

# *Irish Heritage*

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

## **NEWSLETTER**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

### ***Dear Friends and Supporters***

This Newsletter is slightly delayed because we wanted to bring you the very latest news of our full 2013-14 programme and some other interesting developments. One of these developments is the launch of a new website – same address [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk). Please visit the site where you will find lots of useful information – our programme for the year ahead; the listing of all our past events since 4<sup>th</sup> April 1974 and the artists who have performed with us; and links to other relevant sites. We would be delighted to receive feedback from you and any comments or artistic news for the new **blog facility** on the site. You can also use our **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishHeritageLondon>.

### ***Programme Highlights***

This is our 40<sup>th</sup> Year (our first performance was on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1974) and Ethna Kennedy has devised an excellent programme with several highlights, but 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 is a special **Enchanted Evening** celebrating 40 years of Irish Heritage. Here are the brief details of the full programme. We will of course give you further details of each event in future Newsletters and on the Website/Facebook and indeed further events may be added.

#### **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

AGM (5.30) followed by Literary Event, in association with the Irish Times, (7.15pm) with Fintan O'Toole (by invitation only). Europe House SW1P 3EU.

#### **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 7.30 pm**

Fiachra Garvey (piano), Wigmore Hall. (Organised and promoted by Wigmore Hall, supported by Irish Heritage. Booking: Wigmore Hall Box Office.)

#### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 7.30 pm**

Young Musician Programme - "Classic Meets Folk". David Keating (classical guitar) and Eimear McGeown (flautist) and her folk band. Bolivar Hall, 54 Grafton Way W1T 5DL.

#### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 7.30 pm**

Irish Composers – their music and stories: Una Hunt (piano), Regent Hall, Oxford Street W1C 2DJ.

#### **THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014 7.30 pm**

Enchanted Evenings – Celebrating 40 years of Irish Heritage. Jennifer Davis (soprano), Lawrence Thackeray (tenor), Ciara Moroney (piano), John Cormack (actor). St George's Hanover Square W1S 1FX.

#### **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2014 7.30 pm**

Summer Recital. The McDonagh Sisters (cello and piano) Leighton House, W14 8LZ

### ***Why not buy a Season Ticket?***

A Season Ticket for all five events **organised by Irish Heritage** is offered at the price of **£60**. The Season Ticket will entitle you to bring a guest **free** to one event of your choice and you will have priority and guaranteed seating for all five events. You may purchase up to two additional Season Tickets for friends – a nice Christmas present!

To avail of this offer please contact Kathy O'Regan, e-mail [Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk) .

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

We had a good response to our last Newsletter when we asked our past and future performers to let us know their news – we have featured some on Facebook and will also do so on the new blog on our website – **so, artists, keep it coming!**

Here is a very interesting mail I received from an avid reader of our Newsletter, **Brenda Hurley who performed (piano) with Irish Heritage at St Bride's in June 2011.**

*My news is that in August 2012 I became the Director of the International Opera Studio in Zurich Opera (IOS), so now I am living full-time in Zurich!*

*It was a big life-change for me and it is extremely challenging to be the head of this very prestigious young artists' programme, especially since it is all in German! It is also a great privilege. Each year we have 14-16 young singers on the programme, plus two répétiteurs and we even have a young conductor. It is truly international. We have young artists from all around the world. Last year we had one young Irish baritone on the programme, Ben Russell from Co. Wicklow. He had a great year and, even though he was the youngest on our programme (24), he landed himself a full-time contract in Wiesbaden Opera House from next year, which is very exciting. He is one of the best young singers coming out of Ireland these days.*

Here is the link to the IOS. We welcome applications for the year 2014/15.  
[www.opernhaus.ch/en/young/international-opera-studio](http://www.opernhaus.ch/en/young/international-opera-studio)

Here is an e-mail I received from **Eoin Flood (classical guitar)**

*I performed in a Classical Guitar Recital with the help of the Irish Heritage group in **Brompton Oratory in February 2008.** I am currently studying in The Manhattan School of Music in New York, still pursuing guitar performance. I am wondering if your organization has any affiliated groups in New York, as this city has always been a popular destination for the Irish people.*

I have responded to Eoin but if anyone would like to e-mail Eoin with suggestions please get in touch with me on the e-mail below.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our events this year and 2014.

Yours sincerely  
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Chairman

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