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## **NEWSLETTER**

**April 2012**

Dear Friends,

Firstly, on behalf of Ethna Kennedy and the Committee of *Irish Heritage*, I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

I want to make a special appeal to you to support our next event which is on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** and promises to be one of the finest we have ever presented. Please tell your friends and help to spread the word that ***something special*** is happening in London (not just the Olympics and the *other* 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee).

We are delighted to present a taste of Wexford Festival Opera in ***60 Glorious Years - The Story of Wexford Festival Opera***, with excerpts from some of the most famous operas presented in Wexford over the years, and featuring outstanding young Irish performers well-known to Irish Heritage from previous performances, ***Fiona Murphy (soprano), John Molloy (bass-baritone and narrator) and Ciara Moroney (piano)***.

The musical programme will include, ***Scene 1 (Le Nozze di Figaro), Mozart; Je veux vivre (Romeo et Juliette), Gounod; E strano/ sempre libera (la Traviata), Verdi***; and arias from many more operas which are associated with the Wexford Festival. The fascinating story of Wexford Festival Opera will be told by John Molloy. (See [www.wexfordopera.com](http://www.wexfordopera.com))

The venue is the excellent Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR (see [www.rosl.org.uk](http://www.rosl.org.uk) for directions).

Please do not miss this great event and I suggest that you book early. Tickets are £18 for paid-up members of Irish Heritage and £20 for non-members, and are available from Kathy O'Regan on 020 7226 4578, [Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk). or from [irish.heritage1@gmail.com](mailto:irish.heritage1@gmail.com).

The concert has the support of the Friends of Wexford Festival Opera, Tourism Ireland and the Irish Government, through its Emigrant Support Scheme.

### ***News of our Artists***

**Jessie Grimes**, who performed with distinction at our Young Musician programme on 16<sup>th</sup> February, is now on tour with the European Union Youth Orchestra (one of only three Irish players in the orchestra). Her trio, **The Jacquin Trio**, who also performed that night, have just won the prestigious **St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Music Competition**. See the lovely picture of the Trio [www.smitf.org/page/music/competition](http://www.smitf.org/page/music/competition). Congratulations to Zoë, Charis and Jessie.

**Carolyn Dobbin**, who has performed a number of times with *Irish Heritage*, is a busy person. Here are some of her future events: ENO: 25th May/14th June, *Scipio in Caligula*: Opera Holland Park: 20th July/ 3rd August, *Meg Page in Falstaff*: Lucerne: September/October, *Annio in Clemenza di Tito* (part of the Lucerne festival). Despite that busy schedule, Carolyn hopes to come along on **24<sup>th</sup> April** – we always welcome our past performers!

With best wishes.

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