

MÍCHEÁL KEATING — *Curriculum Vitae*

EDUCATION

2019–2020 **MA Art and Technology, University of Limerick (First Class Honours)**
During this Masters course, I focused on developing my own solo practice, engaging with new technical, conceptual, thematic and aesthetic areas that have helped me to refresh, recalibrate and broaden my artistic scope greatly. My work during the program encompassed sound art, video art, interactive art, installation art, VR, creative coding, physical computing, electronic musical instrument design, and generative systems. My work traversed these disciplines to delve into questions of memory, temporality, place, hauntology, media and digital life.

EXPERIENCE

2008–2020 **Lead Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist/Producer – Bleeding Heart Pigeons**
Produced music both in the mainstream music industry (with Virgin Records UK) and as an independent act with art-rock band. Released 2 critically acclaimed LPs and 3 EPs. Roles included: Lead songwriter/composer/lyricist, lead vocalist, guitarist, synthesist, electronics, live touring performer, recording engineer, producer, music video director.

2018–present **Freelance Audio Engineer**
As a recording engineer, producer and mix engineer, I have worked with a wide range of artists across a wide range of musical genres, and have developed strong skills in musical arrangement, recording, mixing, and collaboration. Clients have included: Casavettes, The Mary Wallopers, Post Punk Podge, Fonda, Leila Jane, His Father's Voice, Hey Rusty, Fiona Linnane, Piquant Media, King Pallas, Swimmers Jackson, Laura Duff and The Low Field.

2020–present **Volunteer/Director of Programming – Féile na Gréine**
Member of a DIY collective that organises an annual, ever-growing music festival platforming emerging and experimental music in Limerick City. Festival roles include: Festival programming and organising, artist liaison, technical planning, sound engineering, commissioning multimedia work, grant and funding applications. The collective also made a documentary film about Limerick music called Out Of Place which was nominated for Best Documentary by Irish Film Festival London. I composed, performed and recorded the film's soundtrack.

2022–2023 **Tutor – Music Generation**
Facilitated group workshops in musicianship, music production and songwriting for children and teenagers.

2022–present **Musician/Improviser – Péist**
Péist (transl. worm) is a group of musicians/artists/people from Limerick City who create experimental electronic music. The group have played high profile concerts for Open Ear, Musictown, Féile na Gréine, Haunted Dancehall, and produced an interdisciplinary performance commission for Light Moves Festival. I perform in the band with voice, guitar, fiddle and signal processing.

- 2022-present **Bassist/Producer – The Low Field**
The Low Field is a folk-rock influenced emo band based in Limerick. I play bass for the band, as well as producing and mixing their recorded work.
- 2023-present **Guitarist/Producer –Laura Duff**
Laura Duff is a folk singer-songwriter based in Limerick. I play electric guitar in Laura's band, as well as producing their recorded work
- 2023-present **Digital Media Art Technician**
I worked with the EVA team, preparing an installing digital media works for EVA International's 40th biennial 'The Gleaner's Society' in 2023. Additionally, I do occasional work on an ad-hoc basis for Ormston House and STARLING in Limerick City. I also was part of the production for Eimear Walshe's work 'Romantic Ireland' for the Ireland pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2024.
- 2023-present **Organiser – Ballads in Charlie Malones**
Organising and partaking in a casual, open monthly traditional music and singing session in Charlie Malones pub in Limerick. Through this activity I have been deepening a relationship with traditional Irish music and song, with a particular focus on singing and fiddle-playing.

WORKS

- 2016 **Bleeding Heart Pigeons - 'Is'** – debut album, awarded 4 stars in The Irish Times, 5 stars on RTE Arena.
- 2020 **Bleeding Heart Pigeons - 'Stir'** – 2nd album, awarded #7 Irish Album of the Year in The Irish Times.
- 2021 **Mícheál Keating & Brendan McInerney 'It's Still There'** – Musical Composition Commissioned by The Source Arts Centre, Thurles. Named #1 Irish track of 2021 by The Thin Air magazine, featured in The Quietus.
- 'Stare at the Landscape Until Time Becomes Liquid'** – Video art and text piece commissioned by Concept Null.
- 'Interspecies Ensemble'** – Interdisciplinary commission from the Irish Embassy in Berlin as part of Creative Pathways, involving collaboration with German-based artists Elisabeth Kaiser and Felicia Bergstrom.
- 2022 **'Out of Place' A Féile Na Gréine Film (OST)** – Original Soundtrack Composition/Production. Nominated for Best Documentary at Irish Film Festival, London.
- 2023 **'TERRA: Digital Ephemera from DoneDeal'** – a self-published art zine exploring the digital image culture of DoneDeal and its perspectives of rural County Limerick.
- Péist - 'Writhe'** – a music and movement performance for Light Moves Festival in Limerick.
- 'Grasslands'** – a solo audiovisual performance in STARLING, Limerick.
- 2024 **'Upside Down and Inside Out'** – Group interdisciplinary performance in the Belltable, Limerick.
- 'House of Changes'** – 5-hour durational ensemble improvisation performance in Ormston House.

EXHIBITIONS

2021	<i>Concept Null</i> , The Boat Club, Limerick. <i>After Beckett</i> , Raumwelten, Ludwigsburg, Germany.
2022	<i>The Limerick Show</i> , Ormston House, Limerick. <i>Exhibition of Zines and Printed Ephemera</i> , EVA Intl, Limerick.
2023	<i>DISTRO: On Artist Publishing</i> , Cavan Arts Festival, Cavan. <i>Tsundoku Art Book Fair</i> , Dublin Castle.
2024	<i>Symposium on Digital Art in Ireland</i> , UCC – Artist presentation. <i>Dublin Art Book Fair</i> , Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, Dublin.
2025	<i>The Limerick Show</i> , Ormston House, Limerick.

RESIDENCIES

2022-2025	Ormston House, Limerick, Ireland – Long term Artist-in-Residence programme for locally practicing artists.
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AWARDS

2021	Arts Council of Ireland Agility Award Arts Council of Ireland Music Bursary
2024	Arts Council of Ireland Music Bursary Arts Council of Ireland Agility Award