

Irish Heritage

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

*Welcome to our April Newsletter. It contains further details of our upcoming event, **Enchanted Isle – Ireland in picture song and story on 17th April** and gives you information on other events and items of interest which we are pleased to support. If you think any of your colleagues would be interested in reading it as well, please pass it on.*

Enchanted Isle – Ireland in picture, song and story, is one of most ambitious productions ever undertaken by Irish Heritage and is on 17th April 2013 in St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA. The original script has been devised and written by Irish Heritage Artistic Director and co-founder Ethna Kennedy with stage production by Moyna Cope.

The story of ***Enchanted Isle*** will be told by actor/storyteller John Cormack and in music by Fiona Murphy (soprano), Aaron Cawley (tenor), Ciara Moroney (piano) and Robert White (Uilleann Pipes). You can find more details of the performers on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

The story takes you on a journey through the counties of Ireland, North, South, East and West, with stories, readings and verse relating to the major cultural and scenic attractions and historical events and with music of the Uilleann pipes and piano and traditional and classical songs, including operatic arias. Pictures and scenes of Ireland will fit the story and show the beauty of the landscape and the context of the story.

This is the year of ***The Gathering*** a country-wide, year-long party in Ireland. ***Enchanted Isle*** will give you a taste of the beauty and cultural excellence of Ireland and encourage you and your friends to see for yourself and visit Ireland.

Tickets are still available through the Box Office at St John's Smith Square: +44 (0) 20 7222 1061, on-line www.sjss.org.uk booking fee £1.50, per booking. **However, you are advised to book soon as there is heavy demand.**

Enchanted Isle is sponsored by **ClancyDocwra Ltd and Tullamore DEW Visitor Centre**, with the support of the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, Tourism Ireland, Allied Irish Bank (GB) plc and Cormac T. Cawley, a commercial law firm in the City of London.**

Events and Items of Interest

Correction: In the March Newsletter I incorrectly gave the name of the Musical Director of St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, as Brenda McNamara. It should be, of course **Breda McKinney**. I apologise to **Breda**. Breda asked me to include the following information about a wonderful series of organ recitals in St Patrick's, which I am pleased to repeat:

8th May the inaugural recital will be given by **Martin Baker, Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral**; followed on **5th June** by **William Whitehead, Associate Organist**

of Lincoln's Inn; on 19th June by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist, Westminster Abbey, who most notably played at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The series will close on 10th July with a recital by Patrick Russill, Director of Music, London Brompton Oratory.

All recitals will be at 7.00 pm No tickets for sale – retiring collection.

While on the subject of organists, you will be interested to learn that Hamish Dustagheer, who gave an outstanding piano recital in our Young Musician Programme in February 2012, has recently been appointed Organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Highgate. Its organ is considered one of the finest in Britain and of international importance. This is a huge honour but for one as young and talented as Hamish a really exciting challenge. On behalf of all the Friends of Irish Heritage I congratulate Hamish and look forward to hearing him perform with *Irish Heritage* again in the near future.

I hope you found this an interesting Newsletter and I would be pleased with your feedback and any items of interest to other Friends. We encourage all our friends and artists to contribute to the Newsletter. Please keep doing so.

I wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Easter.

Yours sincerely

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