



**NASC presents acclaimed Irish pianist**

# **JOHN O'CONNOR**

**at Siamsa Tíre, Tralee on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

NASC touring network presents a nationwide tour of acclaimed Irish pianist **John O'Connor** from 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December at seven venues across the country including **Siamsa Tíre, Tralee** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. This is a unique opportunity to hear and learn from the superstar of Irish classical music performing the works of Beethoven, Chopin and Field.

**John O'Connor** has earned a worldwide reputation as a masterful interpreter of the Classic and early-Romantic repertoires and it is with great pleasure that the NASC network of venues hosts this nationwide tour by him, the first of its kind.

Following initial studies in his native Dublin he studied in Vienna with the renowned pedagogue Dieter Weber, he won First Prize at the Beethoven International Piano Competition in Vienna in 1973 and made a special study of Beethoven with the legendary German pianist Wilhelm Kempff.

Since then he has toured the world in recital and concerto appearances and makes regular visits to Europe, the USA, Japan, Korea and China. His recordings on the Telarc label have also brought him particular renown, including those of the complete Beethoven Sonatas, the Beethoven Piano Concertos (with the London Symphony Orchestra) and the John Field Nocturnes.

For his services to music he has been decorated with *l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* by the French Government, the *Ehrenkreuz fur Wissenschaft und Kunst* by the Austrian Government and has received many other awards.

The concert is presented by **NASC**, a touring network of seven regional venues that aims to bring performances that have been both critically acclaimed and in high demand from audiences, to the regions .

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