

Irish Heritage

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2014

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are starting a new season with a lot of optimism and enthusiasm on the future direction of Irish Heritage. Much work has been undertaken by the committee over the summer months to reinvigorate Irish Heritage and to focus on the areas of arts and culture that have made us so successful in the past and have much to offer to you and to the wider public in the future. You will be hearing more about our future plans and seeing a new face of Irish Heritage in the coming weeks and months.

We will formally launch the Irish Heritage event programme for 2014-2015 on **Wednesday 8th October** in Europe House, Smith Square, with a reception at 6.30 pm and guest speaker, Michael Dervan, Music Critic of *The Irish Times* (in association with *The Irish Times*). This is a Friends, guests and artists occasion and if you have not responded to your invitation, please do so as soon as possible. There are a few places still available if you wish to join us, but please e-mail the undersigned by 5th October if you would like to come along.

Our **November event on Thursday 13th** is a continuation of the very popular series, **Classic Meets Folk**, in the Bolivar Hall, 54 Grafton Way, London W1T 5DL. It features Fionnuala Moynihan (piano) and Donncha Moynihan (guitar). Fionnuala, who performed with Irish Heritage in Leighton House (with Norah King, soprano – see below) some years ago, is a member of a highly talented musical family from Cork and has a huge range of musical interests – from Haydn and Mozart to Traditional Irish Music. Her brother Donncha is a successful guitarist and producer, and has performed and recorded folk and traditional music with other members of the Moynihan family. Further details will follow and tickets will go on sale next week through our website www.irishheritage.co.uk and from Kathy O'Regan. Tel. 020 7226 4578 Email: Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP AND SEASON TICKETS

We are very grateful for those of you who have renewed membership or joined Friends of Irish Heritage and also to those of you who have purchased Season Tickets for our 2014-2015 programme. A gentle reminder that renewal of Membership is £30 and joining is £40 for the year to 31st August 2015. Season Tickets are £60 for the four musical events with a £10 discount for the Savile Club Dinner in May. The combined cost of Friends Membership+Season Ticket is thus £90 (existing) or £100 (new Friends). You may Join/Renew and purchase Season Tickets on-line on www.irishheritage.co.uk (Donate) with no admin fee, or by contacting Kathy O'Regan Tel 020 7226 4578. Email: Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk

NEWS OF THE ARTISTS

Norah King, who sang so beautifully at our Fundraising Dinner in the Savile Club in June, has written to tell me that she has been “back to school” having lessons with great Irish music

teacher, Dr Veronica Dunne, and has changed her repertoire to mezzo-soprano. We will be hearing more from Nora about future engagements in London. See www.norahking.ie

Fiachra Garvey (piano) has two recitals in October, 21st October at 22 Mansfield Street, London, and on 30th October in the beautiful National Trust House, Hatchlands Park, East Clandon, Surrey, which houses the stunning Cobbe Collection of historic musical instruments. Both recitals are at 7.30 and the programmes include Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. Details are on his website www.fiachragarvey.com

Michael McHale (piano) is always busy, but he has advised me of a great concert in Kings Place London on 12th December. He is performing with Sir James Galway, Lady Jeanne Galway and Brian O’Kane (cello). What a line up, but you had better book soon it is virtually sold out. www.kingsplace.co.uk/whats-on-book-tickets/

Donal Cox (actor) writes to me “I’m sure many IH Friends will be interested to know that my work of poetry theatre *Journey to the Fifth Province* is programmed as a feature of this year’s Wimbledon BookFest on Saturday 4 October”. The relevant link is <http://www.wimbledonbookfest.org/Events/Events2014/IrishHistoryJourneytotheFifthProvince.aspx> Tickets at £15 available online, or from the Box Office 020 8545 8342 (Tues, and Thur/Fri pm).

TO ALL ARTISTS

Please let us know what you are doing during over the coming months, for inclusion in our Newsletter, and if you have clips for Facebook send them to us or post them on our Facebook.

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