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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends

I hope those of you who were fortunate enough to attend A Century of Song and Opera in Ireland on 17th February in the Royal Over-Seas League enjoyed it. We were very pleased by the feedback from those who attended, including the Ambassador, Dan Mulhall.

In this newsletter I want to highlight two major events in March and April and mention a recital by Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo soprano) and special fundraising concert in May.

Drums and Guns: 12th and 13th March 2016

Irish Heritage is proud to be part of the extensive world-wide cultural programme commemorating the many historic events covering the century from 1916 to the present. We are particularly pleased to publicise and support this special event on two evenings, **Drums and Guns Devised by Professor Iain Burnside**, at Milton Court Theatre, Silk Street, Barbican, EC2Y 8DT - 7.30 pm.

This powerful combination of music brings together artists from the Guildhall School, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin and the Juilliard School, New York. It explores conflict in war and the impact it has on families left behind. This fresh and engaging production commemorates both World War I and the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. *Drums and Guns* will also be performed at The Lir, Dublin (9 & 10 March) and the Juilliard School, New York (28 April).

Tickets: £10 (£5 concessions), from the Barbican Box Office: www.barbican.org.uk

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Conservatoires Ireland Showcase Recital

Tuesday 12th April 2016 7.30 pm. The Music Hall, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DT.

As a further part of Irish Heritage's 1916-2016 commemorative programme, we are proud to present this showcase concert, in collaboration with Conservatoires Ireland, bringing together nine young musicians from: **CIT Cork School of Music, DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama and Royal Irish Academy of Music.**

This is a major coup for Irish Heritage to represent the three conservatoires and their most talented students in a wide ranging international music programme which includes works by Sibelius, Mozart, Copland, Chopin, and Irish composers, Ina Boyle, Philip Martin, Kevin O'Connell – among others. It features a variety of vocal and instrumental excellence from the musicians of DIT Conservatory, RIAM and the highly successful Chiral Quartet from CIT Cork School of Music.

It is the most extensive music programmes ever presented by Irish Heritage in one concert so don't miss this great opportunity to see the finest young Irish musicians on stage in London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Tickets: £15 (incl. wine reception and programme). Students £5 if booked on-line.

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

Carolyn Dobbin tribute to Lorraine Hunt Lieberson with pianist Christopher Glynn The Oriental Club on Thursday 10th March 2016

Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo soprano), who has performed with Irish Heritage on several occasions most recently at our fundraising dinner in the Savile Club, is paying tribute to the American mezzo soprano, **Lorraine Hunt Lieberson**, who was a huge inspiration to Carolyn and who died 10 years ago to breast cancer at the age of 52.

The Oriental Club is a small and intimate venue close to Oxford Street (see www.orientalclub.org.uk) and, because it is a private club, tickets must be acquired from Carolyn's organiser Don Salkeld - donaldsalkeld@gmail.com. Tickets are £32 including interval drinks and programme. There is also a three course dinner for an extra £36 – with limited availability.

Contact Don Salkeld as above.

A charity fundraising concert of special interest on Thursday 12th May 2016 in St George's Hanover Square

Our esteemed Friend, Con Murphy, wrote to me recently regarding a very worthy fundraising concert being organised by his daughter Emma, who is an accomplished and acclaimed Early Music Specialist as a high soprano with recorder and also teaches recorder. This may be of interest to the many Friends of Irish Heritage who know Con and Eimear Murphy and their talented musical family.

Emma Murphy sent me the following information:

"I teach the recorder to a delightful 13 year old girl called Sohana Collins; she is musical, actually practises (every teacher's dream!), always has a smile on her face, and is looking forward to taking her Grade 5 in the summer. What is so remarkable about Sohana is her never-ending enthusiasm and determination despite suffering from constant pain: she has a rare disorder called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a genetic condition which makes her skin blister and tear at even the slightest contact.

I will be playing the recorder alongside Nicolette Moonen (violin/leader), Anna Curzon (violin), Georgia Browne (flute), Rachel Stott (viola), Gavin Kibble (cello) and Tom Foster (harpsichord), who are all generously giving up their time and talent for this worthy cause.

We will be performing concerti by Telemann, Vivaldi, Bach and Sammartini, as well as a new piece by Rachel Stott".

The Fund-raising concert for the Sohana Research Fund is on **Thursday 12th May 2016, 7pm** at St George's, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX

Tickets: £20–£100 (depending on what you would like to contribute), available on the door.

Other donations can be made on Emma Murphy's fundraising page:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/emmamurphy2>

Further details and advanced ticket booking can be made through the Sohana Research Fund website: www.sohanaresearchfund.org

I wish you all a pleasant Spring with lots of fine music evenings in the coming months.

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