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Dear Friends,

We had our Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th September in The Irish Club. It provided an opportunity to review the past year and look forward to the future. The Chairman's annual report, which was presented at the meeting, will be on our website (www.irishheritage.co.uk) next week if you wish to read it. The existing committee members – listed below – were all re-elected.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Royal Over-Seas League in St James's Street, SW1 on **Friday 15th October at 7.30 for Music from the Lee** – Centenary Tribute to Aloys Fleischmann (see www.rosl.org.uk which provides a map showing you how to get there). Tickets are still available from Kathy O'Regan (tel. 020 7226 4578, e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk, but **hurry** they are selling fast and there is a great deal of interest especially from Cork associations - including University College Cork (UCC) which featured the concert in their recent world-wide graduate magazine. Two of the late Professor Fleischmann's daughters will be attending the concert, which is one of many events organised in Ireland and internationally to commemorate Professor Fleischmann (see details on www.corkcitylibraries.ie/music).

We have produced our convenient and informative **bookmarks**, as in previous years, with details of our programme for the year, information on Irish Heritage and useful contact details. We will have the bookmarks for you at the Royal Over-Seas League on 15th October but if you would like to obtain them directly just e-mail irish.heritage1@googlemail.com and we will send them out to you.

We can now confirm that the venue for our major event - "**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* on Friday 8th April 2011, will be the magnificent **Church of St James's, Spanish Place, London W1**. ("The most beautiful Catholic Church in the West End of London") – see www.spanishplace.hemscott.net. We are honoured to be able to stage this concert in St James's and grateful to Fr Colven for his permission.

Niall Gallagher and Ethna Kennedy

Chairman

Artistic Director

NEWS OF IRISH HERITAGE ARTISTS

John Molloy, bass, (see above re 15th October) is currently rehearsing Masetto in **Don Giovanni** with English National Opera. His future engagements include Handel's **MESSIAH** at

The NCH, Dublin; Sparafucile in **RIGOLETTO** with Southbank Sinfonia; Leporello in **DON GIOVANNI** with Lyric Opera and Figaro **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO** with Nationale Reisopera.

Michael McHale's future engagements include:

- **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

WIGMORE HALL

The Wigmore Hall's 110th Anniversary Season was launched on Tuesday 7th September at a reception hosted by John Gilhooly, Director and patron of Irish Heritage. See article in The Independent www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/features/hall-of-fame-wigmore-hall-begins-its-110th-anniversary-season-2074054.html

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