

# *Irish Heritage*

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## NEWSLETTER

### February 2014

Dear Friends,

In this Newsletter I want to again highlight our next event on 12<sup>th</sup> February in Regent Hall, Oxford Street and ask you to put a date in your diary for our 40th Anniversary special event ***Enchanted Evenings***, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in St George's Hanover Square – Handel's Church.

#### **NEXT EVENT**

We present **Una Hunt (piano) in *Irish Composers – their music and their stories***, at Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ. Regent Hall is an excellent venue, new to us but convenient and comfortable see <http://regenthall.co.uk>. Una Hunt is Ireland's leading authority on Irish composers for piano. She is an outstanding pianist with a distinguished recording and broadcasting career and this evening will draw together the many strands of pianistic talents, presenting some exquisite gems, familiar and unfamiliar. Her programme will include works by John Field, George Osborne, Ernest J Moeran, Fanny Robinson, William V Wallace, Michele Esposito, and Francis Panormo. We are pleased to announce that British Music Radio ([britishmusicradio.net](http://britishmusicradio.net)) will be recording Una's live performance for later transmission on their website.

**Tickets:** £15 (£5 for students) to include light refreshments. On-line: through our website [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk), click on **Donate** no booking fee, or from Kathy O'Regan, 28 Northolme Road, London N5 2UU (please include SAE). **Tickets will also be available at the Hall on the night.** We have organised a venue, close to Regent Hall, for drinks and light meals after the performance.

#### **GENTLE REMINDER**

We recently sent a postal reminder to Friends and supporters regarding our annual subscription/donation which is a vital part of the funding of our activities during the year. Our thanks to those who have kindly responded to our appeal. Being a ***Friend of Irish Heritage*** enables you actively to participate in our excellent cultural events while helping young musicians in a practical way. This year the suggested donation is £40 which will include two family members. Donations/subscriptions may be made through our website [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk) click on **Donate** (note it is the same Donate icon as for tickets for the above event but is clearly identified for both functions). You may also complete a Gift Aid form on this site if appropriate.

#### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 we will be presenting ***Enchanted Evenings – Celebrating 40 years of Irish Heritage***, with musical and literary extracts from some of the great *Irish Heritage* performances over the years. Venue: St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX. We have an all star cast, including Jennifer Davis (soprano), Lawrence Thackeray

(tenor), Mairead Hurley (piano) and John Cormack (actor). Tickets will go on sale shortly but you may reserve a ticket by contacting [Irish.Heritage1@gmail.com](mailto:Irish.Heritage1@gmail.com).

#### **NEWS FROM OUR ARTISTS**

**HAMISH DUSTAGHEER** (Organist and Director of Music at St Joseph's Church Highgate Hill N19 5NE - and one of your successful *Young Musicians* in 2012) is giving an **organ recital at St Joseph's on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014** on their wonderful Grade 1 Hill organ of 1898. Hamish says that his Irish Parish Priest would be thrilled to see some fellow friends – all welcome!

#### **AN INTERESTING EVENT**

We had a mail from Ali Forbes, Marketing Manager, *National Theatre*, which you might find interesting.

“The *National* have a show coming up in March on their pop-up venue Southbank called *riverrun*, created by Olwen Fouéré. She will perform her acclaimed new adaptation of the voice of the river in James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. The show is on from 11 – 22 March and tickets are £12 & £20, here is a link for a bit more info - <http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/riverrun> “

#### **MESSAGE TO ARTISTS**

We would like to thank all of you who have sent us information on your events (gigs) and achievements. We like to see how busy you are and help to promote your events. Keep them coming!

*Niall Gallagher*

Chairman

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