

# CEARA CONWAY

## Vocalist- Visual Artist

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### Education:

- 2011 Public Art in Rural Contexts, GMIT, Galway, **2:1**
- 2007 Higher Dip, Community Arts Education and Project Management, NCAD, Dublin, **2:1**
- 2001 Edinburgh College of Art and Design, Scotland, B.A. Hon. Glass and Architectural Glass, **2:2**
- 2000 Alfred University, Art and Design, New York, US, Erasmus
- 1997 Regional Technical College, Galway, Painting, Print and Photography

**Languages:** Fluent Irish, English and spoken Italian

**Master classes:** Julianna Bloodgood (vocal technique & phenomenon), Hanna Tuulikki (vocal mimesis), Choral Conducting, Level 1, University of Limerick, 2023. Vocal tuition: Andreas Martorell ongoing.

### Recent and upcoming vocal commissions and projects

- 2024 **The Sky is Falling, Ormston House Cultural Centre, September**
- 2024 Museum of Fine Art, Florida, Talamh agus Teanga, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2024 Eiriú, commission to compose and record song for Cartoon Saloon animation
- 2024 Galway Arts Centre, Quiet Night series, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 Bram Stoker Festival: new live score with Mathew Nolan & Kevin Murphy
- 2023 Someone Decides Hawk of Dove, Niamh McCann, composed by Iarla O'Lionaird- series of performances at:
  - Oldbridge House, Meath
  - Stable Arts Gallery Washington, USA
  - MAC Gallery, Belfast
  - Crawford Art Gallery, Cork
- 2023 Crex Crex ... Research Project with Corncrake LIFE and Ormston House
- 2022 Irish Museum of Modern Art, More Than the Reverb
- 2022 CAOIN, premiere and tour with glór theatre, National Concert Hall
- 2021 GOL Vocal Lament Ensemble with Brú Theatre, Galway, IRE
- 2021 How Are You? Scent and song, commissioned by Bealtaine Festival
- 2021 Dialaseanchaí by John Lillis with Ceara Conway, Ian Lynch, Lisa O'Neill
- 2021 Weathering, vocal performance as part of multidisciplinary commission with Mary Wycherley and composer Jurgen Simpson, Arts Council
- 2020 Viriditas Galway University Hospital, Galway 2020, Song cycle Commission
- 2019 Fair is Foul, Foul is Fair, live performance as part of Alice Maher and Aideen Barry's show at Museum Katzen, Washington DC, USA
- 2018 Light Moves Festival of Screen Dance, Limerick
- 2018 SINOUE, Museum of Mythological Water Beasts: Ormston House, Limerick
- 2017 Songs for Our Children Commission, Aileen Lambert and Mick Fortune
- 2017 Waterways Ireland and Oireachtas na Gaelige Commission, Arts Council
- 2016 Súgan, Commissioned by Art farm Residency & Galway, 2020, Galway

BREATH, Damer House, Roscrea, Curated by Monica Flynn  
Time, Commissioned by Ulster Museum, Nerve Centre, Curated by Declan Sheehan  
Stormy Petril, with Alanna O Kelly, Orla Ryan, Brian Hand, Centenaries Commission, GPO, Dublin  
Dubh, Murder Machine, EVA International Biennale, Limerick, Curated by Christine Eyenne  
A Telling Gathering, Taigh Chearsabhaigh Museum Curated by Emma Nicholson, Atlas Arts

**Making Visible, Artist in the Community Award CREATE, Arts Council**

Irish Museum of Modern Art, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014  
Ormston House, Limerick City, August 2014  
Aula Maxima NUIG, Galway, March 2013  
St Nicholas Cathedral, Galway, December 2013  
2014 Thin Places, St Ethelred's Crypt, UK, Commissioned by Kings College, London  
2013 Vicissitudes, Sound Install, Difference Exchange, Kings College of London  
2012 Iascéalaíocht, TULCA Visual Arts Festival, Galway  
Commissioned by the Galway Public Arts Office, Galway County Council

**Select performances for events, visiting heads of state etc.**

2023 Irish Consulate in New York with Manchan Magan and Hedge School  
2022 National Museum of Ireland, First Minister of Wales State Visit, Oct  
2022 Body \* Soul Festival : curated by Myles O'Reilly/Simon O'Reilly  
2022 As I Go Out a Roving, Irish Academy of World Music and Dance, June  
2022 Irish Museum of Modern Art, More Than the Reverb, May  
2020 Irish Embassy in Berlin with Colm Mac Con Iomaire  
2019 Wheel of the Year, Druid Theatre Galway, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
2019 The Heart of the summer with Olivia O Leary & Poetry Ireland, Cork  
2019 Irish Embassy, Paris with the National Gallery of Ireland, June  
2019 Mad Sweeney, Dublin International Festival with Caroline Bervgall,  
2018 Edinburgh International Fringe Festival with Poetry Ireland, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Performance for Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the President of the European Commission Jean Claude Juncker, Dublin Castle**  
Performance for Christine Lagarde, & National Gallery of Ireland, June  
And Still I Rise, Curated by Vivienne Dick, Galway Arts Centre, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
A Further Shore, the Barbican, London with Poetry Ireland  
Mountains to Sea Book Festival: Live performance with Caoimhin O Raghallaigh, Louis De Paor, Doireann Ni Ghríofa  
2017 National Gallery of Ireland, solo performances, September & October  
Rebel Yell, Limerick City Art Gallery, Performance curated by Liz Kelly  
Glenstal Abbey, Performance with Lodestar School of Art  
Dubh, Culture Night, Oireachtas na Gaeilge, Casla, Co Galway  
Grá Performance, CUIRT Literature Festival, Galway  
2015 Live Performance Response Amulet by Marie Brett, the LAB Gallery, Dublin  
National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin- 150th Anniversary, Solo Performance  
National Gallery of Ireland, solo performance, From Galway to Leenane

Mná Brian Ború, Clare Memory Orchestra, Composer Dave Flynn

**Artists Residencies:**

- 2018 Studio Award, Dance Limerick (1 year)  
Callan Workhouse Union, Curated by Eilis Lavelle and Rosie Lynch  
Artist in Residence, Ormston House Cultural Centre, Limerick City (3 years)  
Artist in Residence, Limerick City Arts Office, Limerick City
- 2015 Taigh Chearsabhaigh Museum, North Uist, Scotland, UK  
Artist in Residence at the OTIS College, Los Angeles with artist Suzanne Lacy  
RTE, Radió na Gaeltachta, Artist in Residence with RTE

**Lectures, presentations and panel discussions (most recent first)**

- 39 Voices of Grief, online sonic event YoungSook Choi & Heart of Glass, UK  
CREATE 2021- Networking Day panel with Oein De Bharduin and Caroline Bergvall  
Light Moves Festival, November 2018  
Create Artist in the Community Presentation, Galway, 2018  
Tarr, Artists Talk, glór Theatre, Ennis, Co Clare, 2018  
Arts and Health, Presentation, Limerick City Hospital, November 2017  
Drawing From the Well, Curated and Produced an Arts and Disability Seminar, October 2017  
VAI, Arts and Rural Practice, Presentation, Siamsa Tire, Kerry, June 2017  
Arts & Health, Check Up, Check In, Sligo, Presentation, May 2017  
This Must Be the Place, the Creative Well, Kildare, Presentation, February,  
Lecture, "Contemporary Performance, Art and the Medieval Past" Kings College, London, 2015  
Performance & Migration Conference, NUIG, Galway, Panel Discussion, 2016  
Lecture, International Women's Day, IWA, UL, Women & Arts Practise, 2016  
Lecture on art project management: MA in Festive Arts, UL, 2016  
The Amulet, roundtable discussion, The Lab Gallery, Dublin, January 2015  
VAI, Arts and Rural Practice, Udaras na Gaeltachta, 2015  
Taigh Chearsabhaigh Museum, North Uist, Presentation, 2015  
Creative Time, Fire Station Studios Dublin, Panel Discussion, 2015  
Omas Aite, Centre for Irish Studies, NUIG, Presentation, 2014  
Convocation, Presentation, Derry City of Culture, 2014

**Awards**

- 2024 **Arts Council Music Bursary Award**
- 2023 Agility Award, Arts Council
- 2022 Traditional Music Artists Bursary, Arts Council of Ireland
- 2020 Music Bursary, Arts Council of Ireland
- 2020 New Commissions Award with glór Theatre, Ennis
- 2020 Travel and Training Award
- 2020 Creative Ireland Commission, Galway County Arts Office
- 2019 Aras Eanna Residency Award
- 2018 Arts Council Travel and Training – Georgian Lament Research in Tbilisi

2018 CREATE Research Award  
 2017 Ealain na Gaeltachta, Bursary Award  
 2017 Arts Council, Artists Bursary  
 2017 Arts Council Travel and Training Award  
 2015-17 Limerick City Arts Office, Arts Grant  
 2015 Ealaíon na Gaeltachta, Artists Bursary  
 CREATE, Artist in the Community Fund, Project Funding, Arts Council  
 2012 CREATE, Artist in the Community Award, Research and Development Fund  
 Paul Brady Scholarship, Irish World Academy, University of Limerick  
 Arts Council, Travel and Training Award  
 2007 Artists Bursary Award, Arts Council  
 Artists Award, Galway County Council  
 2007 Arts Council and Christchurch Cathedral, New Commissions Award,  
 2006 Arts and Heritage Award, Galway County Council and Aras Eanna, Aran Islands

**Per Cent for Art, Public Art Commissions**

2017 Journey- Carrig National School, Tipperary, curated by Sharon Murphy  
 2015 15 Miles, St Brendan's Hospital, HSE, Lough Rea, County Galway  
 2013 Oiche na nDeich Sheol, Connemara Co Galway  
 At Home in the World, Edenderry County Offaly  
 2010 Five Continents One People, Ballinsloe, County Galway  
 2009 Lios, Per Cent for Art Public Commission, Gardenfield Primary School, Tuam,  
 County Galway  
 2006 Iontas, Public Art Commission for Babaró Arts Festival, Galway City

2015 – 2023 **Arts Management**

Programme manager for Clare County Arts Office, Arts and Disability programme and Artists in Schools  
 Devised and secured funding for the "Vision Symphony" project with the Irish Memory Orchestra funded by the Invitation to Collaboration Award

**Creative Associate** with the Arts Council of Ireland since 2018 to present

2006-2008 Manager and Producer for TULCA, Contemporary Visual Arts Festival, Galway