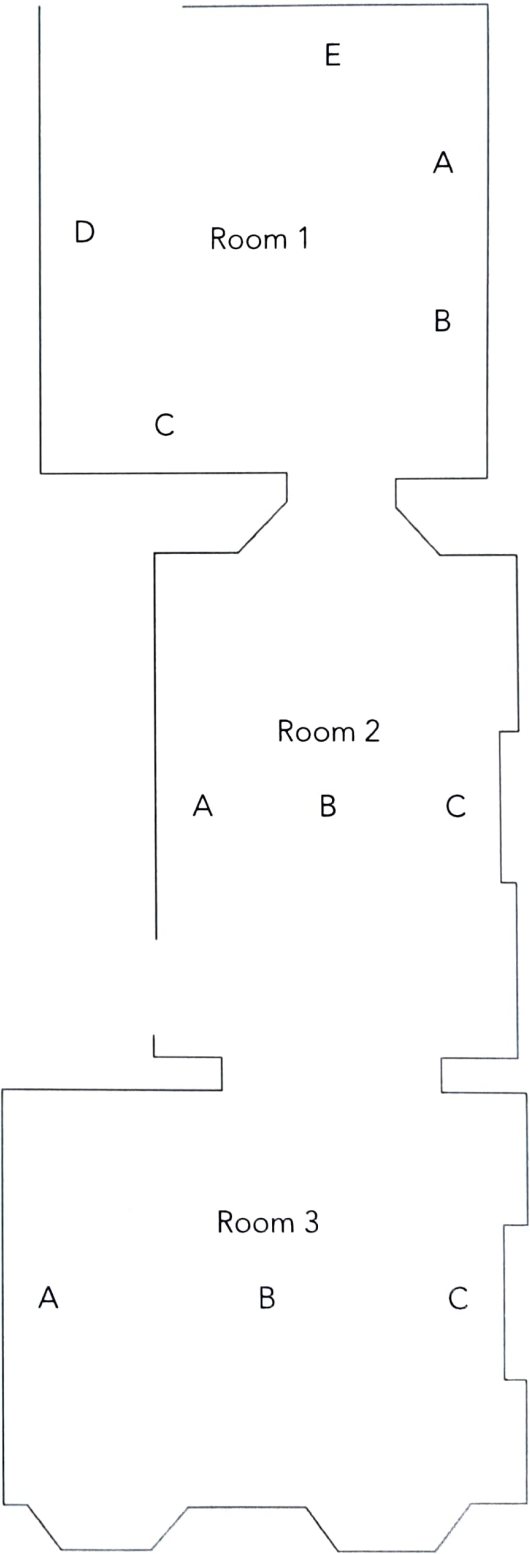
Spaces are limited. Covid Certificate will be required.

Book your seat in advance with Galway Arts Centre: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/luthchleasa-luhxls-solo-concert-by-micheal-o-cathain-tickets-220844360427>

**Mícheál Ó Catháin** is a multimedia artist working primarily with harp & voice performance, computer code, installation. He is a recipient of Irish Arts Council Agility (2021), Traditional Arts Bursary (2017) and Deis Recording & Publication (2017) Awards. Mícheál has performed solo harp & voice concerts at Achill International Harp Festival and Scoil na gCláirseach Festival of Early Irish Harp, and his generative art has been exhibited at Naas Art & Culture Centre. Faithful to historical practices, Mícheál sings with the harp on his left shoulder and employs specialised fingernail techniques (*lúthchleasa*) to shape the resonance of these metal-strung instruments.

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**Room 3  
A Beith Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper, with deckled edge				
<i>Barrlúth</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Barrlúth oscailte II</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Barrlúth oscailte I</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00

**Room 3  
B Fearn Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper				
<i>Crothach aon mhéar I</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leagadh anuas IV</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh III</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh IV</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leath leagadh III</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Crothach aon mhéar II</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh V</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh VI</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00

**Room 3  
C Coll Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper, with deckled edge				
<i>Cúl aithris I</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Gaslúth</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Cúl aithris II</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00

**Room 2  
A Sail Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper, with deckled edge				
<i>Sruth beag I</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Sruth beag II</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Suas eirí</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Sruth mór suas</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Sruth mór síos</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00

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B Fearn Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper				
<i>Leagadh anuas I</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leagadh anuas II</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leath leagadh I</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leagadh anuas III</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Leath leagadh II</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh I</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00
<i>Brisidh II</i>	141 x 121mm	2021	1/1	€90.00

**Room 2  
C Luis Series**

Digital archival prints on Hahnemühle Museum Etching paper, with deckled edge				
<i>Taobhcrobh</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Ceann an chruibh I</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Lánchrobh</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Ceann an chruibh II</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00
<i>Glaslúth</i>	400 x 400mm	2021	1/1	€350.00

**Room 1  
Audiovisual Installation  
Generative audio-visuals**

on Raspberry Pi mini-computer / Samsung Crystal 43inch display & speakers		
A <i>Fearn</i>	3840 x 2160px (4K)	2021
B <i>Beith</i>	3840 x 2160px (4K)	2021
C <i>Sail</i>	3840 x 2160px (4K)	2021
D <i>Luis</i>	3840 x 2160px (4K)	2021
E <i>Coll</i>	3840 x 2160px (4K)	2021