

Irish Heritage

Newsletter No 5

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Dear Friends,

This edition of the Newsletter marks the start of our 2010/2011 programme and we would like to tell you about the exciting programme of events we have planned. We have our Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th September in The Irish Club, 2-4 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AA at 7.30pm and the notice accompanies this Newsletter. All paid-up members may attend and vote at the AGM but if you are not a paid-up member we would be happy for you to attend and learn more about Irish Heritage – and perhaps join on the night. It will be a social occasion and we will provide a glass of wine.

The Committee members of Irish Heritage have had a busy summer getting the programme together, booking artists and venues and preparing our marketing material. We are awaiting confirmation of some venues but we will advise you in due course. In the meantime, our confirmed artistic programme is set out below.

You will not be disappointed with the range and quality of events in the coming year but we need your support to make them a success. This means purchasing tickets, bringing guests and potential new members, and renewing membership. We also welcome donations, gifts and legacies, including sponsorship and advertising in our event programmes. Please contact me at irish.heritage1@googlemail.com if you would like to support us in this way or if you know someone who may do so.

We have kept membership subscriptions at £25 (individual) and £40 (family) for several years. This year we are increasing to £30 for individual and £50 for family membership but we are deferring the due date by 3 months – to 1st December instead of 1st September. We will notify you in advance of the due date. This is also to enable us claim a tax refund when/if we have received approval from the Charities Commission and Inland Revenue.

Yours sincerely,

Niall Gallagher and Ethna Kennedy

Chairman

Artistic Director

1st September 2010.

Outline programme for 2010/2011 – all events are at 7.30pm

Monday 27th September 2010: AGM - Irish Club, Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AA

Friday 15th October 2010: *Music from the Lee* - Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

Wednesday 17th November 2010: *Young Musician Programme* - Irish Club.
Michael Trainor, violin.

Wednesday 16th February 2011: *Young Musician Programme* - Artist to be advised

Friday 8th April 2011: *Refuge in Rome* – *the story of the heroic work of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty ("The Pimpernel of the Vatican") in wartime Rome and singer, Delia Murphy.*
With Owen Gilhooly, baritone, Carolyn Dobbin, mezzo-soprano, Ciara Moroney, piano, and Iarla McGowan, actor.

Wednesday 18th May 2011: *Young Musician Programme* - Artist to be advised

Friday 10th June 2011: *Summer Soiree* – Dean Power, tenor, Mairead Hurley, piano.
Venue to be advised

Other events may be added as necessary.

News of Irish Heritage Artists

John Molloy, bass, (see above re 15th October) has recently completed his master's course with the **National Opera Studio**. He is currently understudy at Covent Garden and will shortly be joining the English National Opera.

Dean Power, who will appear with Irish Heritage on 10th June 2011, has a busy year ahead. His musical events include, singing **Thomas Moore in St. Petersburg and Don Ottavio for Lyric Opera in 2011**. He has recently been accepted as a Young Artist in the **Bavarian State Opera House's Opera Studio**.

Michael McHale, piano, has a busy schedule in the coming months with engagements:

- September 22: Solo lunchtime recital, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester
- September 28: Solo lunchtime recital, Chichester Cathedral
- October 17: Duo recital with Michael Collins, clarinet, for BBC Radio 3, City Halls, Glasgow
- November 1-8: Music Network concert tour of Ireland with the Cappa Ensemble (inc. Brian O'Kane, cello)
- November 26: Mozart Concerto No.23 in A major K.488 with Hallé Orchestra / Eduardo Patel, King George's Hall, Blackburn

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