

Biography – Fergus Linehan

Fergus Linehan has been Director and Chief Executive of the Edinburgh International Festival since 2015.

Fergus was born in Dublin where he began his career in the theatre, producing many shows and going on to direct the city's major arts event, the Dublin Theatre Festival. During that time he commissioned work by artists including Seamus Heaney, Brian Friel and Roddy Doyle as well as a new generation of Irish writers and choreographers.

From 2004 to 2009, Fergus was Chief Executive and Artistic Director of the Sydney Festival where he presented performances by artists such as John Tiffany, Cate Blanchett, Christopher Wheeldon and Björk to name but a few.

From 2010 to 2012, Fergus was Head of Music at Sydney Opera House where he refreshed the year-round music programme spanning jazz, world music, pop, rock, electronic music, and visiting classical artists and orchestras. From 2012 to 2014, Fergus was Festival Director of Vivid LIVE, an annual event, celebrating ambition and innovation in popular music and digital art.

Fergus lives in Edinburgh with his family.