***EMER KENNY***

**Emer Kenny is an accomplished and experienced composer, performer, songwriter and teacher. Her compositions have been used in hollywood films , major us TV series and TV Commercials.**

Emer started playing Harp at the age of nine, studying composition and Concert Harp at the College of Music, Dublin and won an Alfred Byte scholarship to further her studies at Trinity College of Music, London. She was signed to US label Mercury in 1997. Her first album “*Emer Kenny”* was released worldwide by Polygram and sold over 75k. She released two other solo albums in 2000 and 2004 with Gold Circle (Las Angeles) and Artemis (New York) respectively. Emer’s CD’s are still selling today and her compositions/recordings have been featured on more than 20 commercial releases, synchronised to Top US TV shows and major film releases on the big screen and re-mixed by dance Icon Junior Vasques (Madonna, U2.).

*“If Sinead O Connor, Enya, Loreena McKennett and Venessa Dou were melded into one incredibly talented artist – that artist would be Emer Kenny”* Album Network, USA,2001

“ Her sound alternates between the veiled, glacial mystery of the Cocteau Twins' Heaven or Las Vegas and the dense atmospherics of Daniel Lanois' Shine.” Paste, USA, 2004

Since 1986 Emer has worked as a freelance musician/composer and teacher in Ireland, Europe, London and the U.S., In addition to her solo career she has played in Orchestras, modern music ensembles and Jazz Orchestras touring Europe.

She now regularly performs at corporate events, weddings and private functions throughout Ireland and Europe.

# Education and Awards

1978 – 1986 College of Music, Chatham Row, Concert Harp.

1984 – 1st Prize , National String Rosebowl Feis Ceoil

1986 – 1987 UCD, B mus.

1987 – Won the Alfred Byte Scholarship for Music

1987 – 1990 Trinity College of Music, London, LTCL Performers Degree, Harp Composition.

**Discography**

**Emer Kenny - Emer Kenny, 1997 Mercury/Polygram** - Credited for Associate Producer, Songwriter/Arranger, Performer *(Vocals ,Harp, Piano, Percussion)*

## **Fades into day – Emer Kenny, 2001 Gold Circle/Sony RED** – Credited for Co-Producer, Songwriter/Arranger, Performer (Vocals ,Harp, Piano, Percussion) .

#### **Parting Glass, - Emer Kenny, 2004 Artemus** – Credited for Co-Producer, Performer (Vocals, Harp, Piano, Percussion) , Songwriter/Arranger

**Credited Tracksfeatured on various International Record Company released compilations:**

*Certain Damage (*PolyGram, 1998) , *Mercury Hotel(*Mercury, 1998) , *Elevation I(*Compendium*,* 1998), *Golden Brown 12 inch - Junior Vasquez Remix*  *(*Go Beat,1998)*)*, *Ignite your Spirit* 1999 (Triloka Records) , *Planet Rave 2000 (Triloka,2000)* , *Just Relax (*Karuna Music,2000) , *Spinning* (Polygram,2001) , *Rasa: Mello* *(*Tommy Boy Entertainment, 2001, *) Chill 2 Relax* (Vox Terra, 2003 ) , *Cast a Spell, Junior Vasquez Remix (Artemus,* 2004) *Re:Play II* (Eros Music, 2004 ),*Woman’s World Voices 2* (Blue Flame records, 2006) *Celtic Crossroads( (*Putumayo, 2006), *Celtic Woman 3* (A-Train Entertainment,2008),”*Christmas Rose”* Independent release Nov 2008, “*Mystical Moods”* Koch Ent. 2008

### TV and Film Sync’s ( Producer / Artist / Songwriter / Publisher credits)

**Roswell,** Fox TV, 2001 Episode “*Cry your name”,* featured “*Heaven” &* “*Light of you*” from album *“Emer Kenny”*

**Roswell,** Fox TV, 2002 Episode “*Significant others”,* featured “*Shattered”* and “*Dance until Dawn*” from album *“fades into day”*

**Francis Ford Coppola’s 3rd Miracle,** 2000, Franchise pictures, starring Ann Hesche and Ed Harris Featured “*Heaven”* from album *“Emer Kenny”*

**Real World,** 1998, MTV, featured “*Heaven”*  from album *“Emer Kenny”*

**Heaven Ice cream,** 1999,Australian advert featured “*Heaven”*  from album *“Emer Kenny”*

**Heaven Video,** 1998, featured on MTV USA, MTV2 USA,MTV Latino (Miami)

**Sacred Planet**, 2002 Disney IMAX Production with Robert Redford , featured “ *laride”* and *“ The Voices ”* from album Emer Kenny

# Musical Theatre

**Principal Harpist** in Hans Werner Henze Modern Music Festival, Montepulciano,Italy, 1989

**Principal Harpist** in “Othelia” a modern opera performed in Cambridge, England.

**Principal Harpist** in Marie Jones *“Hang all the harpers “* IrishNationwide tour , 1991.

###### Musical Director / Composer W B Yeats Plays , Lyric Theatre, Belfast, 1992