Nicola LeFanu has composed around one hundred works for a variety of mediums.

Her music is published by Edition Peters and by Novello and has been widely played, broadcast and recorded. She has composed eight operas, which have been staged in UK, Ireland and USA.

She was born in England in 1947 to Irish parents; her mother was the composer Elizabeth Maconchy. LeFanu studied at Oxford, RCM and Harvard and is active in many aspects of the musical profession. In April 2017 she celebrated her seventieth birthday and was BBC Radio 3 'Composer of the Week'. 2017 and 2018 have also seen premieres of six new works, including 'The Crimson Bird' (RPS commission for BBCSO/Volkov, with Rachel Nicholls, soprano.)