



## The Spatial Music Collective — Biography

The Spatial Music Collective is a group of like-minded Dublin-based composers working in the field of spatial contemporary music. Since 2006 they have presented numerous performances of new musical works with a dynamic and novel spatial component, incorporating both electronic and acoustic forces. The collective seeks to foster an awareness of contemporary and experimental music through the creation of new work, developing themed concerts in collaboration with ensembles, and through the programming of works by established international figures. It further promotes awareness of the medium through free public workshops on the aesthetics and practice of spatial music.

Following a successful series of tape concerts in 2006/2007, the collective presented a series of Arts Council-supported performances in collaboration with the New Dublin Voices choir (January, 2007, TCD Chapel), the Bridgewood Ensemble (June, 2007, Smock Alley Theatre), and the Dublin Guitar Quartet (August, 2010, Smock Alley Theatre), garnering high praise from the *Irish Times* who described their music as '*fresh and sincere*' (Michael Dungan, *The Irish Times*, 2008).

The collective began utilising spaces in the National Concert Hall in June 2009 with a concert featuring works by Irish and American composers. This was followed by a series of events in association with the 2009 Dublin Electronic Arts Festival (DEAF) with the programming of established and reinterpreted classics (*Spem in Alium* by Thomas Tallis and *I am Sitting in a Room* by Alvin Lucier) alongside new works and workshops by collective members.

In recent years the Spatial Music Collective has presented concerts, events and workshops in collaboration with organisations and festivals including the Contemporary Music Centre, the Dublin Fringe Festival and the International Symposium on Electronic Art (ISEA2009—University of Ulster). In an exciting new development, in February 2011 it established a studio residency at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, providing a permanent workspace and home for the collective's newly purchased loudspeaker array.

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