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Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the fine summer weather, and let's hope it lasts. As we are busily planning next season's events I have just a few things to say this month, including reminding you that our **AGM is on Monday 27th September 2010** in the Irish Club, Tudor Street, London EC4 at 7.30pm. Official notice will be sent to all members by the end of August, also, a reminder of the first musical event of the season – **Music of the Lee on Friday 15th October** – see details below. We have just learned that our Patron **John Gilhooly**, Director Wigmore Hall, has been elected **Chairman of the Royal Philharmonic Society** in its run up to its bicentenary in 2013 (see below). We send John our congratulations on this singular honour.

Niall Gallagher, Chairman

NEXT EVENT

Music from the Lee

With John Molloy (bass and storyteller), Jean Kelly (Irish and concert harps) and Patricia Moynihan (flute)
Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

Friday 15th October 2010 at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £25 (£20 for Friends of Irish Heritage)

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Music from the Lee will tell the story of the life and times of Aloys Fleischmann (composer, collector and Professor of Music in University College Cork 1936-1980) with some of his compositions and those of his contemporaries, and popular music from Cork.

NEWS OF IRISH HERITAGE ARTISTS

Finghin Collins, piano, who performed several times with Irish Heritage, is playing in the **BBC Proms on Thursday September 9th** in the Royal Albert Hall at 7.30pm. The programme includes – Schubert: Symphony No. 8 in B minor; and Schumann: Introduction & Allegro appassionato in G major, Op.92.

John Molloy, bass, (see above re Next Event: 15th October) has recently completed his masters course with the **National Opera Studio**. The Studio was established by the Arts Council as a link between the music colleges and the six main UK opera companies. It provides a master course for a small number of young and exceptionally talented singers and répétiteurs, to prepare them for their professional careers in opera. The Studio works closely with the six main British opera companies, who help select the **12 singers and 3 répétiteurs** whom they believe have real prospects of becoming principal artists. **Claudia Boyle, soprano**, who appeared with Irish Heritage in April last, has been selected and starts in the National Opera Studio in September, along with another highly talented young Irish soprano, **Aoife O'Sullivan**.

NEWS OF OUR PATRON – JOHN GILHOOLY

It has just been announced that **John Gilhooly**, Director of Wigmore Hall, has been elected Chairman of **The Royal Philharmonic Society (RPS)** with immediate effect. John was previously Honorary Secretary of the RPS and has been a central part of the society's Council since 2007. He will lead the Society as it moves towards celebrations for its bicentenary in 2013. (See: **royalphilharmonicsociety.org.uk** for details). The RPS is a unique organisation (under the immediate patronage of Her Majesty The Queen), with a rich musical history and legacy reaching back almost 200 years. Today it is equally comprised of professional musicians and music lovers and undertakes a complex tapestry of creative activities and philanthropic work in the musical world. The Society is one of the two oldest music societies in the world, 'formed to promote in the most perfect manner possible, the best music'. The RPS commissioned Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and supported him through his illness later in life. This is a singularly important honour for John who has already achieved a great deal in his musical and executive career. Friends of Irish Heritage congratulate John and wish him every success as Chairman of this great Society.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The first major London Revival of Martin McDonagh's great comedy ***The Beauty Queen of Leenane*** with David Ganley, Terence Keeley, Rosaleen Linehan and Susan Lynch, is now showing in ***the Young Vic***, 66 The Cut, SE1 8LZ, running until 21st August. Tickets £19.50 but various discounts apply. See www.youngvic.org. tel. 020 7922 2922. It is getting great reviews.

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