APPRENTICE ENSEMBLE PROGRAMME

The Galway Music Residency (GMR) is inviting applications from chamber musicians for its Apprentice Ensemble Programme 2017/18.

Now in its 11th year, the Apprentice Ensemble Programme is rooted in GMR’s commitment to community and education projects, and provides advanced instrumental students and young professionals an opportunity to further their experience of ensemble playing. During their time on the programme, September 2017 – May 2018, the ensemble(s) will be mentored and advised on a monthly basis by each member of The Galway ConTempo Quartet. A significant part of the programme is the performance opportunities provided to participants. There is a particular focus on exploring the works of Irish composers and, with this in mind, the ensemble(s) will prepare a piece from the Contemporary Music Centre’s catalogue during the programme.

The programme is open to existing groups wanting to further enrich their experience of ensemble playing. It may also suit established musicians or teachers coming together as an ensemble for the first time. Any combination of instruments is welcome to apply; over the years GMR has hosted many different groupings, including a cello duo, two saxophone quartets, a flute and harp duo, a guitar quartet, flute & voice duo, etc.

To apply, please complete the application form available from GMR’s website (www.thegalwaymusicresidency.ie). Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 28th April with auditions scheduled in Galway on 24th May.

For further information please contact Maeve Bryan, Operations Manager; tel: +353 91 586706 or email [info@thegalwaymusicresidency.ie](mailto:info@thegalwaymusicresidency.ie).

*It is one of the best things a young musician in Ireland could do […] to keep developing performance skills and confidence.*

* Feedback from Apprentice Ensemble Programme participant, April 2016