



## BOOKING FORM

Please complete the reverse of this booking form, detach and return to:

Connie Tantrum  
New Ross Piano Festival  
Cross St  
New Ross  
Co. Wexford  
Ireland



For more information on New Ross and how to get there visit the Chamber of Commerce website [www.newrosschamber.ie](http://www.newrosschamber.ie)

[www.newrosspianofestival.com](http://www.newrosspianofestival.com)



All events take place in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, New Ross.

## BOOKING OPTIONS

- 1. Phone:**  
00353 51 421255
- 2. Online:**  
[www.stmichaelsnewross.com](http://www.stmichaelsnewross.com)
- 3. Post:**  
Use form opposite
- 4. Call in person:**  
to St. Michael's Theatre  
Opening Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 9.30am-6pm  
Sat: 12 noon-4pm

Tickets on sale from 4th June  
Tickets may also be available on the door

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[info@newrosspianofestival.com](mailto:info@newrosspianofestival.com)  
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New Ross, home of the New Ross Piano Festival welcomes you to our 2010 Piano Festival based in St. Mary's Church.

New Ross was established by the Normans more than 800 years ago. In the lovely medieval poem describing the building of the walls of New Ross the poet extends the welcome that is always there for the visitor to Ross:

*For this is the best free town  
to be found in continent or island  
and every stranger finds a welcome  
and is received with great joy.*

Between concerts there are plenty of places to visit and things to do. Tour the impressive Dunbrody Emigrant Ship moored on the quay in the town, visit the amazing Ros Tapestry Exhibition or go for a walk in The JFK Arboretum. Nearby Inistoge and Graignamanagh are lovely villages to wander around, and the many beaches of the Hook Peninsula are close at hand.

In New Ross there are a number of excellent small shops and restaurants. The local area has a range of accommodation to suit every budget.

More information can be seen at [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) or by phoning the tourist office at 051 425239.



REBECCA ČÁPOVÁ  
SA CHEN  
FINGHIN COLLINS  
ABDEL RAHMAN EL BACHA  
LIBOR NOVÁČEK  
RENOIR QUARTET



# NEW ROSS PIANO FESTIVAL 2010

Thursday 23rd September to Sunday 26th September  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

[www.newrosspianofestival.com](http://www.newrosspianofestival.com)



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This year we celebrate five years of the New Ross Piano Festival, which has become one of the most popular events in the Irish musical calendar and has been described as a 'boutique festival'; a 'gem'. Our mission is simple – to celebrate the limitless possibilities of this magisterial instrument and those who play it.

This year Chopin, one of the greatest composers for piano of all time, is firmly and justifiably in the spotlight, as we celebrate 200 years since his birth. We look forward to performances of both of his piano concertos in chamber format with two of today's finest Chopin interpreters, the French-Lebanese pianist Abdel Rahman El Bacha and the young Chinese Sa Chen. Artistic Director Finghin Collins will honour Schumann, also 200 years old, and we will hear works by a huge variety of other composers, old and new. Czech pianist Libor Nováček and our own Rebecca Čápoová complete the billing along with the Renoir Quartet from France. Stay for the whole weekend – you won't regret it!

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**Music for New Ross**  
 Artistic Director  
**Finghin Collins**

**THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 7.30pm**

**South East Young Pianists Concert**  
 20 young piano students play the grand piano for sheer fun

**FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 8.00pm**

**LIBOR NOVÁČEK** piano  
 Janáček In the Mists

**FINGHIN COLLINS** piano  
 Schumann Fantasiestücke Op. 12

**SA CHEN** piano and the **RENOIR QUARTET**  
 Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor Op. 11

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 12 noon**

**LIBOR NOVÁČEK** piano  
 Haydn Sonata in C major Hob XVI:50  
 Chopin Mazurkas Op. 7 nos. 1, 2 and 4  
 Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 3.30pm**

**MASTERCLASS: LIBOR NOVÁČEK & emerging pianists**

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 7.30pm**

**SA CHEN** piano  
 Beethoven Sonata in E flat major Op.31 no.3

**FINGHIN COLLINS** piano and the **RENOIR QUARTET**  
 Schumann Piano Quintet Op. 44

**ABDEL RAHMAN EL BACHA** piano  
 Chopin 24 Preludes Op. 28

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 10.00pm**

**FINGHIN COLLINS** piano  
 Schubert Piano Sonata in B flat major D. 960

**SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 12 noon**

**REBECCA ČÁPOVÁ** piano  
 Mozart Sonata in F major K. 280  
 Ravel Miroirs  
 Dutilleux Choral et Variations

**SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 3.30pm**

**FINGHIN COLLINS** piano  
 Bach Chromatic Fantasie and Fugue in D minor BWV903

**ABDEL RAHMAN EL BACHA** piano  
 and the **RENOIR QUARTET**  
 Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 in F major Op. 21

**SA CHEN** piano  
 Alkan Le Vent  
 Ye Xiaogang Namucuo / Lake Namu, op.53 (2006)  
 Rachmaninov Études-Tableaux Op. 33 nos. 3, 6 and 8;  
 Op. 39 nos. 4 and 9.  
 Ravel La Valse



**SA CHEN**  
 "...a truly idiosyncratic musical mind with something new to say without ever breaking away from the score....Tempo are judged correctly and her always-wonderful singing phrasing and rhythmic élan make every bar shine with a crystal-clear brightness..." Pianist magazine



**FINGHIN COLLINS**  
 "...he shows himself to be a very rare artist in that the fearsome technical difficulties are surmounted seemingly without effort, at the same time as the poetic nature of his interpretations place him in the highest class, alongside Perahia and Kempff..." International Record Review



**ABDEL RAHMAN EL BACHA**  
 "Wonderful control, exceptional virtuosity which gives the feeling that the artist has an incredible deep strength" L'Alsace  
 "A rare artist" Concertonet



**LIBOR NOVÁČEK**  
 "...possessing that special blend of imagination, poetic temperament, emotional range, subtlety, rhetorical eloquence and, of course, supreme technical mastery... The Prague-born, British-trained pianist Libor Nováček possesses all these qualities in abundance." International Record Review



**REBECCA ČÁPOVÁ**  
 "displayed mature musicianship and seemingly effortless technical brilliance...Everything she played showed a mature awareness of style and total command of nuance; in short, she is a musician who listens intently to the music she is playing and creates the atmosphere and colours that the music and the composer demand in a charming, self-effacing manner" Irish Times



**RENOIR QUARTET**  
 "...They are, indeed, a remarkably well organised group, with perfectly matched bow strokes and tone colours and complete unanimity of purpose..." Gramophone

**SOUTH STREET SESSIONS**  
 Friday Lunchtime  
 Saturday Lunchtime  
 Saturday Teatime  
**LIVE PIANO ON THE STREET**



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Please indicate the number and category of tickets required for each concert.  
 Categories: Full price: FP • Senior Citizen (65 years & over): SC • Student: ST

Performance	Category	Quantity	Total
Season Ticket (all events)			
Thursday 23th September, 7.30pm			
Friday 24th September, 8.00pm			
Saturday 25th September, 12 noon			
Saturday 25th September, 7.30pm			
Saturday 25th September, 10.00pm			
Sunday 26th September, 12 noon			
Sunday 26th September, 3.30pm			
			Total €

**TICKET PRICES 2010**

	Full Price	Senior Citizen	Student
Season Ticket	€100	€90	€35
Thursday Student Concert	€5	€5	€5
Main Concerts	€25	€22	€10
Coffee Concerts	€15	€12	€8
Late Night Concert	€10	€10	€5
Masterclass	Free	Free	Free

Cheques to be made payable to **ST. MICHAEL'S THEATRE** who are handling the booking for the Festival.  
 Tel: 00353 51 421255 • Email: [stmichaelsnewross@eircom.net](mailto:stmichaelsnewross@eircom.net)