



International Rostrum of Composers 2017: Ireland

Dave Flynn (b. 1977)

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Dave Flynn is an Irish composer and guitarist.

Flynn is also the creator of the crossgenre Irish Memory Orchestra, a “formidable collective of musicians” (The Irish Times) who are the only orchestra in the Western world to perform exclusively by memory.

2017 marks Dave's 40th birthday year with events around the world scheduled including a tour of Japan, the premiere of his Memory Symphony by the Irish Memory Orchestra in Dublin, the release of 'Genre Jumping' on Frisbee Records and Mel Bay publishing his complete works for guitar.

Flynn's music has been performed in prestigious venues including MoMa (New

York), Moscow Cathedral and Ireland's National Concert Hall. He has featured in performances of his own music in Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and all over Europe including Germany, the UK, Russia, Estonia, Romania, France, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

His compositions have been performed by ensembles including the Prague Chamber Orchestra, Irish Chamber Orchestra, Crash Ensemble, New Juilliard Ensemble, Smith Quartet, Vanbrugh Quartet, RTÉ Contempo Quartet, Dublin Guitar Quartet and RTÉ Concert Orchestra.

He regularly collaborates with traditional Irish musicians including Martin Hayes, Dennis Cahill & Máirtín O'Connor.

He is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2016 Eamonn Ceannt Commission, 2004 Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival Composers' Award, the 2002 IMRO/Feis Ceoil Composition Award and multiple grants from the Arts Council of Ireland and Culture Ireland.

He is also a music academic, holding a PhD from the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama for his much cited thesis 'Traditional Irish Music: A Path to New Music' (2011). His writings have been published by The Journal of Music and Na Piobairí Uilleann.

As a performer Dave plays a nylon string guitar custom made by the German luthier Friederike Linscheid.

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