



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

NEWSLETTER

1st March 2015

Dear Friends and Supporters

A big thanks for your support at our last event *Irish Opera Stars of the Future* which was a huge success; and no better measure of its success than a full house, excellent audience feedback and comments from the young performers such as:

"It was such a beautiful evening and I am very honoured to have been part of it... huge thanks to all at Irish Heritage!" **Jessica Costelloe (mezzo soprano)**

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity, it was my London recital debut and I will always remember it, as well as the warmth, helpfulness and encouragement from everyone at Irish Heritage. The audience were very friendly and I enjoyed singing for them. I'm honoured to now be part of the Irish Heritage family". **Kelley Lonergan (soprano)**

For those of you who may have missed it or may want to hear more from the performers we are pleased that an **Irish TV** film crew were there and you can see their report which will be broadcast next Wednesday 4th March at 8.30pm and repeated on Thursday at 10.30pm and Sunday at 11.30am. Watch it on Sky 191, Freesat 400, eVision 191, all free-to-air boxes, and online at irishtv.ie

Our Next Event

Thursday 23rd April 2015 will be another first for Irish Heritage. As part of our new partnership with the Royal Dublin Society (established in 1731) we are pleased to present the London debut concert featuring **Clara Daly Donnellan**, the (youngest ever) winner of the 2014 RDS Music Bursary - one of the most prestigious music awards in Ireland.

Clara is a 19-year-old trombonist (and accomplished pianist) who started her music studies at the age of 5 in the Cork School of Music. She is currently studying in Bern, Switzerland, with internationally famous trombonist, Ian Bousfield.

In her concert on **23rd April in the Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street London SW1A 1LR**, Clara will be accompanied by leading pianist, Alison Procter, and a quintet including young performers from the Guildhall School of Music and Wells Cathedral School, where Clara studied on scholarship from the age of 15.

The programme will include classical pieces for trombone, jazz, and Irish airs adapted for Harp and Trombone – a truly exciting and interesting programme. Full details of the programme will be published on our website shortly and included in future Newsletters.

Tickets: £20 (students and artists £5) including wine reception and programme from: **Kathy O'Regan**, tel: 020 7226 4578, e-mail: Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk . **On-line** at www.irishheritage.co.uk click on DONATE (no booking fee).

A Date for your Diary

Our annual Fundraising Dinner with guest speaker and musical entertainment is on **Wednesday 13th May 2015** in the Savile Club, Brook Street, W1K 4ER. Enquiries contact@irishheritage.co.uk

News of our Artists

Ailish Tynan (soprano) has recently rejoined Welsh National Opera in a major tour which opened in Cardiff on 21st February, playing Gretel in Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, **see <http://www.wno.org.uk/event/hansel-gretel>**. She is also performing at Garsington Opera this Summer. Ailish is a great supporter of Irish Heritage and we wish her every success.

An Interesting Event

Jim O'Hara, Chairman Irish Cultural Centre, asked me to tell you of this forthcoming event:

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Butler Yeats, the Irish Cultural Centre, in association with London City Hall and the Irish Embassy, is pleased to announce that it is holding a public lecture to be given by one of Ireland's best known historians, Professor Roy Foster, on Tuesday, 10 March at 7.30 p.m. in the City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London. SE1 2AA. To book see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/login/> (Search: Roy Foster)

With kindest regards and thanks for your continued support.

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