



IRISH HERITAGE

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MAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Supporters

A big thanks to those of you who came to the Princess Alexandra Hall on Thursday 23rd April to see and enjoy the RDS 2014 Bursary winner, Clara Daly Donnellan, an outstanding young Irish trombonist who put together a wonderfully entertaining music programme in the presence of the Irish Ambassador, Mr Dan Mulhall, Clara's parents from Cork and representatives of the RDS in Dublin. We had a full house. It was a first for Irish Heritage in many ways including the start of our partnership with the Royal Dublin Society and their arts programme.

It was also fortunate that the 2015 winner of the RDS Music Bursary was announced in Dublin two weeks ago and he attended Clara's Concert. **Patrick Rafter** a very gifted violinist, completing his postgraduate studies in the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, is the 2015 Bursary winner and we will be seeing Patrick in concert as part of our 2015/16 programme.

Our Next Event

Our 2015 Fundraising Dinner is in the Savile Club, Brook Street, London on Wednesday 13th May 2015 with reception at 6.45pm and dinner at 7.30.

Our Guest Speaker will be the leading Irish opera singer **Ailish Tynan (soprano)**. Ailish is one of the most colourful and entertaining sopranos singing today. Born in Mullingar and a student of Trinity College, the Royal Irish Academy of Music, and the Guildhall in London, Ailish won the Rosenblatt Recital Prize at the 2003 Cardiff Singer of the World Competition. She also made her first appearance with Irish Heritage in 2003. She is a prolific concert, opera and recording artist in Britain, Ireland and internationally and performed on the opening night of the BBC Proms with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Ailish now lives in London. She has a fascinating story to tell.

As well as a reception, a 3 course dinner + coffee, and our Guest Speaker, we will have musical entertainment from young Irish musicians from the music colleges in London - all for the price of **£75 per ticket**.

Venue: Savile Club, Brook Street, W1K 4ER. For enquiries and tickets please contact the undersigned niallgallagher172@gmail.com but **please do so soon**.

Irish Heritage Summer Recital in June

Our **Summer Recital** is on **Tuesday 2nd June 2015** at 7.30 pm in Leighton House Museum, Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ with Gavan Ring (baritone) and Simon Lepper (piano).

Details of Gavin and Simon's programme will be in our Mid May Newsletter. For tickets (£25 including wine reception and programme) contact Kathy O'Regan Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel: 020 7226 4578

An interesting event on 21st May

Here is an interesting event you might like to support run by Talent Unlimited [see www.talent-unlimited.org.uk](http://www.talent-unlimited.org.uk). Talent Unlimited is a young charity that provides financial support to music students of exceptional talent but limited means. Our committee member, Katie Rowan, is associated with this excellent organisation with which we share many ideas in common.

Talent Unlimited presents a fascinating concert, **Songs from Film and Musical Theatre**, inspired by Spring, in St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1J 9LL, on Thursday 21st May at 7.00 pm, featuring Alison Langer (soprano), Phoebe Haines (mezzo) and Lawrence Thackeray (tenor). Lawrence appeared with Irish Heritage in May 2014. Further details are on their website. Tickets are £20 (£8 students). Contact Canan Maxton, the founder of Talent Unlimited: canan@hotmail.com. Tel: 07767 642092

With best wishes for the May Holiday,

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