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NEWSLETTER

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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 24th 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* 60th 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)

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 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. or from 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 16th 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. 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 **24th April** – we always welcome our past performers!

With best wishes.

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