

## **Greg Caffrey 1963**

The Irish composer Greg Caffrey read music at Queen's University Belfast, studying composition under Prof. Piers Hellawell and complexist composer James Clarke, completing a PhD in 2002. His music is commissioned and performed internationally.

Numerous awards for composition include: First Prize at the **Concorso Counterpoint**, Italy in May 2012, finalist in the **ISME- IVME 2nd International Composition Contest** in Brussels in 2008; **Taukay Edizioni Musicali International Composition Prize** in 2012, and the **Musica Domani International Composition Prize** (USA). His orchestral work *A Terrible Beauty* was designated a "recommended work" in the 4<sup>th</sup> **Uuno Klami International Composition Prize** by a jury which included Magnus Lindberg and Erkki-Sven Tüür. *Environments II*, for guitar and orchestra was a prizewinning work in the chamber orchestra music category of the **International Conductors Union Composition Contest**, Ukraine in 2021. He was selected to represent Ireland at **ISCM World Music Days** in China 2021. Recently he was awarded the **Major Individual Award**. This award is the highest value honour bestowed by **Arts Council Northern Ireland** on artists. Greg was additionally the recipient of the prestigious **PRSF 2022 Composers Award** and is a **Help Musicians** supported artist.

Greg is founder of **Hard Rain SoloistEnsemble** and served as their Artistic Director for 10 years before stepping down in 2023.

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