

Irish Heritage

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

Welcome to our May Newsletter.

We were delighted with the success of Enchanted Isle – Ireland in picture song and story on 17th April in St John's Smith Square. It was well received with lots of good feedback and excellent reviews and pictures in the Irish World and Irish Post. Thanks to all but a special thanks to Ethna Kennedy who devised and wrote it, to Moyna Cope who directed it and to the hugely talented performers.

We were pleased to attend, with a good number of Irish Heritage Friends, the Europe Day Concert on 9th May, also in St John's, as guests of the Irish Embassy, the European Parliament and European Commission in the UK. It featured the European Youth Orchestra and soloists from the European Opera Centre – including Daire Halpin (soprano) who sang beautifully.

Our next event is on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm – a Summer Recital in Leighton House with Fiachra Garvey (piano) – details below. PLEASE book early!!

If you think any of your colleagues would be interested in reading this Newsletter, please pass it on.

Summer Recital in Leighton House with Fiachra Garvey (piano) on Tuesday 4th June 2013 at 7.30pm

We are delighted to return to Leighton House after few years during which it was extensively renovated and is probably one of the most beautiful venues in London for music on a summer's evening – even if the sun does not shine. Apart from being a hugely interesting museum, which you may peruse before the recital and at the interval, its music room is perfection itself. It is ideal for a programme of Brahms, Clara Schumann, Chopin and Schubert, expertly chosen by Fiachra in consultation with our Artistic Director, Ethna Kennedy.

Fiachra is currently studying under Hamish Milne on the M.A. in Music Performance course at the Royal Academy of Music, London. This follows a 1st class honours B.A. in Music Performance from the Royal Irish Academy of Music in September 2011 and a 1st class honours DipMus (performance and teaching) from the RIAM in 2008. In May 2009, Fiachra was the top Irish prizewinner at the AXA Dublin International Piano Competition and won the "Rising Star" award by the National Concert Hall, in 2011. Fiachra was awarded 1st prize at the 2012 Jaques Samuel Competition, London and will make his Fazioli Auditorium and Wigmore Hall debuts this year as a result.

Tickets are limited to 100 for our Leighton Hall recital, due to the size of the auditorium, so you are strongly advised to book soon. Tickets are £20 each, to include a wine reception at the interval and a programme, and can be obtained from Kathy O'Regan, E-

mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk , Tel: 020 7226 4578. For a limited time tickets will be available on-line see www.irishheritage.co.uk Donate (no booking fee). We look forward to seeing you on 4th June in what is our traditional end of season event.

News of Irish Heritage Artists

Gavan Ring (baritone) sings at the Royal Opera House on Tuesday 14th May. Having won the prestigious Peter Hulsen Orchestral Song Award, Gavan, who sang with Irish Heritage in November 2011 in St Patrick's Soho Square, is performing in the Orchestral Song concert in The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm. See www.southbanksinfonia.co.uk for details. We congratulate Gavan and wish him well for the future.

Yours sincerely

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