



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

January 2015 – a happy and healthy New Year to all our Friends and supporters

- **Next Event: *Irish Opera Stars of the Future* Thursday 12th February 2015**
- **Special New Year Offers: Friends Membership renew or join**
- **Special Season Ticket Offer: for events to June 2015**
- **Exciting News: Irish Heritage Artistic Advisory Panel **New****

Irish Opera Stars of the Future is on Thursday 12th February 2015 at Bolivar Hall, Grafton Way, W1T 5DL at 7.30pm and features the exciting line-up of **Kelley Lonergan (soprano) and Jessica Costelloe (mezzo-soprano) with Tim Short (piano)**.

In consultation with Jean Kelly, they have chosen a brilliant programme of arias from popular operas, songs by well known composers and some beautiful Irish airs. The full programme will be on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

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. (see www.rte.ie/orchestras/...//kelleylonerganbiog).

Jessica, whose family moved to London in 1999, is a graduate of the prestigious Juilliard School of Music, New York. In 2014 she was again invited to be a Young Artist for Garsington Opera, Wormsley and has been offered a contract for the 2015 season with Grange Park Opera (see www.jessicacostelloe.com).

Tim Short is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and teaches and performs in London.

Biographies of the performers are on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk

Tickets: £15. (Students £5 if booked online) incl. wine reception and programme
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Reception kindly sponsored by Allied Irish Bank (GB)

Friends Membership and Season Tickets

We are grateful to those of you who have renewed *Friends Membership*, recently joined Irish Heritage for 2014/15 and purchased Season Tickets. This is a vital part of our funding. We now have a **Special Offer** to those who would like to join as a *Friend of Irish Heritage* or renew membership. 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 February, April and June 2015 **and** a £10 discount on tickets for our Savile Club Dinner on 13th May 2015.

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[Irish Heritage Artistic Advisory Panel](#) **NEW**

Irish Heritage has had its key role of promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers endorsed by some of the leading names in Irish Classical music, in Ireland and internationally, with our formation of the [Irish Heritage Artistic Advisory Panel](#). The Panel will assist our Artistic Advisor, Jean Kelly, in identifying the finest emerging Irish musicians for inclusion in our future programme of events in London and in promoting the work of outstanding Irish musicians internationally.

Members of the [Irish Heritage Artistic Advisory Panel](#) include: the Director of Wigmore Hall (John Gilhooly OBE); the Director of the Royal Irish Academy (Deborah Kelleher); the Head of Voice, Opera and Drama Studies, DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama (Mairead Hurley); the Director of CIT Cork School of Music (Dr Geoffrey Spratt); the Director of the International Opera Studio, Zurich (Brenda Hurley); Artistic Director and Chair of the Jury of the Irish Young Musician of the Year Competition (Jane Carty); Head of Information/Chief Technology Officer of the Irish Contemporary Music Centre (Jonathan Grimes); the Director of Kilkenny Arts Festival (Eugene Downes), as well as Irish Heritage Artistic Advisor (Jean Kelly), Irish Heritage Committee member and member of the Giving Committee of Help the Musicians UK (Katie Rowan), and Irish Heritage Chairman (Niall Gallagher) and Treasurer (Laurence Cahill). Other panel members will be announced later.

In the Summer of 2014 Irish Heritage formed an alliance with the Royal Dublin Society (established in 1731) under which we will provide a professional performance opportunity to the winner of the prestigious annual RDS Music Bursary – the largest in Ireland. The 2014 winner, Clara Daly Donnellan (trombone) will perform with Irish Heritage in The Royal Overseas League, London on 23rd April 2015 as part of her award.

In addition, we have the support of London conservatoires, such as the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music.

In summary, the additional recognition and support which Irish Heritage has gained positions us to provide even greater help to young Irish musicians in Britain – our primary focus.

On behalf of the Committee of Irish Heritage I wish you all a happy and successful 2015.

Niall Gallagher

Chairman, Irish Heritage

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