



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

9th May 2016

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and supporters,

Apologies for the lateness of the May Newsletter but a few factors delayed my preparation work. This Newsletter focuses on **two Irish Heritage events in June (8th and 22nd)** and a final reminder of a very worthy fundraising concert in aid of the Sohana Research Fund on **Thursday 12th May 2016, 7pm** at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX. See below.

But first a brief mention of the successful concert we hosted in the Guildhall School of Music and Drama on **12th April** with nine young musicians from the three conservatoires; CIT Cork School of Music; DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama; and the Royal Irish Academy of Music, collectively *Conservatoires Ireland*.

We appreciate the support we received from you, our Friends and guests, for this ambitious concert and among the many fine responses we received is one from Dr Geoffrey Spratt Hon. Sec., Conservatoires Ireland, who came over especially for the concert, along with other notable musicians and teachers from Ireland.

"Irish Heritage were exceptional hosts in London (Guildhall School of Music & Drama) for the CI platform recital on 12 April 2016. All the students were made to feel very welcome and supported, and every aspect of the organisation and administration was of a very high order....." Dr Geoffrey Spratt.

Next Irish Heritage Events

Wednesday 8th June 2016 is the date of the annual Irish Heritage Fundraising Dinner in the Savile Club, Brook Street, W1K 4ER. This is a hugely popular social event with a wine reception, three course dinner with wine, and entertainment from some of our finest young musicians. Tickets are £75 per person and dress code is Black Tie/Cocktail Dress. The reception starts at 6.45pm and dinner is at 7.30pm. [No raffles or auctions – just entertainment and good fun.]

If you would like to attend and invite guests, please contact Kathy O'Regan by **1st June 2016**. However please do so **as soon as possible** as there is limited capacity in the stylish Savile Club Ballroom for this popular event.

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Wednesday 22nd June is the final event of our 2015/16 programme, the Irish Heritage Summer Concert in Leighton House, Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ, with the 2015 RDS Bursary winner Patrick Rafter, violin (and friends). Always a very popular event and usually a sell out, we urge you to **book very soon** to avoid disappointment. As with the Savile Club there is limited capacity in Leighton House Museum and its outstanding concert space. Tickets are £20 incl. wine reception and programme. Contact Kathy O'Regan, Friends Liaison Officer, Tel: 020 7226 4578 Email: Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk

Final Reminder: A Classical Charity Concert in St George's Hanover Square

The concert is in aid of the Sohana Research Fund, on **Thursday 12th May 2016, 7pm** at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX. It is organised by our good friend and talented musician, Emma Murphy, who wrote:

“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 (harpichord), 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”.

Tickets: £20–£100 (depending on what you would like to contribute). Further details and advanced ticket booking can be made through the excellent **Sohana Research Fund website: www.sohanaresearchfund.org**. Donations can be made on Emma Murphy’s fundraising page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/emmamurphy2>

Thank you for your continuing support and we hope to see you at our final two events in June – but book early to avoid disappointment.

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