

# RTÉ CONCERT ORCHESTRA COLLABORATION BRINGS MTU COMPOSITION COMPETITION 'INTO LIGHT'



## BACKGROUND

To mark the launch of Munster Technological University on 1st January 2021, Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) and Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT) partnered with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in a competition for an original orchestral composition.

The MTU Composition Competition was open to graduates of CIT and ITT for a work of between five and seven minutes, reflecting the traditions of both Institutes and the aspirations of the new University. The competition received 13 high-quality anonymously authored scores which were judged by a panel of academics/musicians from MTU.

## COLLABORATION

'Into Light', composed by CSM graduate Daniel Murphy, was selected as the winning score. Daniel graduated in 2019 with a BA in Popular Music specialising in keyboards and musical direction with David Hayes and arranging with Cormac McCarthy.

As well as receiving €5,000 in prize money, Daniel also had the honour of having his piece performed by the RTÉCO. 'Into Light', conducted by Gavin Murphy and produced by CSM Lecturer David Hayes, was recorded over two days in December 2020, at the RTÉ studios in Montrose.

## BENEFITS OF THE ENGAGEMENT

Reflecting on the experience Daniel said, "It was unbelievable. I had never heard orchestras or anything bigger than a string quartet. It was my first time hearing all these instruments at one time, and to hear them play something that I had written on my keyboard was very surreal and gratifying".

Since his win, Daniel's orchestration career has gone from strength to strength, supplying further orchestrations for the RTÉCO, which will be performed at the National Concert Hall, Dublin on 25 November 2021.



The RTÉ Concert Orchestra has been a longtime industry partner with MTU CSM and includes a significant number of MTU CSM graduates among its members. MTU CSM lecturers Cormac McCarthy and David Hayes will collaborate with the RTÉCO in conductor and producer capacities respectively, later this year and plans are in place for further collaborations and industry experiences for MTU CSM students of both the BA in Popular Music and BA in Musical Theatre Degree Programmes.

Highlighting the importance of this connection with the RTÉCO David Hayes said, "It is utterly invaluable to both students and staff of MTU CSM. Having the opportunity to experience the real workings of an internationally acclaimed orchestra and witness in detail the entire process from concept to orchestration, interpretation to rehearsal and execution - and the speed at which this is expected to happen, provides students with unrivalled access and experience".

***"RTÉ Concert Orchestra is committed to its public service remit and supports collaboration and the development of new and dynamic creators to produce and develop high quality cultural experiences for our community. Collaborating with MTU CSM and specifically the BAPM Degree, introduces new creative professionals and their work to the RTÉCO, provides a professional platform for that creativity, while facilitating the development of the skills required to produce industry standard work for a national orchestra."***

***Mary Sexton, Planning and Event Coordinator, RTÉ Concert Orchestra.***

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