# CÉHI Events Calendar 2026

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| 24 January | **Tradfest 2026**: Celebrating the Harp with Stephen Rea, Brídín, and TU Dublin Harp Ensemble | Áras Chrónáin, Dublin |
| 25 January | **Féile na Tána Launch Concert**<br>Liam O Maonlaí voice/piano, Vincent Woods poet and the Cruit Éireann\|Harp Ireland A⊞Island Ensemble, led by harper Síofra Ní Dhubhghaill, presenting *Anáil Ársa na Seanmhaoine,*<br>by Michael Rooney | Carlingford Heritage Centre, Louth |
| 30 January | **Féile na Tána Commission Concert**<br>World premiere of a new work by Bill Whelan for four Irish harps with Aisling Lyons, Cormac de Barra, Gráinne Meyer & Séamus Ó Flatharta | Carlingford Heritage Centre. Louth |
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| 12 February<br>11am - 1pm | **Creative Cafe** with partners dlr Social Prescribing Programme for Health and Wellbeing | Lexicon Library and Cultural Centre, Dublin |
| 15 February<br>6:30pm | **The Irish Consort** directed by Siobhán Armstrong. Early Harp featuring harp music from the Elizabethan Court with Bojan Čičić (violin) Reiko Ichise (bass viol) Elizabeth Kenny (theorbo) Siobhán Armstrong (early Irish harp) | The Pepper Canister (St. Stephens Church of Ireland), Dublin |
| February | **Ballinteer Men's Shed** make a harp with harpmaker Tomas Mac Uileagóid | Ballinteer, Dublin |
| 28 February<br>8pm | **Harp Sessions at the Sugar Club**<br>with harper Michael Rooney & sean nós singer, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh. | The Sugar Club, Dublin |
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| 14 March<br>2:30pm | **An Chruit Bheo** – performance at Tallaght Library for Seachtain na Gaeilge | County Library Tallaght, Dublin |
| 16 March | Deadline to submit Tuamgraney Harp Festival bursary application | Apply Here |
| 30 March | Deadline CÉHI Summer Opportunities at Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy, An Chúirt Chruitireachta, and Tyrone Guthrie Centre residency. | Apply Here |
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| 11 April<br>2pm | **Celebrating Cultures \| Ceiliúradh Cultúr**<br>Harper Clodagh Ní Daltúin with Iulian Pusca (panflute) and Indonesian dance group. | Orangery & Courtyard, Marley Park, Dublin |
| 17 - 19 April | **Tuamgraney Harp Festival**<br>Full Programme: Tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie | Tuamgraney, Co Clare |
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| 21 May<br>8pm | **Harp Sessions at the Sugar Club** with harper, Cormac De Barra & singer, Lisa Lambe.MAcalla na Mara premiere. Tickets at Eventbrite | The Sugar Club, Dublin |
| 26 May<br>6pm | **Macalla na Mara \| Sea Echoes**<br>A performance and discussion of new commission Cormac De Barra and Lisa Lambe | dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire, Dublin |
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| 6th June | **Cruinniú na nÓg**<br>Harping activities for all the family in local libraries | Dublin City Libraries |
| 29 June - 4 July | **An Chúirt Chruitireachta**<br>International Harp Festival<br>https://www.cairdenacruite.com/ | An Grianán, Termonfeckin |
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| 6 July<br>5pm | **Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy**<br>Harp Recital presented by Gráinne Hambly | Mill Marquee, GAA Grounds, Milltown Malbay, Clare |
| 4 - 12 July | **Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy**<br>Harp Classes | Milltown Malbay, Clare |
| 17 - 18 July | **Cruit: Harpers' Gathering**<br>Oscail an Doras , with Stephen Rea, Louise & Michelle Mulcahy, Lauren Ní Néill and Eugene McKenna<br><br>**Scéal na Cruite & Lón Anama** with Stephen Rea, Cathal Ó Searcaigh, Aibhlín McCrann & Michelle Mulcahy<br><br>**Ceardlanna Cruite\|Harp Workshops**<br><br>**Macalla na Mara\|Sea Echoes** featuring performances from the Inishowen & Derry Harp Ensemble, harper Lauren Ní Néill, Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill, Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, Neil Martin, and Stephen Rea | Cruit Island, Donegal |
| 26 July - 1 August | **An Chruit Bheo\|Harps Alive \| Harps Leevin**<br>workshops, concerts and talks at Belfast Tradfest<br>www.belfasttraditionalmusic.com | Belfast & Roscommon |
| Friday 31 July<br>9pm | **Harps Together Headline Concert at O'Carolan Festival**<br>Featuring CÉHI commission*Sonóir* by Mel Mercier with Niamh O'Brien, Alannah Thornburgh,(harps) Malachy Robinson (viola da gamba) and John Leonard (bassoon) and the Keadue Harp Ensemble.<br>Tickets Here | St. Ronan's Hall, Keadue, Roscommon |
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| 22 - 23 August | **Harps at Dublin City Fleadh**<br>Absolute beginner workshops with harpers Aisling Ennis and Claire O'Donnell and a performance by the Martin Family Harp Trio. | Parliament Street and Wolfe Tone Square, Dublin |
| 23 August<br>12:30pm | **Harps for Heritage: Macalla na Mara** with Cormac De Barra, Lisa Lambe, Aoife Granville, Deirdre Granville, dancer Niamh O'Brien and harpmaker Tim O'Carroll. | Muckross Schoolhouse, Killarney, Kerry |
| 28 - 30 August | **Electric Picnic**<br>CÉHI Harp Stage in theCroí Area with more than 80 harpers. | Stradbally, Laois |
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| 7 - 13 September | **Harps Alive \| An Chruit Bheo \| Harps Leevin**<br>Lectures, workshops, pop-up concerts, schools visits North and South. | Waterford, Dublin, Antrim, Kildare |
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| 11 September<br>1pm | **Harps and their Stories:** Illustrated early harp lecture by researcher and harperSimon Chadwick, joined by harper Eilís Lavelle performing music from the Bunting collection | National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2 |
| 13 September<br><br>2:30pm - 3.30pm<br><br><br><br>3:45pm - 4:30pm | **Harps Alive\|An Chruit Bheo\|Harps Leevin'**<br><br>Follow harper **Triona Marshall** through the beautiful Japanese Gardens as she visits the story of Lafcadio Hearn together with Macdara Ó Faoláin (Mandolin), Charlie Marshall (Shakuhachi)and storyteller Nuala Hayes.<br><br>Performance by Waterford Harp Ensemble with Macdara Ó Faoláin, followed by Aisling Lyons, Aisling Ennis, Cormac De Barra and Gráinne Meyer performing **Féile na Tána's commission for 4 Irish harps by Bill Whelan**. | Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens, Waterford |
| 18 September<br>8pm | **Culture Night**<br>***Ceol Ársa Cláirsí*** with Cormac Breatnach, (Susato Whistles), Steve Cooney (Guitars), Aisling Ennis (Irish Harp), Malachy Robinson (Viola da Gamba) & Eamon Sweeney (Early Guitars, Lute, Bandora). | The Courthouse, Tinahely, County Wicklow |
| 18 September<br>6pm | **Culture Night**<br>***Caomhnú Lú***, composition by Donnchadh Mac Aodha and performed by Music Generation Louth Harp Ensemble. | Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, Louth |
| 19 September<br>7pm | **Celebrating the Belfast Assembly Rooms**<br>featuring harpers Lauren Ní Néill and Gráinne Meyer with Neil Óg Martin (Cello) and Eugene McKenna (Fiddle). | Assembly Rooms, Belfast |
| 24 September<br>8pm | **Harp Sessions at the Sugar Club** with harper Tríona Marshall, singer Ályth McCormack & multi-instrumentalist Graham Henderson. | The Sugar Club, Dublin |
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| 4 October<br>11am-5pm | **Harp Makers' Gathering**<br>Meet and learn from expert master craftsmen about the traditions and techniques that go into building and caring for our national instrument. | Vernon Studio, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin 2 |
| 17 October | **Lá na Cruite\|Harp Day 2026** themed Sult (fun)<br>A global celebration of harping. | Events worldwide |
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| 15 November<br>11am-5pm | **CÉHI Symposium** Teaching with Impact<br>with Denise Kelly, Aisling Ennis, Alyth McCormack, Dr Liz Doherty (Keynote Lecture: The Teaching Musician), Brídín, Alannah Thornburgh and Conor O'Brien. | Vernon Studio, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin 2 |
| 15 November<br>5:30pm | **CÉHI Annual Lecture**<br>*Hidden Tunes for the Irish Harp: Discoveries in the Early Collections.*<br>Nicolas Carolan & harper Mary Louise O'Donnell. | Vernon Studio, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin 2 |
| 29 November<br>5pm | **CÉHI Gala Concert**, ***Ceiliúradh Cruitireachta***<br>World premiere of *An Dalladh Dubh \| All but Blind* a Cruit Éireann\|Harp Ireland commission, composed by Neil Martin, performed by the All-island Harp Ensemble. Ellen Cranitch (MC), Tríona Marshall, Stephen Rea, Cormac De Barra, Aisling Ennis, Gráinne Meyer, Aisling Lyons, Séamus & Caoimhe Uí Fhlatharta, Maria Ryan, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh, Michael Rooney, Mick O'Brien, Becky Ní Éallaithe and Dónal O'Connor. | Whyte Hall, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin 2 |
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| 31 December | **Radharc Siar 2026**, The Year in Review. | www.harpireland.ie |