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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

As we come up to Christmas it is good to reflect on the past year and I sincerely hope you enjoyed the concerts and other events we staged in 2012. We greatly appreciated your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2013 at some of the exciting events planned for the first half of the year.

Here is just a flavour of what we have planned. Please put these dates in your diary.

- **21st February 2013:-** Young Musician Programme: ***Classic Meets Folk***. Conor Collins (tenor) and James Vaughan (piano), two young classical musicians trained in the Royal Northern College of Music, with a classical programme and Crossharbour, an exciting new band emerging from the thriving London Irish music scene who play a range of traditional and newly composed material. This is in the Bolivar Hall, Grafton Way, London W1T 5DL at 7.30pm and will include a wine reception. Tickets from Kathy O'Regan, Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk
- **17th April 2013:-** "***Ireland in Songs, Stories and Scenes***" to highlight The Gathering 2013. An exciting line-up of performers is being finalised and we have confirmed St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA as the venue. Full details will be sent to you early in the New Year.
- **4th June 2013:-** Our ***return to Leighton House*** with the young Irish pianist Fiachra Garvey, one of the most exciting new piano talents in Ireland. Leighton House, Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ.

Further details of the programme will be in our January and subsequent Newsletters.

A gentle reminder - The annual membership subscription is due for renewal on 1st January. Thank you to those of you who have already renewed membership or recently joined. For those of you who wish to join for the first time, please drop an e-mail to Kathy O'Regan, Membership Secretary, e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk and she will arrange a membership form and the relevant details. Membership is £30 per annum (£50 for family membership). Your membership subscription is vital for us to maintain the quality and variety of events and to further our support for young Irish performers.

News of Irish Heritage Artists

In the last Newsletter I mentioned Dublin's famous *Palestrina Choir* and its distinguished Musical Director, **Blánaid Murphy** (who, along with other Murphy family members, is well known and respected for "services" to Irish Heritage). It has just been announced that the choir will sing at the Papal Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict on January 6 next in St Peter's Basilica on the Feast Day of the Epiphany with the Sistine Chapel. A great honour for this outstanding choir.

Nearer to home, the talented young pianist **Hamish Dustagheer**, who performed at our Young Musician Programme in February last, will give a piano recital in the beautiful

church, St. Lawrence Jewry (next to Guildhall in the City of London), on 17th Dec at 1pm playing Poulenc, Satie and Cesar Frank. You are invited to attend and it is free.

Note to Artists

As this Newsletter goes to many media and community groups, as well as our Friends, I would ask all artists who receive this monthly publication to tell us about their latest career achievements and forthcoming events. Just drop us an e-mail at Irish.heritage1@gmail.com We will try to include your events and achievements so keep them coming and good luck in your work.

In conclusion, on behalf of Ethna Kennedy and the Committee of Irish Heritage, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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