



Maria Doyle Kennedy

New to *Creative Connexions '24* we would like to welcome Maria Doyle Kennedy in Concert

Polymath Maria Doyle Kennedy has sustained a varied and eclectic career in the Arts for more than three decades.

As an actor Maria has appeared in over 50 films and TV series, and has recently been nominated for her fourth IFTA. She is best known for her roles in *The Commitments*, *Father Ted*, *The Tudors*, *Downton Abbey*, *Orphan Black*, *Outlander*, *Jupiter Ascending* and *The Conjuring 2* to name a few.

Music is her first love and following time spent in several bands she set up her own record label in 2000 and has released 11 solo albums to date. Maria's most recent album "Fire on the roof of Eden" was listed in their albums of the year by the Irish Times and Hot Press described her as "one of Ireland's most accomplished vocalists and a national treasure".

She collaborates in almost all her work with her husband Kieran Kennedy. Their recent compositional work includes the theme tune for children's programme "Dizzy Deliveries" and two soundtrack contributions for Acorn TV's "Recipes for Love and Murder".

Maria and Kieran have been made artists in residence in Kilruddery where they are currently writing and recording a new album.

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Maria and Kieran to *Creative Connexions: Sitges '24!!*