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BARROW RIVER ARTS FESTIVAL – PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2 – 4 March 2012

*This new event may be a boutique festival but its directors (Homburger and Guy) are pursuing an all encompassing vision’ - Michael Dervan (Irish Times – 2011 Festival)*

Friday 2nd March

Duiske Abbey,  
Graigenamanagh,  
Co. Kilkenny.

8.00 pm

**Katia and Marielle Labèque - Piano**

Debussy - Nuages et Fêtes  
Stravinsky - Concerto  
Bernstein - Songs from West Side Story  
Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue

For many years Katia and Marielle Labèque have formed one of the most widely recognised and popular piano duos on the international scene. They have performed with the leading conductors and orchestras of the age, and are frequently invited to appear at the most prestigious music festivals in Europe and overseas. A record audience of 33,000 enjoyed their concert in 2005 together with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra at the German capital’s famed Waldbühne. For the opening gala concert of the 2012 Barrow River Arts Festival in the magnificent setting of the 13<sup>th</sup> century Duiske Abbey, they will perform works by Debussy, Stravinsky and Gershwin.

Tickets: €30.00/€25.00

Saturday 3rd March

Borris House,  
Borris,  
Co. Carlow

2.00 pm

**Opening of Albert Irvin Exhibition**

Evan Parker – Saxophone (U.K)

Solo Improvisations

An exhibition celebrating the 90th birthday of the English Abstract Expressionist painter Albert Irvin (*A painter who lets the sun shine into the city*) will adorn the walls of the Ballroom at Borris House throughout the festival and at limited opening times until Sunday 11th March. Evan Parker (*among Europe's most innovative and intriguing saxophonists*) will play solo improvisations at the exhibition opening.

4.30 pm

**Calmus Ensemble (GERMANY)**

Anja Lipfert – soprano

Sebastian Krause – countertenor

Tobias Poche – tenor

Ludwig Bohme – baritone

Joe Roesler – bass

**Sacred and Profane**

Heinrich Schütz            Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt  
   Unser keiner lebet ihm selber  
   Es ist erschienen  
*from: Geistliche Chormusik 1648*

J.S. Bach                      Jesu, meine Freude  
*Motet BWV 227*

Bernd Franke \*1959        And why?  
   for five voices based on psalm 116  
*commissioned by Calmus 2010*

Claudio Monteverdi        Lamento d'Arianna (1614):  
   Lasciatemi morire  
   O Teseo, Teseo mio  
   Dove, dov'è la fede  
   Ahi, ch'ei non pur risponde

Mateo Fletcha the elder c.1481-1553  
   Ensalada - El fuego

Anonymous s c.1500        Dindirín, dindirín

Mateo Fletcha the elder  
   Ensalada - La bomba

If you heard the Calmus Ensemble on their extensive Music Network tour of Ireland early in 2011 you will want to hear them again. Experience the superb à capella singing of these five extraordinary singers when they perform music by Schütz, Bach,

Franke, Monteverdi, Mateo Fletcha the elder (15th century) in beautiful Borris House.

Sponsored by the Goethe Institut

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 concession

8.30 pm

**The AURORA Trio (SPAIN & U.K)**

Agustí Fernández – piano

Barry Guy – bass

Ramón López – percussion

**Compositions and Improvisations**

The works performed by the duo of Agustí Fernández and Barry Guy at last year's festival were described by Michael Dervan in the Irish Times as '*a sequence of numbers that ranged from riotous and manic to the sheerly soulful*'. They are joined for this performance by the sensational percussionist Ramón López - expect to be blown away!

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 concession

Sunday 4th March

Borris House,

Borris,

Co. Carlow

2.30 pm

**Eddie Lenihan, (IRELAND)**

**Irish Story Telling**

*If you have no magic in your life, you're in a sad place* – so says leading Irish storyteller Eddie Lenihan who has been at the forefront of story telling and collecting in Ireland for the last twenty years. Sitting around the Borris House fireside, one of Ireland's most historic (and maybe even haunted!) houses, Eddie recently nominated for the **2012 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award** (the world's largest children's literature award) will weave his tales of myth, magic and mystery for adults and children.

Tickets: €10.00/€5.00 (children and concession)

4.30 pm

**Marcella Riordan**

**Roger Marsh**

**Women in Joyce and Beckett**

The Irish actress Marcella Riordan is well known for her portrayal of Molly Bloom on the award winning Naxos audio book of Joyce's Ulysses. Here she performs passages from Molly's soliloquy, from the Anna Livia chapter of Finnegans Wake,

and from Samuel Beckett's play Happy Days. The programme is introduced by Roger Marsh Professor of Music at York University.

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 (concession)

7.00 pm

**Calmus Ensemble  
Camerata Kilkenny**

Maya Homburger – violin/director

Anja Lipfert – soprano

Rachel Beckett – flute

Marja Gaynor – viola/violin

Jonny Byers – cello

Malcolm Proud – harpsichord

Alastair Mitchell – bassoon

Barry Guy - bass

H.I.F. Biber – Mystery Sonata No. 4

J.S. Bach – Cantata: Ich habe genug (BWV 82a)

J.S. Bach – Cantata: Nach dir, Herr verlanget mich (BWV 150)

J.S. Bach – Orchestral Suite in B minor

Ich Habe Genug (BWV 82a) is one of Bach's best loved cantatas. Originally for bass and oboe obligato it will be heard in this performance in Bach's own arrangement for soprano and flute. Written for the Feast of the Ascension Cantata 150 is considered to be one of the earliest of Bach's cantatas to survive. Leading international early music ensemble, Camerata Kilkenny, is joined by soprano Anja Lipfert and her colleagues from the Calmus Ensemble for the grand finale of the second Barrow River Arts Festival.

Tickets: €20.00/€15.00 (concession)

**Meet the Artists:**

6.30 pm Saturday 3 March

Tapas Supper for artists and weekend/day ticket holders – advance booking essential

Weekend Pass: €100/Concession €80.00 (includes Tapas supper)

Day Pass: Saturday: €40/€35 (concession) (includes Tapas supper)

Day Pass: Sunday €40/€35 (concession)

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Box Office: 059 917 2400  
Email: [info@visualcarlow.ie](mailto:info@visualcarlow.ie)  
Website address: <<http://www.gbshawtheatre.ie>>

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Committee Members: Barry Guy, Maya Homburger, Andrew Kavanagh, Olivia O'Leary, Malcolm Proud

For more information (including photos and biographies) please see the following websites and links:

[www.maya-recordings.com](http://www.maya-recordings.com) (Maya Homburger & Barry Guy – directors of BRAF & performers with Camerata Kilkenny & AURORA TRIO)  
[www.borrihouse.com](http://www.borrihouse.com) (Venue for most of the Festival events).  
[www.labeque.com](http://www.labeque.com) (French piano duo and performers at opening Gala Concert)  
[www.calmus.de](http://www.calmus.de) (a capella vocal ensemble from Germany)  
[www.agustifernandez.com](http://www.agustifernandez.com) (Spanish jazz pianist – AURORA TRIO)  
<http://www.ramonlopez.net/index2.html> (Spanish jazz percussionist - AURORA Trio)  
[www.malcolmproud.ie](http://www.malcolmproud.ie) (Member of Camerata Kilkenny)  
[www.gimpelfils.com](http://www.gimpelfils.com) (Albert Irvin's agent/gallery in London)  
[www.naxosaudiobooks.com/marcellariordan.htm](http://www.naxosaudiobooks.com/marcellariordan.htm) (Beckett & Joyce programme with Marcella Riordan)  
[www.york.ac.uk/music/staff/academic/roger-marsh/](http://www.york.ac.uk/music/staff/academic/roger-marsh/) (Beckett & Joyce programme)  
<http://cistercians.shef.ac.uk/abbeys/grauguenamanagh.php> (Duiske Abbey - venue for the Labeque Sisters concert)  
[www.eddielenihan.com](http://www.eddielenihan.com) (Irish Story Teller)