



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends, Supporters and Musicians,

After a long (and not so fine) summer we are back in communication with you having developed an exciting and innovative programme for 2015/2016. It is one of the most ambitious programmes we have ever developed, and in many ways it breaks new ground for Irish Heritage, for example with the inaugural Irish Heritage Music Bursary. Particular credit is due to our Artistic Directors, Jean Kelly and Katie Rowan. I trust you have already heard from us regarding the programme, Friends membership and Season Tickets. The full programme is now on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk

The official launch of the programme, with additional details of the events, is on Monday 21st September 2015 in Europe House, Reception 6.15pm (supported by *The Irish Times*). There are still a few places left for Friends or prospective Friends (and artists) but we must hear from you by **Wednesday 16th September** if you wish to apply for an invitation. We will have a number of our young musicians attending and some might be persuaded to play a tune or two!

Friends Membership and Season Tickets

The contribution that Friends of Irish Heritage have made over the years through your donations has enabled us to keep our standards high and attract the finest young Irish musicians. Your donations directly help young musicians and composers when they need it most in the early part of their careers.

That is why we ask you to renew your Friends membership or join for the first time. The Friends donation for the year beginning on 1st September 2015 is £50 (per household). Season Tickets for each of the events **organised** by Irish Heritage during the year may be purchased **exclusively** by Friends of Irish Heritage for £60 or £110 for two and these guarantee a place and priority booking at our events. In addition, Season Ticket holders will receive a £10 discount to our annual dinner in the Savile Club on 8th June 2016.

Friends donations and Season Tickets can be paid through our website www.irishheritage.co.uk – click on Donate – there is no administration fee and payments are secure and will be acknowledged immediately. Alternatively, you can contact Kathy O'Regan, our Friends Liaison Officer, kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk, tel 020 7226 4578.

A Special Note to Musicians

As you know, Irish Heritage has had the privilege of working with you to promote an appreciation and understanding of classical music and music composed by Irish composers in Britain to a wide audience. This year we are, through our programme, showcasing individual musicians and composers and also working with the Conservatoires in Ireland and the RDS, and with the London Conservatoires, to highlight the talent of young Irish musicians in London. However, our ability to meet all your expectations is limited by the number of events we can organise in the year. For this reason we are very keen to do more to help you by publicising **your** events and **your** achievements, in Britain and internationally.

All that we ask is that you let us know in plenty of time (**more than 6 weeks in advance**) so that we can include them in our Newsletter, on our website and through other social media. E-mail contact@irishheritage.co.uk is the best way to get in touch with us.

Future Events

I will be writing to you again at the beginning of October to highlight the forthcoming events, including our inaugural Fundraising Golf Day (23rd October in Batchworth Park GC) and the London Debut Concert of Alex Petcu-Colan, Ireland's leading young percussionist (17th November in The Forge Music Venue, Camden). You can keep in touch through our website and Facebook.

We look forward to your support in 2015/16 and ask you to tell your friends about Irish Heritage and perhaps invite them to one of our events.

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