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International Group Duo Chagall launches Autumn Sounds Series with Mayor of Fingal in Farmleigh

The series of Autumn Sounds Concerts was launched at Farmleigh on Friday, 10 August with the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin attending.

The Autumn Sounds Concert 2018 takes place at the Ballroom in Farmleigh, Phoenix Park next month and brings together a team of international performers led by well known Fingal-based classical music group Duo Chagall.

This is the eighth year that the group have directed Autumn Sounds in Farmleigh. This year the concerts take place on September 14 and 22 (8pm).
After four years of performing the chamber music of German composer Robert Schumann, Duo Chagall are dedicating this year’s edition to early-20th century composer Claude Debussy to mark the centenary of his death.

Speaking at the launch, Duo Chagall cellist Arun Rao said: This is a pretty unique tribute to French luminary Claude Debussy, complete with Clair de lune, Golliwog’s Cake-walk and the famous Dances for Chromatic Harp; there’s even going to be an Irish premiere: the opera Pelléas & Mélisande in a short instrumental version.”

Violinist Gillian Williams, the series’ co-Director, added: “We have invited some superb musicians this year. As a native of Fingal, I think it is really something that we are now in a position to bring someone like Sivan Magen (21/09) to be our partner at the Ballroom. Obviously our long-term relationship with Fingal Arts and The Office of Public Works has been critical, but this year we must also thank The Arts Council of Ireland and the Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec. It is a great expansion.”

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “I’m delighted that Fingal’s Art Office is continuing to support the Autumn Sounds concerts in Farmleigh this year. As well as bringing an exciting international group of musicians to Fingal, it gives us the opportunity to showcase the beautiful Ballroom here in Farmleigh.”

Deputy Arts Officer for Fingal County Council, Sarah O’Neill was also at the launch. She said: “It is vital that we engage with a diverse range of artists, musicians and writers to allow our residents access to art and culture and encourage the organisation of events and projects in Fingal. This year’s performance by Duo Chagall allow residents to experience international talent while having the opportunity to rediscover historically significant music from Claude DeBussy.”

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Tickets for the Autumn Sounds series are on sale now.