

Irish Heritage

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Our major event of the Autumn season, *The Music of Ireland - Ceol na hÉireann*, is on **Wednesday 9th November at 7.30 pm** in the beautifully restored St Patrick's Church in Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. It features Nicola Mulligan (soprano), Gavan Ring (baritone) and Jean Kelly (Irish and concert harps). For full details (including transport suggestions) see our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

This will be a night to remember with an extensive programme devoted entirely to Irish music by Irish composers, from classical to trad. Ethna Kennedy (together with the artists) has devised a programme and script that will show the breadth and depth of great Irish music from ancient times to the present day. Not to be missed.

Tickets are £18 (£15 for paid up members), including a glass of wine, and can be obtained from Kathy O'Regan on 020 7226 4578, e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk – **but please book soon**. This is a great opportunity for you, our Friends, to invite guests and introduce new people to Irish Heritage and to enjoy a great night's entertainment.

Season Ticket Reminder

This year we are offering a **Season Ticket** for **all** the events organised by *Irish Heritage* (including the above event on 9th November) at the bargain price of **£50 per person for members (£60 for non members)**. This includes priority booking and seating (no hidden extras!) and you can bring a guest free of charge to one event of your choice. Details from Kathy O'Regan or from the undersigned. Note - this does **not** include annual membership.

Previous event

Following our AGM on 28th September we had a successful literary event, a talk on Irish Writers presented by Eileen Battersby, Literary Correspondent of The Irish Times. To see a report on the event by Shelley Marsden of the Irish World follow the following link http://www.theirishworld.com/article.asp?SubSection_Id=1&Article_Id=20485

News of the artists

It is worth highlighting the debut appearance of no less than **three** of our recent performers at Wexford Festival Opera starting this weekend (21st October – 5th November). Claudia Boyle (soprano) and John Molloy (bass) have major roles in Ambroise Thomas's *La Cour de Célimène*, and Fiona Murphy (soprano) will make her Wexford debut in Donizetti's

Gianni di Parigi. Both Fiona and John will be appearing again with Irish Heritage in **our** tribute to 60 years of Wexford Festival Opera on Tuesday 24th April 2012.

I hope to see many of you on Wednesday 9th November.

Kind regards

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Chairman

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