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## **NEWSLETTER**

### **January 2013**

Dear Friends,

We wish a very Happy New Year to all our friends from Ethna Kennedy and the Committee of Irish Heritage. We hope that you will enjoy the programme of events we have planned for the first half of 2013. We are already working on the programme for the remainder of 2013 and the first half of 2014.

Firstly, a reminder of our next event which is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013** at The Bolivar Hall, Grafton Way, London at 7.30pm. ***Classic Meets Folk*** is a double-header with **Conor Collins (tenor) and James Vaughan (piano)**, two fine young classical musicians trained in the Royal Northern College of Music and **CrossHarbour**, an exciting new band emerging from the thriving London Irish music scene who play a range of traditional and newly composed material (see below).

Tickets from Kathy O'Regan, [Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk) Tel 020 7226 4578 price £12 (£10 for members) and online [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk) – click on ammodo/donate here. Tickets: £10 for on-line with no booking fee. To include wine reception.

**A gentle reminder** - The annual membership subscription was 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](mailto: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***

**Fiachra Garvey (piano)**, who will be appearing at our Leighton House concert on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013, has won the 2012 Jacques Samuel competition – a huge honour. This competition takes place each year between current piano students of the four main music colleges in London. As a result, he will be giving his debut recital at the **Wigmore Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013** and at the Fazioli Hall in Venice. Fiachra also has a concert with his trio (clarinet, violin and piano) on **Friday 11th January** at St. John's Church Waterloo (opposite Waterloo Station) at 1pm. **Free admission, all are welcome!**

**Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo-soprano)**, who has performed several times with Irish Heritage, is enjoying the Swiss lifestyle and great success in Lucerne, where she is appearing in several opera productions in the Luzerner Theatre – including the premier of La Traviata (Flora) on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - with several more opera appearances during 2013/14, including at the Lucerne Festival. Carolyn returns to Grange Park Opera to sing Polina in Pique Dame in 2014. See her website [www.carolyndobbin.com](http://www.carolyndobbin.com).

**CrossHarbour**, who are playing with us in ***Classic Meets Folk*** on 21<sup>st</sup> February – see above – perform live on a Tuesday night in The Ship, Wandsworth; a Friday night in Connolly's, Chiswick; and on a Sunday night in The Thatched House in Hammersmith from 6.00pm (check venues for confirmation).

***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](mailto:Irish.heritage1@gmail.com). We will try to include your events and achievements so keep them coming and good luck in your work.

Wishing you the best for 2013.

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