



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends, Supporters and Musicians

It has been a busy time for Irish Heritage since we launched this year's programme on 21st September. The Irish Heritage Music Bursary adjudication and the Irish Heritage Fundraising Golf Day were both held on Friday 23rd October. Both were highly successful with talented young musicians appearing at both events. (See below). This Newsletter is focused mainly on the next event, Alex Petcu Colan, percussionist, at the Forge Camden on 17th November.

Our Next Event

Alex Petcu-Colan, Percussion Counterpoint: The Forge Music Venue, Camden

This is the London debut concert of Alex Petcu-Colan, Ireland's leading young virtuoso percussionist, and is on **Tuesday 17th November 2015** in the Forge Music Venue, 3-7 Delancey Street, Camden NW1 7NL at 7.30pm (reception 6.45pm).

Alex has had successes in major national and international competitions. He won first prize at the Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year competition (2013) and reached the semi-finals at the Tromp International Percussion Competition, one of the most prestigious percussion competitions in the world. He will present a fascinating programme of solo percussion music with vibraphone, marimba and various drums, and feature music by Steve Reich, Joseph Schwantner, Keiko Abe, Debussy, JS Bach, and Evelyn Glennie. If you have not experienced a master percussionist in action before, this will be an eye (and ear) opener.

This will be our first visit to **The Forge** which is in the heart of vibrant Camden just 5 minutes walk south from Camden Town Underground station or north from Mornington Crescent.

*Since opening in 2009 **The Forge** has embodied the vibrancy, charm and eclecticism of Camden Town, bringing together the diversity of London's eclectic music scene and making it a firm favourite amongst musicians and music-lovers alike.*

Tickets are £15 (incl. reception) from Kathy O'Regan, kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel. 020 7226 4578, or on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk click on Donate (no booking fee), or on the Forge website www.forgevenue.org. Click *what's on* for the link to the event.

The Forge has an excellent bar and restaurant – **The Forge Cantina** – for pre or post concert meals and refreshments. To book a table, call 020 7383 7808 or email contact@forgevenue.org

National Youth Orchestra of Ireland (NYOI) formation of London Alumni at The Forge.

Our Irish Heritage concert in The Forge on **Tuesday 17th November 2015** facilitates the launch of the **NYOI London Alumni**, a forum to keep in touch and arrange get-togethers, celebrating NYOI memories and creating new ones. **Alex Petcu-Colan**, who is the featured artist on 17th November, was a member of the percussion sections of the NYOI between 2003 and 2009, performing alongside Dame Evelyn Glennie in his final concert series with the orchestra. To find out more visit and "like" Facebook: 'NYOI London Alumni'
The former NYOI members plan to meet at **The Forge** at **6.30pm** for a pre concert drink and a catch-up. See above for how to obtain tickets for the concert.

Over the past 45 years, over 3,000 young Irish musicians have passed through the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland. Many of these musicians have performed at Irish Heritage concerts and now live in London.

Irish Heritage and NYOI warmly welcome former NYOI members to this concert.

Inaugural Irish Heritage Music Bursary

Irish Heritage is delighted to announce that Carolyn Holt (mezzo-soprano) and Máire Carroll (piano) were joint winners of the **Irish Heritage Music Bursary 2015**. Each will receive an award of £2,500 towards their further education and a performance appearance with Irish Heritage. The Bursary was funded by a generous donation from Mrs Alison McGrath.

Carolyn and Máire are both studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London and both graduated from the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin.

I will be preparing a special edition of the Newsletter in mid November to cover this momentous event in the history of Irish Heritage.

Inaugural Irish Heritage Fundraising Golf Day at Batchworth Park Golf Club

Another first for Irish Heritage: this excellent golf day has helped in the vital funding of our programme of events and our support for young Irish musicians and it introduced us to lots of new friends who so generously supported Irish Heritage.

Brilliantly organised by our Friend, Tom Scanlon and his colleagues from The Modebest Group (www.modebest.co.uk), it was a highly entertaining day in the rolling hills of Rickmansworth. It produced a worthy individual winner of the **Perpetual Irish Heritage Claret Jug Trophy**, Ashley Mason of the Thames Reinforcements Ltd team (with 43 stableford points playing off a handicap of 5). The Team Prize went to Tommy James, Eamon O'Loughlin and their Quattro Group A Team (with 93 stableford points). Our congratulations to Ashley and Tommy, Eamon and their team and all the other golfers, sponsors and contributors. Our special thanks to the directors and team from our Main Sponsors, The Modebest Group.

Two of our talented young musicians, Rachel Wolseley (soprano) and Caoimhe De Paor (recorder) excellently entertained the large number of golfers and guests at the dinner.

Reminder: Friends of Irish Heritage: We are grateful to those of you who renewed your **Friends of Irish Heritage membership** (£50 per household) or joined for the first time and to those Friends who purchased a **Season Ticket** (£60 or £110 for two) which is **exclusive** to paid up Friends of Irish Heritage. If you have not joined or rejoined please contact Kathy O'Regan (details below) or log on to our website where secure payments can be made. We offer you a unique opportunity to help young Irish musicians at the time they need it most for their continuing education.

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Thank you all for your continuing support and we hope to see you at many of our events.

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