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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Our final event of the 2011-2012 calendar is less than **2 weeks away** and with so much happening in London around this time I wish to appeal to you to come and support our **Summer Recital at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8AU, on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30 p.m.**

It will feature Dublin-born mezzo-soprano **Máire Flavin** and pianist **Simon Lepper** in a delightful programme of music carefully chosen by the performers in consultation with our Artistic Director and Co-founder, Ethna Kennedy.

Tickets are available from Kathy O'Regan, e-mail: Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 020 7226 4578. We have **reduced our ticket prices** to £15 (or £12 for paid-up members) with a student price of £5. They can also be booked on-line through the **ammado** secure payment facility (no booking fee) by visiting our website www.irishheritage.co.uk. Tickets will be available at St Bride's on the night but you are advised to come early if you have not pre-booked. Please pass on the word to your friends and family and **particularly to any students** who would like to experience two great musicians performing in such a fine venue.

The Artists

Máire Flavin reached the final of the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Competition 2011 and is on the threshold of a great career. Máire has worked with Welsh National Opera, Scottish Opera and Glyndebourne. She is a recent graduate of the National Opera Studio and studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Queens University Belfast. Máire is an alumna of both the Opera Theatre Company [Ireland] Young Artist and Britten Pears Young Artist programmes. She will make her debut at Wexford Festival Opera in October 2012 in two recitals celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of William Vincent Wallace.

Simon Lepper Simon is Professor of Piano Accompaniment at the Royal College of Music. He was educated at King's College, Cambridge and the Royal Academy of Music. Whilst a student he won every major award for piano accompaniment including the accompanist prizes in the Kathleen Ferrier and Royal Over-Seas League competitions. He is an official accompanist for the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Competition.

The Musical Programme

The musical programme will include songs by Thomas Moore, Herbert Hughes, Robert Schumann and Philip Martin including his composition, *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* which **Máire sang** as part of her repertoire in the Cardiff finals, and a song that Philip composed especially for her following her success in Cardiff - *The moon is hiding in her hair*. Opera arias will include Mozart, *Voi che sapete (Le Nozze di Figaro)*, Bizet, *Habanera (Carmen)*, Puccini, *Quando m'en vo (La Boheme)* and Rossini, *Una voce poco fa (Il barbiere di Siviglia)*. Popular musicals, such as *My Fair Lady* and *Mary Poppins* will also feature in this delightful and varied programme.

I hope that this gives you a taste of what will be a wonderful recital in ***St Bride's Church, Fleet Street***, one of the most beautiful Wren Churches in London. (Nearest stations: Blackfriars: Underground or Thameslink Trains.

After the Recital we have arranged an excellent venue to meet the artists and relax - The Press House Wine Bar - 1 St Bride's Passage, EC4Y 8EJ, which offers comfort and good value.

I hope you can join us on 12th June for a great night.

Note: Our next Newsletter, in July, will provide news of summer and autumn events featuring artists who have appeared with Irish Heritage.

With best wishes.

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