

Irish Heritage

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NEWSLETTER

October 2012

Dear Friends,

A final reminder that **3rd October 2012** is the date of our Annual General Meeting. The official notice of this meeting, which will be in Europe House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU at 6pm, was posted to paid-up members a few weeks ago. Following the AGM at 7.30pm there is an “open house” which will highlight our plans and those of other like-minded Irish arts organisations in London. This is an initiative by Irish Embassy’s Community and Cultural Affairs Officer, Jane Connolly, and the EU Cultural Attaché, Jeremy O’Sullivan, to help organisations like ourselves to network and help each other. If you are attending the AGM you are also invited to attend the “open house” which will include a wine reception.

Tuesday 13th November will mark our first visit to the famous St George’s Church, Hanover Square (otherwise known as Handel’s Church) where Fiona Murphy (soprano), Owen Gilhooly (baritone) and Ciara Moroney (piano) will perform in concert at 7.30pm. These three young artists are well known to Irish Heritage and we can guarantee you an outstanding evening of lieder, opera and Irish tunes, together with a social evening and wine reception. St George’s is a wonderful venue (see <http://www.stgeorghanoversquare.org>).

Tickets are £18 (£15 for paid up members) and may be obtained from Kathy O’Regan on 020 7226 4578 e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk. Details are also on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

Season Tickets now on sale

Last year we launched a season ticket offer to all members and non-members and it was very popular and well supported. We are pleased to again offer this facility at the unchanged price of **£50** to cover all events organised by Irish Heritage for the *event year to June 2013*, starting with the concert on 13th November – see above. For those who wish to join Irish Heritage for the first time (or renew their membership), the price will be **£80** including the annual membership subscription of £30 for the *full year to 31st December 2013*. Please contact Membership Secretary, Kathy O’Regan, telephone 020 7226 4578, e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk

Other Events of Interest

The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, (CBOI) will make their London debut at the Royal Albert Hall at 7:30pm on **Friday 12th October 2012**. Established as a peace initiative in 1995, the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland (CBOI) is a highly acclaimed and celebrated Irish youth orchestra.

The concert “Peace Proms” is a musical and cultural celebration on a spectacular scale with the central message of universal peace powerfully conveyed through the richness and majesty of music and song. It will be directed by Gearóid Grant, and will feature some of Ireland’s leading soloists as well as Drum and Piping Corps. A peace choir of 1,000 voices made up of children from Primary Schools throughout London will join the

CBOI on this very special occasion. Tickets for the CBOI's London Peace Proms 2012 are priced £7.50 - £35 and are on sale from the Royal Albert Hall Box Office 020 75898212 and through their website: <http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/peace-proms/default.aspx>

News of Irish Heritage Artists

It is always pleasing when one of the young artists who performed with us makes spectacular career progress in the international arena. Pianist **Michael McHale** is one such success story. Here is a recent update which he sent me

*RTÉ lyric fm's CD label will release Michael's début solo album, "The Irish Piano" on 13th October. <http://www.rte.ie/lyricfm/lyricreleases/1551898.html>
Michael also has some important upcoming solo engagements:*

On 19th October 2012 he performs the Gershwin Piano Concerto with the Ulster Orchestra and their principal conductor, JoAnn Falletta at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast for the opening concert of the 2012 Belfast Festival.

On 1, 2 November he makes his North American concerto début with the Minnesota Orchestra in their subscription series, performing Mozart Concerto No.20 with their Belfast-born associate conductor, Courtney Lewis.

(See www.michaelmchale.com)

Fiachra Garvey (piano), "Rising Star" award winner, National Concert Hall, Dublin, is also featured on lyric fm's website for his recently released CD. Fiachra will perform for Irish Heritage at Leighton House on 4th June 2013.

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

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