

# *Irish Heritage*

Promoting the best of Irish and Anglo-Irish literature, music and young performers since 1974

## **NEWSLETTER**

**April 2011**

Dear Friends,

This newsletter will be short and focused principally on our major event, ***Refuge in Rome***, the story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty and his Associates in the Rome Escape Organisation, on ***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in St James's Church, 22, George Street, near Spanish Place, London W1***. See [www.sjrcc.org.uk](http://www.sjrcc.org.uk) for exact details of where the Church is located. There is good parking nearby, especially in the region of the Wallace Collection, Spanish Place, but you are advised to come early for parking. Marble Arch is probably the nearest Underground Station.

The programme, devised and scripted by Ethna Kennedy is exciting and varied with traditional Irish songs, some of them associated with ballad singer, Delia Murphy, popular opera arias, which Monsignor O'Flaherty so enjoyed, with verse and good story telling. Moyna Cope, Director, is busy rehearsing with the artists and we can guarantee an entertaining evening.

If you have not already done so, please get your tickets as soon as possible from Kathy O'Regan (contact: [Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk). Tel 020 7226 4578 and tell your friends **not to miss it!** Tickets will be available at the Church from 6.45 pm on the evening, subject to availability.

With best wishes and looking forward to your support

*Niall Gallagher*

Chairman

### **Next event**

**Gareth McLearnon (flute)**, accompanied by **James Longford (piano)**, will feature in our Young Musicians Programme on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Details of venue will be advised to you in the next week.

Gareth is performing with the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, playing the Mozart Flute Concerto in D on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, and then heading to Beijing to play a recital in the British Embassy on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. He is giving a flute Masterclass at the Beijing Conservatoire on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. You can learn a lot more about Gareth on his excellent website [www.garethmclearnon.com](http://www.garethmclearnon.com).

### **Community news**

You may be aware of the threat to the ***Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith*** with Hammersmith and Fulham Council planning to terminate their lease. The centre has started a campaign to raise funds to purchase the building.

We have received this message from the Centre's General Manager, Catherina Casey.

**'WEAR YOUR HEART FOR IRISH ARTS' AND DO YOUR BIT TO HELP SAVE THE IRISH  
CULTURAL CENTRE IN LONDON.**

**The Campaign has begun!**

**We have 12 months left to save the Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith.**

**Please make a donation if at all possible and pass this link to your friends, family and  
colleagues and encourage them to do the same:**

**<http://www.justgiving.com/irishculturalcentreondon>**

I'm sure the friends of Irish Heritage will want to fully support this campaign in the  
interests of Irish arts and culture in London.

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