



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

Christmas Greetings

23rd December 2014

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support during 2014 in what has been a year of great change for Irish Heritage.

The death of our beloved Co-founder and Artistic Director, Ethna Kennedy in May, was deeply felt by her family and friends and all in Irish Heritage, and indeed by the many musicians whose tributes were fulsome. May she rest in peace.

During the past months we have been building on Ethna's great vision to secure the future of Irish Heritage as a vibrant organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers in Britain. I will be writing to you early in the New Year to give you details of our recently established Artistic Advisory Panel and other developments.

In the meantime, I want to advise you of the exciting line up for our **next event: *Irish Opera Stars of the Future* on Thursday 12th February 2015, Bolivar Hall, W1T 5DL at 7.30pm.** We are delighted to have **soprano, Kelley Lonergan** and **mezzo soprano, Jessica Costelloe**. Kelley is a graduate of CIT Cork School of Music and winner of several major awards in Ireland, including the 2013 RDS Music Bursary. She is currently a young Associate Artist with Opera Theatre Company in Ireland. Jessica, whose family moved to London in 1999, studied in the Junior Division of Royal College of Music and was awarded a place at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music, New York. This year she was again invited to be a Young Artist for Garsington Opera (Wormsley Estate, Buckinghamshire). Kelley and Jessica will be accompanied by **Tim Short (piano)** a graduate of the Royal College of Music. Booking and other details to be advised and see website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

Friends Membership and Season Tickets

We are very grateful to those of you who have recently joined Irish Heritage, renewed Friends Membership for 2014/15, or purchased Season Tickets. We have a Special Offer to those who would like to now join or renew. For £30 we offer Friends Membership to 31st August 2015 **and** we are offering Season Tickets at £45 per person for our three musical events in Feb, April and June 2015 to include a £10 discount on our Savile Club Dinner on 13th May 2015. **Contact:** Kathy O'Regan at kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk Tel 020 7226 4578 or on-line at www.irishheritage.co.uk click on DONATE.

On behalf of the Committee of Irish Heritage I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Niall Gallagher

Chairman, Irish Heritage

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