



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

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Dear Friends and supporters,

We recently launched the Irish Heritage Events Programme for 2014/15 together with our new design and presentation brochure. We will be changing our other print and design material, including our website over the coming weeks. A particularly pleasing part of the new brochure is the inclusion of a number of very favourable endorsements which we received from some of our current and past performers. Many others sent similar messages which we will include in other publications. If you would like a pdf copy of our new brochure, please send me an e-mail and I will forward it to you. It was expertly designed for us by Catherine Orpen, an Irish design specialist in London (www.orpendesignsolutions.com).

Our Next Event – *Classic Meets Folk*

The latest of our highly successful *Classic Meets Folk* series is on **Thursday 13th November 2014** at Bolivar Hall, Grafton Way, London W1T 5DL at 7.30pm (nearest underground station, Warren Street, 2 mins). It features Fionnuala Moynihan (piano) and her brother Donncha Moynihan (guitar) in their first joint appearance in Britain.

Fionnuala and Donncha are members of a hugely talented musical family from Cork, six members of which are successful professional musicians. (Patricia Moynihan (flute) performed with Irish Heritage in October 2010.

Fionnuala is the first person to be awarded a Doctorate in Music Performance from the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Dublin City University. She is widely acknowledged as one of Ireland's leading pianists and has a particular affinity with the works of both baroque and classical composers. In February 2014 Fionnuala completed a monumental project – to jointly perform the *Complete Piano Sonatas of Haydn*, a series of twelve recitals over two years. She previously performed the complete piano sonatas of Mozart in 2010. As well as performing widely, Fionnuala teaches piano performance at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. (Website: www.fionnualamoynihan.com).

Donncha is Cork based and is a highly accomplished classical and folk/traditional guitarist. He was a founding member of the traditional Irish Band, *Calico*, has released a number of award winning albums and has featured on many traditional and contemporary recordings. He is also a recording engineer with his own recording studio. He has been involved in post-production of film and television working with such artist as *The Chieftains*, *Paul Brady*, *Imelda May* and *The High Kings*.

Their programme on 13th November will include some of Ireland's most cherished traditional songs, arranged and performed by both Fionnuala (piano) and Donncha (guitar) in a unique classical-trad fusion style, interspersed with Fionnuala's Muzio Clementi's virtuosic piano sonatas.

Fionnuala's debut CD "*The Ivory Lady*", recorded in Donncha's The Rise Studio in Cork, is due to be released on Claddagh Records in early November and features two of her own compositions which will also be performed at the Irish Heritage, *Classic Meets Folk* concert.

Tickets are now on sale: £15 (students and musicians: £5 **when booked on-line**) including a wine reception and programme. They can be purchased on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk click on **DONATE**, no booking fee; or from Kathy O'Regan tel. 020 7226 4578, e-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk

Friends Membership and Season Tickets

We are most grateful to those of you who have renewed Friends Membership for 2014/2015 (£30) or have recently joined as Friends (£40). Also, we have a special Season Ticket Offer priced at £60 per person for all musical events, including the above event, with a discount of £10 for our Fundraising Dinner in May 2015.

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I look forward to seeing many of you on 13th November at the Bolivar Hall, at what promises to be a truly unique event and one not to be missed.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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