

Irish Heritage

*Promoting the best of Irish and Anglo-Irish literature, music and young performers and celebrating
40 years – 1974-2014*

NEWSLETTER

March 2014

Dear Friends, supporters and artists,

***ENCHANTED EVENINGS - CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IRISH HERITAGE, SCHEDULED FOR
10TH APRIL 2014, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.***

Due to the concert in the Royal Albert Hall on 10th April to mark the first State Visit by the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, to the UK, *Irish Heritage* has decided to postpone its 40th Year Celebration and reschedule it to another date - to be advised.

President Michael D Higgins will be guest of honour at this major event, which will feature both world-renowned and emerging artists from Ireland and the UK. Entitled '*Ceiliúradh*' (*Celebration*), tickets are virtually sold out but some may still be available through the Royal Albert Hall Box Office, online at www.royalalberthall.com, by phone on tel: 0845 401 5034 or in person at the Box Office. Tickets cost £10 (booking fees included). Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the **Irish Youth Foundation (UK)**, to be used in support of Irish cultural projects in Britain.

We regret any inconvenience and we will advise you of the new date for our 40th Year Celebration as soon as possible. Please check on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk

LAST EVENT 12TH FEBRUARY IN REGENT HALL

We would like to thank those of you who attended the splendid lecture/recital by **Una Hunt (piano) on Irish Composers – their music and their stories**, on 12th February. Despite all the weather and travel disruptions we had a good turnout and Una expressed her appreciation for the warm Irish Heritage welcome she received. For those of you who missed the recital, we are pleased to say that it was successfully recorded by **British Music Radio** - a first for Irish Heritage - and it will be available in the next few days on their website <http://www.britishmusicradio.net>. I'm told by BMR that it is an excellent recording.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd June 2014. The McDonagh Sisters (cello and piano), Leighton House, Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ. Enquires Kathy O'Regan, (Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk) or Irish.heritage1@gmail.com.

A 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. We thank 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 click on **Donate**

NEWS FROM OUR ARTISTS

Elizabeth Cooney (violin), who performed with Irish Heritage in Leighton House in June 2000 with Cathal Breslin (piano,) is playing in **The Conway Hall Sunday Concert Series** on **Sunday 30th March, 2014** at 6.30pm, Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, WC1R, with Gabriella Swallow (cello) and Clodna Shanahan (piano). Programme: Piano trios by an all female composer line-up - Alice Verne-Bredt, Fanny Mendelssohn, Helen Grime and Clara Schumann. (www.conwayhall.org.uk)

Carolyn Dobbin, mezzo, who appeared with Irish Heritage, also in Leighton House with Lindy Tennant Browne (piano) in June 2006, is singing Polina *in Queen of Spades*, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, 6 July - 12 July in Grange Park Opera (www.grangeparkopera.co.uk) You need to book soon!

TWO INTERESTING EVENTS – highly recommended

Wexford Festival Opera presents: **A Taste of Wexford Festival Opera**, featuring soprano Helena Dix and baritone David Stout, at St John's Smith Square London SW1P 3HA on Tuesday 11 March, 2014 at 7.00 pm. Tickets priced at £25, £22, £17, £12. Book online at sjs.org.uk or contact the Box Office at St John's Smith Square +44 (0) 20 7222 1061.

Watch "**Haydn in Paris**" and other great music LIVE on www.platformireland.ie with the Irish Chamber Orchestra from the University Concert Hall in Limerick on Friday 7th March 2014 at 19.50 GMT. Presented by veteran broadcaster Gay Byrne and "our own" **Fiona Murphy** (soprano) - last appearances with Irish Heritage 17th April - this innovative web-based service brings you a live concert for €3.99. For more information and other live concerts log on to www.platformireland.ie

A MESSAGE TO ARTISTS

We would like to thank all of you who have sent us information on your events and achievements. We like to see how busy you are and help to promote your events. If we cannot include it on the Newsletter we will place it in our website blog (www.irishheritage.co.uk/blog/), our Facebook or Twitter.

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