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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and supporters

I hope you had a good Easter and are beginning to enjoy some fine April weather.

Our next event, on **Tuesday 12th April** is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and extensive music programmes ever presented by Irish Heritage. It marks the beginning of our formal relationship with the three Irish Conservatories – *CIT Cork School of Music, DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama and Royal Irish Academy of Music*, collectively known as **Conservatoires Ireland**. Appropriately, the concert is in The Music Room of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8DT at 7.30 pm. [see below]

Conservatoires Ireland has brought together the finest, multiple award-winning students, nine in all, who are travelling to London especially to perform with Irish Heritage as part of our 1916-2016 cultural commemoration programme.

The star performers in this unique event with their recent achievements are:- 2016 ESB Feis Ceoil winners: **Aoife Gibney**, soprano (Gervase Elwes Memorial Cup); **Adam McDonagh**, piano (Hamilton Harty Cup); **Lorna Breen**, soprano (Margaret Burke Sheridan Cup and Nancy Calthorpe Cup); **Seamus Wylie**, clarinet, a multiple prize winner in ESB Feis Ceoil clarinet and chamber music categories; **Miriam Kaczor**, flute, was the winner of the 2015 Irish Freemasons' Young Musician of the Year Competition; and **The Chiral Quartet** (*Hugh Murray and Christine Kenny, violins; David Kenny, viola; Maria O'Connor, cello*) was winner of the 2014 KBC Great Music in Irish Houses residency programme and currently Artists-in-residence to the CIT Cork School of Music.

The music programme includes works by Chopin, Copland, Corigliano, Mozart, Sibelius, Villa-Lobos and Irish composers, Ina Boyle, Philip Hammond, Philip Martin and Kevin O'Connell. This is a truly worldview of music from highly talented ambassadors of *Conservatoires Ireland*.

The list of performers and their biographies, together with the full music programme is on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

Tickets for this Conservatoires Ireland Showcase Concert are:

£15 incl. wine reception and programme. Students £5 **if booked on-line.**

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Please note: the entrance to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama ("the School") is on Silk Street, close to the Barbican entrance but **not** to be confused with entrance to Milton Court a short distance and across from the School entrance. Car parking is best at the Barbican Car Park. Nearest Underground Stations are Barbican or Moorgate – both about 6 minutes walk.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Other events of interest

Our Friends in the Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7JR have asked us to tell you of Mikel Murfi's critically acclaimed show **The Man in the Woman's Shoes** which is on from 4th to 23rd April at the Tricycle. Set in Ireland in October 1978, this funny, tender and at times downright daft show by critically-acclaimed performer, **Mikel Murfi**, follows the life of Pat Farnon as he walks to town and back again.

Booking: Tricycle Theatre Box Office: 020 7328 1000, tricycle.co.uk

Darragh Morgan, Belfast born, London based violinist, has been in touch regarding **The Fidelio Trio** which as well as Darragh, includes Mary Dullea (piano), Director of Performance at Royal Holloway, University of London, and Israeli cellist [Adi Tal](#). Darragh is Professor of Violin and Chamber Music at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

The Fidelio Trio perform an extremely diverse repertoire, ranging from Classical and Romantic-era works right up to their frequent commissions and premieres for leading contemporary composers such as Gerald Barry and Donnacha Dennehy.

They are playing, as part of a French series, in St John's Smith's Square on Sunday 24th April at 3.00 pm. For bookings see www.sjss.org.uk/events/fidelio-trio. You can see their extensive concert series on <http://www.fideliotrio.com/concerts.html> and also catch up on their latest CD release, **Dancing in Daylight**, Contemporary Piano trios from Ireland by leading composers, Seirse Bodley, John Buckley, Fergus Johnston and Rhona Clarke. see <http://www.divineartrecords.com/CD/28556info.htm>.

A reminder

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). Further details and advanced ticket booking can be made through the Sohana Research Fund website: www.sohanaresearchfund.org. Donations can be made on Emma Murphy's fundraising page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/emmamurphy2>

Best wishes and we hope to see you for Conservatoires Ireland Showcase on **12th April**.

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